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... For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. - 1 Cor. 5:7

## Can A Jew Serve Christ?

By Marvin Weisinger with Lee Adler

As I sit back and ponder on my life's journey I now realize there was always emptiness I didn't quite understand. I grew up with very strict Orthodox parents. My father, an upholsterer by trade, provided a nice living as far as material things. We grew up in Brooklyn, New York in a very nice neighborhood. My brother and I were very well cared for and I grew up a very spoiled child desiring nothing. At the age of thirteen I had my Bar-Mitzvah in the synagogue that we attended often. I thought, "This is it! I am a man now and my life will be fulfilled." I had everything that I needed, or so I thought, but yet I still felt an ache of loneliness in my heart.



Marvin Weisinger  
PHOTO Wayne Johnson

Shortly after my bar mitzvah, my family moved to Providence, Rhode Island so my dad could pursue a better business opportunity. My parents retained their strictness when it came to attendance at synagogue. Even as a young man, newly admitted to the fellowship of Israel, I had a strong desire to serve God. But I searched for different things to express my devotion to God such as a good education, job, and a family. I graduated Hope High School, got a good job in the retail industry, and married. After so long I realized that this has to be what people call a fulfilled life, and that I, Marvin Weisinger, should feel as though I was on top of the world.

In the eighties my life started to spiral out

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## Word and Faith - all in the hearing

By Ralph Davis

Some of us remember the TV show, *To Tell the Truth*, which ran for twelve consecutive seasons (1956-1968). Its premise was to have the game show cast try to decide which two of the three mystery people were imposters. These "fakes" strove to fool the player (and audience) by seeming very truthful and convincing in their responses to questions posed. The winner was the person who was able to lie and deceive the players the best.



Chick and Maureen Salliby

This reminds me of the state of churches today. There is *only* one TRUE church and all the rest are imposters. These "fake" churches clamor for attention and attendees by providing little more than entertainment in the form of doctrine and messages altered and skewed to be user-friendly. In the non-TRUE church there is no room for guilt or deep thinking about God or His expectations of us. The "winners" in

this game are the largest churches, those who have rapidly grown as a result of their deceptive teachings about God. There are, of course, a good number of pastors that try to stick to the Bible in all that they teach in their church. One such pastor is Charles (Chick) Salliby of the Word and Faith Church.

Chick and his wife Maureen were born in Providence and both were  
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## Past Presidents Warned Us About The Danger and Corruption of A Central Bank

By Brannon Howse

Few Americans know the truth about the Federal Reserve. The reality is it is no more a part of the federal government than is Federal Express. The Federal Reserve is a private corporation run by private bankers.

Why should you care? Because as President Thomas Jefferson, President Andrew Jackson and President Woodrow Wilson all understood, a private central bank has the power to destroy our lives and steal our freedoms.

In March of 2008, the Federal Reserve loaned \$30 billion dollars of taxpayer money to JP Morgan to buy Bear Stearns. This is nothing more than the rich bankers taking care of their rich banking friends while creating further inflation



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that limits your buying power of essentials such as food and clothing. In other words, the injections of liquidity by the feds in the billions of dollars have caused you and me to be the recipients of a "hidden tax" through the debasement of our currency.

I predicted months ago on my radio program that the federal government, at the encour-

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## \$200 billion bail-out and Spitzer are linked

By Greg Palast

While New York Governor Eliot Spitzer was paying an 'escort' \$4,300 in a hotel room in Washington, just down the road, George Bush's new Federal Reserve Board Chairman, Ben Bernanke, was secretly handing over \$200 billion in a trust with mortgage bank industry speculators.

Both acts were wanton, wicked and lewd. But there's a BIG difference. The Governor was using his own checkbook. Bush's man Bernanke was using ours.

During March, Bernanke's Fed, for the first time in its history, loaned a selected coterie of banks one-fifth of a trillion dollars to guarantee these banks' mortgage-backed

junk bonds. The deluge of public loot was an eye-popping windfall to the very banking predators who have brought two million families to the brink of foreclosure.



Eliot Spitzer, with wife.

Up until Wednesday, there was one single, lonely politician who stood in the way of this creepy little assignation at the bankers' bordello: Eliot Spitzer. Who are they kidding? Spitzer's lynching and the bankers' enriching are intimately tied. How? Follow the money.

The press has swallowed Wall Street's line that millions of US families are about to lose their homes because they

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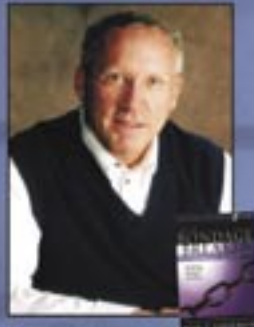


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raised Roman Catholic. It was through a series of events in their lives that they learned that there was a huge missing ingredient in their knowledge of God; they did not know that God, in His Loving nature, desired a *personal* relationship with them. No longer was the heavenly Father a distant entity that could only be addressed through men and saints, but one in whom they could pray to directly. Best of all, they learned how they could know that they would spend eternity in Heaven with God when they die. The "key" to eternal life with God, was right before their eyes in the Bible; admit their sins and repent, request forgiveness and have faith in and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Chick said that the more he studied the Bible and opened his heart and mind to God's Word the more he became aware of the state of the churches. Pastor Chick said, "...the churches were really drifting. Modern Bible translations were confusing and the teachings were more liberal rather than literal. The result of all this is that people were getting taught a different gospel, another Christ and another spirit." He saw the need to "keep the emphasis on the Word of God and loving Jesus supremely and putting all faith in Him."

He went on to say, "I began evangelizing by speaking to many churches in New England. My goal was not to simply evangelize the lost but also those in the churches who needed to be saved and to teach the Bible as it is." He said that there were a lot of commitments to Christ at the alters of churches where they spoke. However, he said, they continued to find apostasy within the church and there was a lot of compromise and "while the *truth* had been accepted in churches for many years it was not anymore and our ministry was not as effective." They believed that God was nudging them to put their efforts into developing a church.

Pastor Chick and Maureen began with a Bible Study in 1998. He began by teaching God's Word verse by verse teaching to focus everything on the Word while getting into a real relationship with Jesus Christ. In 2003 they started a church with the same emphasis. Pastor Chick said that although he is the pastor, "I am just an under-shepherd. Christ must pastor the church and I am

merely a reflection of everything He wants. I don't want to set my own agenda, I endeavor to work for Christ."

Pastor Chick said that his is a "very conservative message which is not that popular today because many



people want to be appeased, to have the gospel tailored to their needs. What they need though, is to get back to the Word, to Jesus." He went on to say, "People get into Christianity but not into Christ; they know about him but they don't know Him. If they really knew Him they could not ignore him. It is imperative that we love him completely because if we do then we can love him fully. We are

after all required to Love God with all of our soul, strength and mind and until we do so we never get into the fullness of Christianity. It's very serious business. We have Americanized it so much. In the process we lose something which requires us to get back into God's Word. An interesting point I heard a while back: when Christianity came to Europe it became cultural, when it came into Greece it became philosophical, when it crossed the seas and came to America it became an enterprise. In other words, cash in on Jesus for the bucks. So in the process you

lose the emphasis, to get back into God's Word."

Are other churches offended? He believes that there are probably some who are thinking the same thoughts. "What I think does not matter; it is what God thinks that matters. If a church is based in the Word of God then they are fine in His eyes. If not then they are in trouble. They are off doing what God's Word has not told them to do. The gospel that was purchased and paid for by the blood of Christ is not to be trifled with, so we have to base everything on it," he said.

"We are not an exclusive entity, there are many fine churches in the area but we learn that as we find ourselves drawing nearer to the second coming of Jesus the *real* churches are becoming few and far between. Not that they have to, it is just by choice. People just don't seem to want the gospel. It makes too many requirements. It is the Christ in God that they reject; because they reject His message:



**Pastor Chick said that "We cannot only live in the Spirit, we have to "walk" in the Spirit, as the Bible compels us. Its words always lead us to do it, but will we walk in the Spirit?"**

He wants to be Lord and they don't want that. He does not want to be Lord to be our boss; he wants it because He is the only one who can get us to Heaven. It has to be His way, not ours. It is imperative that we get back into His Word."

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Pastor Chick said that "We cannot only live in the Spirit, we have to "walk" in the Spirit, as the Bible compels us. Its words always lead us to do it, but will we walk in the Spirit?" We need to be constantly in prayer, constantly in His Word, praising our God who is able to keep us in perfect peace, if our minds are fixed on Him. America however, "gives people millions of reasons to look elsewhere, to become interested in many other things. That is the trouble with American Christians, a majority of the churches are becoming all entertainment."

Maureen said that she had always loved Jesus, but in her Catholic background was never told how to get close to him and to live with him in Heaven. That is, not until her brother in law Bob explained to her and Chick how Jesus Christ had changed his life. He invited them to visit Trinity Assembly

where they would experience the love of Jesus Christ in Bob and others. Maureen reflected on the fact that Bob had always been a good Catholic, getting communion all the time and doing everything he had to do, yet he had that void inside that was never filled, until he received Christ and was a changed man from then on. A few weeks later

Chick and Maureen went forward and made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in 1968. It is clear to me from this exchange that it is not just the 'modernization of Christianity' that leads people away from a true relationship with Christ, centuries old church models that focus on traditions of men are just as guilty.

Samantha and Todd Kibbe are regulars at the Word and Faith Fellowship church (and she was the photographer for this article). Samantha said that Pastor Chick is a very committed pastor who spends 30 or more hours per week studying. Samantha and Todd are very active in the church which Samantha said has doubled in size since starting. She said the church has two major ongoing missions, first is preaching and praying and second is sending many Bibles to Ghana, West Africa, where the desire for a Bible is very great, but they are unavailable. What drew Todd and Samantha to attend Word and Faith church, said Samantha, was the very solid teachings of Pastor Chick.

The Word and Faith Fellowship church meets at the Comfort Inn, 1940 Post Road in Warwick, RI. Their Sunday service is at 10:30 AM with Sunday school for all ages from 9:30-10:15. A Wednesday night prayer meeting takes place there at 6 PM. The church broadcasts on WARV, AM 1590 at 5pm on Saturdays. They are also on cable TV Mondays at 11 am on channel 145, Mondays 11:30 PM on channel 18 and on Saturdays at 10 Am on channel 18.

Rom 10:17 So then **faith [comes] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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*"For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand." Deut. 2:7*

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bought homes they couldn't afford or took loans too big for their wallets. Ba-LON-ey. That's blaming the victim.

Here's what happened. Since the Bush regime came to power, a new species of loan became the norm, the 'sub-prime' mortgage and its variants including loans with teeny "introductory" interest rates. From out of nowhere, a company called 'Countrywide' became America's top mortgage lender, accounting for one in five home loans, a large chunk of these 'sub-prime.'

Here's how it worked: The Grinning Family, with US average household income, gets a \$200,000 mortgage at 4% for two years. Their \$955 monthly payment is 25% of their income. No problem. Their banker promises them a new mortgage, again at the cheap rate, in two years. But in two years, the promise ain't worth a can of spam and the Grinnings are told to scram - because their house is now worth less than the mortgage. Now, the mortgage hits 9% or \$1,609 plus fees to recover the "discount" they had for two years. Suddenly, payments equal 42% to 50% of pre-tax income. The Grinnings move into

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of control. I never drank alcohol, tried any drugs, or was an adulterer. What I did have was a gambling problem. At the time I would never admit it to myself or anyone else. I would find myself at the dog track spending hours placing bets until almost all of my pay was gone.

I never left a winner. What little money was left over I would take to the liquor store on my way home to play my lottery numbers. I had a system I would follow faithfully, believing that I figured out how the lottery numbers would fall every night. "This time I'm going to be a winner," I would tell myself as I drove home nightly pondering how I could tell my wife that I was broke and had lost everything again.

Several years went by this way. My gambling became worse and I found myself losing everything I had valued. My wife and oldest daughter Lori were always work-

ing, taking on the responsibilities that should have been mine, meeting the monthly bill payments. My middle daughter Sheila moved out and soon found herself pregnant at seventeen. My youngest and only son Derek wasn't attending school and was getting in trouble with the law. All three of my children were growing older and had taken on life's situations mostly by themselves. I realized that I had missed out on a lot of important family events that I should have been there for.

Toward the end of the 1980's my daughter, Sheila, became a Christian. Now I had spent time with Christians in my youth. I thought I knew a lot about Christ. Still when she told me she was to be baptized at a church service at North Providence Assembly of God and asked me to be there, I wasn't ready for what I was about to experience.

I can remember it like it was yes-

their Toyota.

Now, what kind of American is 'sub-prime.' Guess. No peeking. Here's a hint: 73% of HIGH INCOME Black and Hispanic borrowers were given sub-prime loans versus 17% of similar-income Whites. Dark-skinned borrowers aren't stupid - they had no choice. They were 'steered' as it's called in the mortgage sharking business.

'Steering,' sub-prime loans with usurious kickers, fake inducements to over-borrow, called 'fraudulent conveyance' or 'predatory lending' under US law, were almost completely forbidden in the olden days (Clinton Administration and earlier) by federal regulators and state laws as nothing more than fancy loan-sharking.

But when the Bush regime took over, Countrywide and its banking brethren were told to party hearty - it was OK now to steer'm, fake'm, charge'm and take'm.

But there was this annoying party-pooper. The Attorney General of

New York, Eliot Spitzer, who sued these guys to a fare-thee-well. Or tried to.

Instead of regulating the banks that had run amok, Bush's regulators went on the warpath against Spitzer and states attempting to stop predatory practices. Making an unprecedented use of the legal power of "federal pre-emption," Bush-bots ordered the states to NOT enforce their consumer protection laws.

Indeed, the feds actually filed a lawsuit to block Spitzer's investigation of ugly racial mortgage steering. Bush's banking buddies were especially steamed that Spitzer hammered bank practices across the nation using New York State laws.

Spitzer not only took on Countrywide, he took on their predatory enablers in the investment banking community. Behind Countrywide was the Mother Shark, its funder and now owner, Bank of America. Others joined the sharkfest: Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and Citigroup's Citibank made

mortgage usury their major profit centers. They did this through a bit of financial legerdemain called "securitization."

What that means is that they took a bunch of junk mortgages, like the Grinning's, loans about to go down the toilet and re-packaged them into "tranches" of bonds which were stamped "AAA" - top grade - by bond rating agencies. These gold-painted turds were sold as sparkling safe investments to US school district pension funds and town governments in Finland (really).

When the housing bubble burst and the paint flaked off, investors were left with the poop and the bankers were left with bonuses. Countrywide's top man, Angelo Mozilo, will 'earn' a \$77 million buy-out bonus this year on top of the \$656 million - over half a billion dollars - he pulled in from 1998 through 2007.

But there were rumblings that the party would soon be over.

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terday. It was a very cold February night in 1990. I was sitting in the kitchen feeling depressed and hopeless. Thoughts played relentlessly over and over in my head. What happened to the life that I thought I had arrived at? What was I doing? Where was I going? I realized I needed something supernatural to happen in my life but

coming from an Orthodox background I couldn't go to a church, could I? It would go against all that I had been taught my whole life. I would be betraying all the traditions I was supposed to honor. Would I have to believe that the Messiah had come for us already? Would I have to serve him? Could he accept me as I was, a Jew who felt hopeless? Somehow I was able to set aside all these questions. I figured I'd deal with all that after I gave it a try. I phoned my daughter and accepted her invitation...to see her get baptized.

I didn't know that the Lord Jesus was in every detail. As we got closer and closer to the church I kept thinking to myself how my parents would feel about where I was going. I was a Jew and I didn't belong in a church. But God had a different plan for my life that I would begin to experience that very night.

We pulled into the church parking lot and parked the car, still pondering the same thoughts. My daughter Sheila was so happy that I was going she had a twinkle in her eye. I thought to myself, "I finally must be on the right track now." We walked into the church and I noticed almost immediately a warm and peaceful feeling come over me. I thought to myself, "I can do this!" even though I felt like a fish out of water. Pastor Pat

Manzo came over and introduced himself to me but all I could think of is how to find a place to hide. My daughter took me into what they call the sanctuary and we sat down.

The few minutes that passed seemed like eternity. Music started to play and people started to sing, clap and dance. I remember clearly thinking to myself that though I was scared and nervous I wanted what they had. I couldn't understand why they were so joyful. I kept an open mind and started to clap with everyone else to the music. When the music finished the people sat down and the pastor began to talk. I listened intently to every word that he was saying.

After about thirty minutes they started calling each person one at a time to be baptized in the pool in the front of the church. I listened as each person expressed why they wanted to be baptized. Many people said "to follow their Lord and Savior Jesus." I started to get these very uncomfortable feelings that came from the deepest part of my heart. I knew at that moment something was happening to me but I was afraid to let go. After the last person was finished the pastor said he was going to have an altar call for anyone who would like to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"Could he be talking to me?" I thought. My heart was pounding so hard I thought I was going to have a heart attack. The pastor asked the question again and I thought, "This is Jesus giving me a second chance. I'd better stand up and get to the altar as quickly as I can." I got up and went to the middle aisle to take the walk. With every step my heart pounded. When I got to the front of the church I got down on my knees raised both my hands to the Lord Jesus to surrender my life to Him now and forever.

After two years I found myself standing before the congregation to follow my Lord in baptism,

just as my daughter and so many others had done before me. Since then I have experienced the power of God overflowing my life as I seek to serve Him. I had a new desire to know God as I had never been able to know Him before. I began to study the Word of God and felt Him filling the void that had haunted me ever since my bar mitzvah. Eighteen years later I'm still serving the Lord Jesus. I feel Him giving me the power to witness to anyone, Jew or Gentile who needs the active and powerful life of Christ. I'm not saying life is a bowl of cherries, but I know where I was and what the Lord has saved me from and for that, His love and grace, I am eternally thankful. I still go to North Providence Assembly of God to this day. I serve the Lord as a greeter and an usher at the church. I also clean the church part time. Some of my family is serving the Lord in strong ways; others I pray for daily. In the past I wanted to do well for my own reasons, my life's goal now is to tell people about the love and saving grace of our Lord Jesus. I'm on a beautiful ride that's always exciting as it goes on toward my heavenly home. I'm a Messianic Jew now who would like to tell my fellow Jews, "You too can serve Christ!!!"

On April 20<sup>th</sup> the Passover meal will be held in many Jewish households worldwide and some Christian homes will recognize this day as well. For Jews the meal commemorates the deliverance and Exodus of the children of Israel from the dominion of Pharaoh as slaves in Egypt. Christians ask them, "Is it possible that Jesus or Yeshua is the Messiah that Jews have waited for centuries to meet? Is he the One prophetically represented in the celebration of Passover? Turn to page 18 and read "Answering Age-Old Questions" where you will learn the significance to both Jews and Christians of this annual celebration. Also read the ordinances of the Passover which are specified in Exodus chapter 12.

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**Central Bank from Page 1**  
agement of the Federal Reserve and with your tax dollars, would bail out many banks from their bad business decisions and thus have American citizens making their mortgage payments to a newly created government agency. There are now articles on financial websites suggesting that this very thing may now be in the works.

As you will see from the Presidential warnings below, the expansion of an all powerful central government is created through the unconstitutional and self serving fiscal policies of a central banking system.

Americans had better wake up to what is going on and start electing federal officials that have the understanding of President Thomas Jefferson, President Andrew Jackson and President Woodrow Wilson.

Thomas Jefferson on the dangers of a central bank wrote:

*If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.* Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States 1801-1809

Can you say corporate fascism? In my second book which was published in 1996, I warned that America was falling victim to corporate fascism. The American Heritage Dictionary defines corporate fascism as: A philosophy or system of government that advocates or exercises dictatorship through the merging of state and business leadership. What do you call the government backed bailout of Bear Stearns if not corporate fascism?

What do you call it when members of Congress and the President's Administration implement national and international policy based not on legislation but on "agreements"? These "agreements" create rules and regulations that are implemented without Congressional approval. Whether it is the creation of the Transatlantic Common Market or the North American Union, the players are the same and the losers are always hard working Americans.

These "agreements" undermine national sovereignty; destroy America's middle class and create more dependants for an ever increasing powerful central government. Meanwhile, huge American and multinational corporations reap huge financial profits while politicians have their campaign coffers filled so they can be guaranteed re-election. That is, until they decide to

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retire from "public service" only to be hired by the corporate titans they worked for while "serving" on Capitol Hill. Payback is a rich, former congressman making millions working in the "private sector".

Now you understand why President Thomas Jefferson in 1816 wrote, "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies."

**President Andrew Jackson Eliminated the Central Bank**

In his "Farewell Address" on March 4, 1837, President Andrew Jackson warned about the dangers of a central bank that created fiat currency. Jackson was a strong believer in the "hard assets" of gold and silver as a currency.



The Second Bank of the United States was a corporation chartered by Congress to provide a national paper currency and manage the government's finances. Like Thomas Jefferson, Jackson believed such a bank to be dangerous and unconstitutional. In 1832, he vetoed a bill to extend the Bank's charter beyond its scheduled expiration in 1836. Jackson's veto message counter posed the virtuous plain people against the Bank's privileged stockholders. The next year Jackson moved the federal government's deposits from the Bank to state-chartered banks, triggering a brief financial panic and prompting the Senate to censure him in 1834. Undeterred, Jackson launched a broader assault against all forms of government-granted privilege, especially corporate charters.

During his Farewell Address in 1837, Jackson gave an agrarian message, claiming that he had engaged in a battle to save old, traditional ideals from "privileged monopolies", warning of an insidious "money power." At the same time, he praised the advance of the American economy through market forces and declared that never before had people enjoyed so much prosperity and "enjoyed so much freedom and happiness as the people of the United States."

*"The severe lessons of experience will, I doubt not, be sufficient to prevent Congress from again chartering such a monopoly, even if the Constitution did not present an insuperable objection to it. But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government. The power which the moneyed interest can exercise, when concentrated under a single head and with our*

*present system of currency, was sufficiently demonstrated in the struggle made by the Bank of the United States."*

*"The distress and sufferings inflicted on the people by the bank are some of the fruits of that system of policy which is continually striving to enlarge the authority of the Federal Government beyond the limits fixed by the Constitution. The powers enumerated in that instrument do not confer on Congress the right to establish such a corporation as the Bank of the United States, and the evil consequences which followed may warn us of the danger of departing from the true rule of construction and of permitting temporary circumstances or the hope of better promoting the public welfare to influence in any degree our decisions upon the extent of the authority of the General Government."*

*"... if you had not conquered, the Government would have passed from the hands of the many to the hands of the few, and this organized money power from its secret conclave would have dictated the choice of your highest officers and compelled you to make peace or war, as best suited their own wishes. The forms of your Government might for a time have remained, but its living spirit would have departed from it."*

*"The paper system being founded on public confidence and having of itself no intrinsic value, it is liable to great and sudden fluctuations, thereby rendering property insecure and the wages of labor unsteady and uncertain. The corporations which create the paper money can not be relied upon to keep the circulating medium uniform in amount. In times of prosperity, when confidence is high, they are tempted by the prospect of gain or by the influence of those who hope to profit by it to extend their issues of paper beyond the bounds of discretion and the reasonable demands of business; and when these issues have been pushed on from day to day, until public confidence is at length shaken, then a reaction takes place, and they immediately withdraw the credits they have given, suddenly curtail their issues, and produce an unexpected and ruinous contraction of the circulating medium, which is felt by the whole community. The banks by this means save themselves, and the mischievous consequences of their imprudence or cupidity are visited upon the public."*

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You can read President Jackson's entire Farwell Address at [Millercenter.org](http://Millercenter.org).

**President Woodrow Wilson Establishes the Federal Reserve**

Sadly, President Woodrow Wilson did not read and heed the warning of President Andrew Jackson and in 1913, President Wilson signed

the legislation that created the Federal Reserve. Years later, President Wilson acknowledged the harm he had brought to America.

*A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is privately concentrated. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men...We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated, governments in the civilized world--no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and the duress of small groups of dominant men..*

If the current financial storm turns into a tsunami the central bankers and their politicians will be either relieved of duty by angry Americans that demand a truly free, free-enterprise system or they will be entrenched with even greater power and America will have fully embraced corporate fascism. Listen to Brannon House live at [www.ChristianWorldviewNetwork.com](http://www.ChristianWorldviewNetwork.com).

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# National News

## Journalist warns taxpayers may pay for Fed's mistakes

By Jody Brown

(OneNewsNow) Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Gretchen Morgenson believes the Fed's decision to bail out one of the key players in the country's home mortgage crisis -- Bear Stearns -- may come at taxpayers' expense.

J.P. Morgan's \$2-a-share purchase of investment bank Bear Stearns over the weekend came with the aid of \$30 billion in financing from the U.S. Federal Reserve to cover potential losses in Bear Stearns' securities holdings. *New York Times* business columnist Morgenson says the bailout crossed a line, because Bear Stearns -- as she puts it -- "helped create the titanic credit mess we are in."

"Let's say you are a parent ... [and] your son takes the keys to the Porsche, wraps the Porsche around a tree, and then you -- after that -- go out and buy him another Porsche. That's ... what [we mean] when we talk about moral hazard," she explains. "You are basically encouraging bad behavior to continue. You aren't punishing bad behavior.

"So the reckless behavior that Bear Stearns conducted itself in the mortgage arena is essentially ... being rewarded because the Federal Reserve is not backstopping \$30 billion of those kinds of loans, and the taxpayer may have to cover that," Morgenson contends.

According to Morgenson, Bear Stearns executives are unlikely to receive excessive compensation packages known as "golden parachutes."

"What we do have to remember is that during the mortgage boom, these executives made tremendous amounts of money -- hundreds of millions of dollars," she points out. "And it was generated by the mortgage boom because that was contributing to Bear Stearns' profits.

"Now that the boom has turned to bust," she continues, "it seems to me only fitting that some of those bonuses be clawed back. Why on earth should they be allowed to keep money that was made on questionable loans and dubious practices?" Morgenson wonders.

The journalist says the Fed had no choice but to intervene because nowadays brokerage firms and big commercial banks are all interrelated, and the Fed needed to ensure that chain remained intact. However, she says the demise of Bear Stearns highlights the failure of regulators to "act before or prevent the train wreck."

Morgenson, who was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for her coverage of Wall Street, wrote a column Sunday titled "Rescue Me: A Fed Bailout Crosses a Line."

## Rev. Wright is Wrong - Conservative Media are Wimps

By Rev. Flip Benham, Director, Operation Save America

(CN) - Barack Obama has pulled the race card (which effectively brings to an end all meaningful conversation) while FOX News and conservative talk radio have proved once again that "conservatism" is pretend salt. Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh, et. al., cannot see, nor do they dare to portray, the cataclysmic "change" that Barack Obama is espousing. It is a shift from one God and standard of Law to another. It is a shift from the God of the Bible and our Founding Fathers to the false god of Rev. Wright. Rev. Wright serves the god of his own hate-filled, bigoted imagination and calls it "Jesus." Yet our conservative friends dare not call this blasphemy treason. They have yet to call Wright for the apostate he is.

Wright is preaching "a different gospel" (2 Corinthians 11: 3-4). The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 1:6- 7, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to 'a different gospel' which is really no gospel at all..." Rev. Wright is wrong about the Jesus of the Bible!

Pastor Jeremiah Wright's church is apostate as are all the United Churches of Christ (UCC) in America. Long ago this institution abandoned its rich Christian heritage and responsibility to stand upon the Word of God. It now follows the god of, "...everyone does that which is right in his own eyes." Abortion, Homosexuality, Islam, and every false religion are welcome in Trinity United Church of Christ. It's one Commandment is, "Don't judge me!" Biblical Christianity is, however, not allowed.

We should not therefore be surprised that Barak Obama will defend his pastor when he (his pastor) is exposed to the light of the true Gospel of Christ. We should furthermore not be surprised when FOX News can't seem to get it right about Rev. Wright. Rev. Wright is no more a Christian than he is a poached egg.

We are indeed heading for

## GOP - DOA?

By Mary Starrett

Lancaster, PA Primary turnout and recent surveys show conservative "values" voters have abandoned the Republican Party.

Illustrating a dramatic **about face** from past elections, a recent study shows that if the election were held today, **40%** of all evangelical Christian voters would choose the **Democratic** candidate and just **29%** would choose the **Republican** candidate. The remaining **28%** are undecided, saying they would make their selection without respect to **party affiliation**.

A Barna Group release titled: **Born Again Voters No Longer Favor Republican Candidates** cites figures that spell doom for the Republican Party, given that "in the past couple of elections, the born again vote represented about half of the total number of votes cast in the U.S. (and)... given the close tally in 2004, the born again vote (is) vital".

"The political pendulum hasn't swung this far since the Whig

Party became extinct back before the Civil War", noted Constitution Party National Committee Chairman Jim Clymer. "Just as the Republican Party, then a third party, wound up deposing the Whigs, we're seeing the demise of the Republican party because voters have decided it's lost its relevance. That explains the steady and solid growth of the Constitution Party", Clymer added.

The Constitution Party, on course to have ballot access in all 50 states this November, is the largest and fastest-growing third party based on voter registrations (Ballot Access News).

"Conservative voters have made it clear they want no part of the Grand Old Party. Statistics show many are saying they will no longer buy into 'party loyalty' when their party has been anything but loyal to them. With candidates like Senators McCain, Obama and Clinton in the mix, voters will correctly assume they have nothing to lose by voting their conscience in November; even if that means a vote for a smaller party candidate", Clymer predicted.

George Barna, head of the recent

voter preference survey said "The evangelical vote is up for grabs. In recent elections, the faith vote sided with the Republican candidate... This year... however, the faith vote cannot be taken for granted. Republican candidates have a tough road ahead of them".

**"To succeed in his bid for the White House, McCain must consolidate his support among conservatives which will not happen just because he is the Republican nominee. In the wake of... Republican scandals... and... failure to advance... the social conservative agenda... support for the GOP has diminished"**, wrote Tony Perkins of the Christian political advocacy group the Family Research Council. Likewise, GOPUSA notes: "The problem the GOP faces is with turnout. Plain and simple, more (than double the number of) Democrats are voting in the primaries than Republicans".

The Constitution Party will choose a presidential candidate at its April 23-26<sup>th</sup> Nominating Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

## 'Gay' Activist Would Risk Lives to Push Political Agenda

WASHINGTON, Christian Newswire - Current U.S. health regulations prohibit men who have sex with men (MSM) from donating blood. Studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) categorically confirm that if MSM were permitted to give blood the general population would be placed at risk.

According to the FDA, MSM, "have an HIV prevalence 60 times higher than the general population, 800 times higher than first time blood donors and 8,000 times higher than repeat blood donors (American Red Cross).

"[MSM] also have an increased risk of having other infections that can be transmitted to others by blood transfusion. For example, infection with the Hepatitis B virus is about 5-6 times more common, and Hepatitis C virus infections are about 2 times more common in [MSM] than in the general population," according to the FDA.

A recent CDC study rocked the homosexual community in finding that although MSM comprise

only 1-2 percent of the population, they account for an epidemic 64 percent of all syphilis cases.

Although the risks extend far beyond potential HIV infection, the FDA notes, "All donated blood is tested for HIV, but the virus can go undetected until the immune system has produced a testable amount of antibodies." This would pose a "small but definite increased risk to people who receive blood transfusions if the policy were changed."

But risking lives is apparently of little consequence to Joe Solomonese, president of the "Human Rights Campaign" (HRC), the nation's largest homosexual pressure group. Solomonese recently placed politics over science, falsely declaring this commonsense public health precaution to be "discriminatory." He has called for the ban to be lifted with the wildly irresponsible claim that, "[T]here is no medical or scientific rationale for this discriminatory policy."

"Joe Solomonese's demand is incredibly reckless and selfish," said Matt Barber, Policy Director for Cultural Issues with Concerned Women for America (CWA). "Unfortunately, it's a common demand among his fellow extremists.

"In South Africa, militant homo-

sexual activists have been deliberately and surreptitiously violating that nation's blood ban, planning to flood blood services with 70,000 units. Who knows how much blood has been contaminated or how many innocent people have been infected," said Barber, "This isn't a protest; it's an act of violence.

"In recent days, Oklahoma State Rep. Sally Kern has been viciously attacked and maligned; even receiving death threats, for saying that homosexual activism poses a grave threat. This represents but one example of many which illustrate her point. She can rest her case.

"Joe Solomonese has severely damaged his credibility here, and he should immediately withdraw his demand. It's unconscionable that he would place a deceptive and dangerous political agenda above the health and well-being of American men, women and children.

"Intravenous drug users are also prohibited from giving blood. No one in his right mind would demand that addicts be permitted to donate. It's not because of who they are, it's because of what they do. Studies prove that, like intravenous drug use, male-male anal sodomy is extremely high-risk behavior. Unnatural behaviors beget natural consequences," said Barber. "Regrettably, infectious disease can be just one of them."

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# National Briefs

## American Psychological Association: No Consensus on Cause of Homosexuality

(EP News)--The American Psychological Association (APA) may be shifting from its view that homosexuality is inborn. The group now says both nature and nurture are involved, and clients have a right to self-determination. In a new brochure, the APA concedes that there is no scientific consensus on what causes same-sex attraction. "They are starting to have the integrity of reporting accurately about the condition of homosexuality," said Randy Thomas, executive vice president of Exodus International. "We find this to be a very exciting move and hope that it indicates future movement toward recognizing that people can and do overcome homosexuality." Glenn Stanton, director of global family formation studies at Focus on the Family, said the brochure has an activist bent, but he sees a ray of hope. "This doesn't mean that we've completely succeeded in all the things that we've wanted to," he said, "but it's a move in the direction that we've wanted them to move in, and I think that's very positive news."

## Atheists Find Support in the Media, Watchdog Group Says

(EP News)--According to statistics gathered by the Media Research Center's Culture and Media Institute (CMI), out of 105 atheist-centered stories analyzed in 2007, 80 percent had a positive tone and 20 percent were neutral. Not one of the stories showed any downside to atheistic beliefs. On the other hand, nearly three-quarters of Christian stories included some sort of rebuttal, but nearly half of stories dealing with atheism did not allow an opposite view. CMI found Newsweek and ABC were the worst offenders. According to Bob Knight, director of CMI. "Many journalists -- 91 percent, according to a recent survey -- say it's not necessary to believe in God to be a moral person, which is what the atheists are saying. Further, the sympathetic coverage of atheism is a bit like the media's ongoing defense of the sexual revolution. It reinforces their prejudices, and for some, their practices."

## California Ruling To Restrict Homeschooling May Have Opposite Effect

(EP News)--A Feb. 28 ruling by a California appeals court that could restrict homeschooling has mobilized homeschool activists. The net effect of the ruling could be to generate additional support for homeschooling. Home schooling advocate Michael Farris has already started a petition to "depublish" the appellate ruling. Focus on the Family founder James Dobson interrupted his normal broadcast schedule to devote a program to the topic, and the ruling has blown wind in the

sails of California Exodus, a group encouraging Christians to take their children out of the California public schools. The Pacific Justice Institute intends to appeal the case to the California Supreme Court on behalf of Sunland Christian School in Sylmar, Calif.

## CDC: 1 in 4 Teen Girls Has Sexually Transmitted Infection

(EP News)--One in four teen girls in the U.S. has a sexually transmitted infection (STI), according to a study by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That adds up to more than 3 million girls. Among girls who admitted having had sex, the rate was 40 percent, The Associated Press reported. Human papilloma virus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer, is the most common STI in teen girls ages 14 to 19, the CDC found. Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, said bad public policy is to blame for the STI epidemic. "Current public health policies are clearly failing to reduce the spread of STDs among young women," she said. "Public health officials need to admit their failures that have led to kids paying the price. Funding irresponsible sex-ed programs, ones that encourage kids to be sexually active, 12 times higher than funding abstinence programs unsurprisingly results in more kids being sexually active."

## National Coalition Urges Parents to Keep Kids Home on "Day of Silence"

(EP News)--A nationwide coalition of Christian and pro-family groups is calling for parents to keep children out of schools on Friday, April 25, 2008 -- the day when thousands of middle schools, junior highs, and high schools will observe the 12th annual "National Day of Silence." "Day of Silence" is promoted by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), a homosexual activist group that targets schools. The event is typically organized by a school's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) and is designed to pressure students to regard homosexual, bisexual, and transgender behavior as normal and worthy. Students and even some teachers remain silent throughout the school day.

## Sex Abuse Scandal Continues To Cost Catholics

(EP News)--The U.S. Catholic Church paid out \$615 million in costs related to sexual abuse claims in 2007, even as the number of victims coming forward fell for the third straight year, according to an annual report issued March 7 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. More than \$526 million went to settlements between victims and Catholic dioceses and religious orders last year. That's an increase of 90 percent over 2006 and a new high for the U.S. church. At the same time, according to the report, dioceses and reli-

## Pussycat Preacher Plucks Porn Performer from Sex Biz

Christian Newswire - Heather Veitch, the x-stripper turned Christian evangelist to the sex industry has revealed 24 year old porn star Sophia Lynn has left the sex business and taken a job as a secretary at a South Dakota Church. Key to Sophia's decision, is Pastor Keith Loy of Celebrates Community Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His church will provide Ms. Lynn with a place to live and a college scholarship in addition to a job at their church office.

"This is like a dream," says Lynn from her new home in South Dakota. I hope I don't have to wake up from this. I feel like my life has been saved."

Ms Veitch, whose ministry is JCSGirls.com, says there are many girls who want to leave the business, but it is a very tough task. "It takes the kind of com-

mitment we're seeing from Celebrates Community Church. This is the story of the little church that could."

Celebrates Community Church became interested in Sophia Lynn when she appeared on an ABCnews report. They invited her to come to their church, but without success. In her place, they found Heather Veitch who flew to South Dakota and spent a weekend educating the church to the size and scope of America's sex industry. At a Sunday service, Veitch told the congregation the first step toward helping girls like Sophia Lynn is to pray for them. They did.

"3 Weeks later, my phone rang and it was Sophia," Veitch explains. "She told me she was ready to make a real life change and wanted some real help. I called

Pastor Loy and told him God held up his end, so now what are we going to do?"

Loy phoned Heather Veitch back the following morning at 6 a.m. and said "we're ready to take this on." Six hours later, Sophia Lynn was on a plane to a new life in South Dakota. "We're not going to play church anymore," says Pastor Loy. We're going to be a church."

Vietch, whose struggle to start her ministry is depicted in the documentary "The Pussycat Preacher," says she is calling for other churches to follow the Celebrate Community Church example. "I'm calling it 'One Church For One Girl' program." Veitch will be at the Nashville Film Festival April 20th to host a screening of "The Pussycat Preacher."

## Judiciary Committee deep-sixes awful anti-family bills

(MFL)The Joint Judiciary Committee, which tackles many of the most sensitive social issues, has taken action on a number of bills for which Massachusetts Family Institute submitted testimony. The committee is led by Chairmen Senator Robert Creedon and Representative Eugene O'Flaherty.

Among the most important, H1722 was a bill that would allow men who might think they are women (i.e. transgender), or sexual predators, to enter women's rest rooms and locker rooms, thereby

endangering women and children. It would have cost millions of dollars state-wide for any facility considered "public accommodations" to build gender-non-specific bathrooms. That bill was sent to a "study" meaning it is effectively dead. The bills proponents will try to resurrect it before the curtain closes on July 31st, so we need to remain vigilant.

It is important to note that the grassroots uproar over this transgender rights bill both locally and nationally was critical to defeat-

ing this bill. Legislators who sit on the Judiciary Committee contacted our offices to ask us to please stop encouraging our members to email and fax them since their inboxes were being inundated and their fax machines rendered virtually useless. Between MFI and the Coalition for Marriage and Family, thousands of emails and faxes were sent to members of the committee and we are very grateful for them. You, the grassroots pro-family activists, own a large piece of the credit for this victory.

Massachusetts Family Institute also strongly opposed and testified against an array of other anti-family bills that are now defunct.

## Great victory for families in Massachusetts! Governor's Casino bill is dead

(MFL)Yesterday the Massachusetts House of Representatives, after a 6-hour debate on the Governor's bill to establish casinos in Massachusetts, sent it for a study of its social impacts, by more than a 2 to 1 vote. This is a major victory for the pro-family movement, both the leadership and grassroots. Thank you to all who responded by contacting your legislator, by coming to the hearing, by talking to your neighbors and family, or by contributing to MFI.

The bill is to be reported to the House by the first week in December. Given that the rules of the House dictate that the legislative session ends on July 31, this kills the Governor's misguided plan.

While this successfully blocks the Governor's bill that would have created three resort casinos, there are other bills that are likely to come up in the next couple of weeks to allow casinos or slot machines, which would be almost as bad for families. Slot machines

are the most addictive component of casinos and account for most of the profits of the gambling industry, as well as the most of the devastation to families. They are cleverly designed to addict players "until extinction" (meaning until they have no more money, including loss of their homes or bankruptcy). The machines deceive players into thinking they almost won; they convince people to play again because they feel likely to win. These machines are exactly like loaded dice or a marked deck and they should be investigated

for fraud. Meanwhile, we have to do our utmost to assure that they are not legalized in our state. Stay tuned.

Massachusetts, already heavily burdened by same-sex marriage, homosexual indoctrination of our children in the public schools, and high cost of living, at least has been spared, for now, of a Las Vegas culture overpowering our rich historic, artistic, scientific and entrepreneurial heritage and culture.

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# World News

## Dalai Lama calls for international probe into China's Tibet crackdown

By Michael Ireland

**BEIJING, CHINA (ANS)** -- The Dalai Lama on Sunday called for an international investigation into China's crackdown against protesters in Tibet, which he said is facing a "cultural genocide" and where his exiled government said 80 people were killed in the violence.

According to an Associated Press (AP) report by Tini Tran, the demonstrations were the fiercest challenge to Beijing's rule in the region



Tibet riot

in nearly two decades, leading to sympathy protests elsewhere and embarrassing China ahead of the Olympic Games.

In the report, to which Associated Press Writer Gavin Rabinowitz contributed from Dharamsala, India, Tran says that along with 80 killed, some 72 people were injured in the protests, according to Thubten Samphel, a spokesman for the exiles. He said the figures were confirmed by multiple sources inside Tibet who had counted corpses. China's state media said 10 people died.

The AP reports that hundreds of armed police and soldiers patrolled the streets of Lhasa two days after Tibetans torched buildings and stoned Chinese residents. Hong Kong Cable TV reported some 200 military vehicles, carrying 40 to 60 armed soldiers each, drove into the city center of Lhasa on Sunday.

The AP says footage showed the streets were mostly empty other than the security forces. Messages on loudspeakers warned residents to "Discern between enemies and friends, maintain order" and "Have a clear stand to oppose violence, maintain stability."

The Tibetan spiritual leader,

speaking in Dharamsala, the north Indian hill town where Tibet's government-in-exile is based, said "Some respected international organization can find out what the situation is in Tibet and what is the cause."

"Whether the (Chinese) government there admits or not, there is a problem. There is an ancient cultural heritage that is facing serious danger," the Dalai Lama said. "Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place." The AP said it was not immediately clear if he was referring to China's overall policies in Tibet when he spoke of a genocide, or the recent crackdown.

According to the AP report, the violence erupted just two weeks before China's Summer Olympic celebrations kick off with the start of the torch relay, which passes through Tibet. China is gambling that its crackdown will not draw an international outcry over human rights violations that could lead to boycotts of the Olympics.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called on China "to exercise restraint in dealing with these protests," while the State Department issued a travel alert for Americans in the region. Her statement also called for China to release monks and others jailed for protesting, the AP said.

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported at least 10 civilians were burned to death on Friday. But the Tibetan exiles said that, of the 80 they confirmed were killed, 26 alone died Saturday next to the Drapchi prison in Lhasa. Five girls were killed in the town's central Tibetan neighborhood, said Tenzin Taklha, the senior aide to the Dalai Lama.

The AP says China restricts access to Tibet for foreign media, making it difficult to independently verify the casualties and the scale of protests and suppression.

The agency said the latest unrest began Monday on the anniversary of a 1959 uprising against Chinese rule. Tibet was effectively independent for decades before communist

## Top Hareidi Rabbi Bans Arab Labor Following Merkaz HaRav Attack

by Ezra HaLevi

Jerusalem, Israel (Arutz-7) - Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky, considered a top Torah sage of the generation in the hareidi-religious community, issued a Jewish legal decision banning the employment of Arab workers by Jews according to the Yom Chadash daily.

The rabbi issued the decision at a meeting with several administrators of yeshivas (seminaries) in B'nei Brak. The administrators each employ an older Arab man who they do not suspect of any involvement in terrorism. The administrators decided, nonetheless to seek halachic (Jewish legal) guidance following reports that the terrorist who carried out the massacre at Jerusalem's Merkaz HaRav Yeshiva had been hired as a driver on occasion.

"According to Jewish law, it is completely forbidden to hire Arabs, especially in yeshivas," Rabbi Kanievsky said. "There is a concern of endangering lives." The rabbi continued, explaining, "After all, we are at war with them...and are there not Jews that can work and make a living?"

Asked later if his words should be publicized, Rabbi Kanievsky said: "Certainly," according to the News First Class site. Rabbi Kanievsky went even further, saying that Jews should refrain from employing any non-Jews, not just Muslim Arabs, and instead grant livelihood to Jews, unless there exists a huge disparity between the labor costs.

troops entered in 1950.

Initially, the AP said, the protests were led by Buddhist monks demanding the release of other detained monks. Their demands spiraled to include cries for Tibet's independence and turned violent Friday when police tried to stop a group of protesting monks. Pent-up grievances against Chinese rule came to the fore, as Tibetans directed their anger against Chinese and their shops, hotels and other businesses.

Amid the clampdown that followed, foreign tourists in Lhasa were told to leave, a hotel manager and travel guide said, with the guide adding that some were turned back at the airport, the AP reported. "Even as Chinese forces appeared to reassert control in Lhasa, sympathy protests had erupted on Saturday in an important Tibetan town 750 miles away in Gansu Province, the agency reported.

"Police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of Buddhist monks and other Tibetans after they marched from the historic Labrang monastery and smashed windows in the county police headquarters in Xiahe," witnesses said.

On Sunday, Gansu provincial Governor Xu Shousheng called the protests "a planned and organized destructive activity" and blamed the "outside Dalai group"

The rabbi's family told Arutz-7 that the Yom Chadash report is 100% accurate and explained that "although there can be financial justification for hiring foreign workers, G-d forbid should we hire Arabs. We are at war with them."

Rabbi Kanievsky is one of the most recognized authorities in hareidi-religious society. He is the son of the Steipler Rebbe, Rabbi Yisrael Yaakov Kanievsky, and the son-in-law of Rabbi Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, the leader of Lithuanian Hareidi Jewry.

**Jewish Labor Hotline Set Up**  
For several years, a revival of the

concept of *Avoda Ivrit* – Jewish labor – has been taking place in the Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria regions – particularly in hilltop communities. The concept was touted by Labor Zionists in the pre- and early state eras as an important Jewish and Zionist value in reconnecting to the land and being truly independent. Though a web site listing Jewish labor businesses was closed down by the supreme court after a law-suit from an Arab advocacy group funded by the New Israel Fund, a new hotline and email account has been set up to provide *Avoda Ivrit* solutions.

## British Government Considers Part-Human, Part-Animal Embryo Research

(EP News)--There's some scary science coming out of the United Kingdom, where the government is considering sanctioning the creation of embryos that are part human and part animal, as well as the production of artificial sperm and eggs from embryonic stem cells.

"We're really seeing kind of a kid-in-a-candy-shop mentality, that researchers don't like to be told 'no,'" said Dawn Vargo, associate bioethics analyst for Focus on the Family Action. "They like to be able to research the origins of life at every stage of development."

Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of pro-life activities at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops,

called the research "incredibly wasteful" because it will destroy thousands of eggs.

Doerflinger said he believes the newly proposed research — with artificial sperm and eggs — will yield a most unethical outcome. "We will only make the kinds of people that we want to have made, and we'll make them for our own purposes," he said. "As often as not, we'll be making them just to destroy them for their cells."

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for instigating the riots.

Also in recent days, demonstrations by Tibetan exiles and their supporters sprouted up in neighboring Nepal, New York, Switzerland and Australia.

The AP says the Chinese government is hoping a successful Olympics will boost its popularity at home as well as its image abroad. But Beijing's hosting of the Olympics has already attracted scrutiny of China's human rights record and its pollution problems.

So far, the AP said, international criticism of the crackdown in Tibet has been mild. The U.S. and European Union called for Chinese restraint without any threats of an Olympic boycott or other sanctions.

"What is happening in Tibet and Beijing's responses to it will

not affect the games very much unless the issue really gets out of control," said Xu Guoqi, a China-born historian at Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said Saturday he opposed an Olympic boycott over Tibet. "We believe that the boycott doesn't solve anything," Rogge told reporters on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. "On the contrary, it is penalizing innocent athletes and it is stopping the organization from something that definitely is worthwhile organizing."

The details emerging from witness accounts and government statements suggested Beijing was preparing a methodical campaign to deal with the unrest -- one that if carefully modulated would minimize bloodshed and avoid wrecking Beijing's grand plans for the Aug. 8-24 Olympics, the AP stated.

In Lhasa, law-enforcement agencies issued a notice offering leniency for demonstrators who surrender before the end of Monday and threatening severe punishment for those who do not.

On the Net: International Campaign for Tibet: [www.savetibet.org](http://www.savetibet.org)  
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# World Briefs

## Pope to address United Nations

(EP News)—On April 18, Pope Benedict XVI will become only the third pope in history to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Vatican officials have not indicated what Benedict will say, but he is expected to raise the issues of religious freedom and abortion. He will also likely address the war in Iraq and threats to peace. However, if past speeches are a guide, he will say that abortion and same-sex marriage all pose threats to peace by undermining the traditional family.

## Christian foster parents rejected over gay dispute

(EP News)—A British couple has been barred from future service because they refuse to tell children that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. John and Eunice Johns say that to affirm

homosexuality would violate their Christian beliefs. The Johns have been foster parents for 12 years, and have cared for 18 children during that time.

## British Psychiatrists: Abortion May Lead to Mental Illness

(EP News)—The United Kingdom's Royal College of Psychiatrists is warning women that abortion may lead to mental-health problems. The college says women should not be allowed to have an abortion until they receive counseling about the risks involved. The Royal College is advising that post-abortive information be updated to include the risks of mental-health problems. "For doctors to process a woman's request for an abortion without providing the support, information and help women need at this time of crisis, I regard almost as a form of abuse," said Nadine Dorries, a conservative member of Parliament.

## Israel Seeking F-22s From U.S.

(EP News)—As Iran moves closer to having nuclear weapons, Israel is trying once again to acquire a batch of F-22 stealth jet fighters from the U.S. to defend itself better in the event of a military confrontation with Tehran. An Israeli military delegation will visit the Pentagon in late March to discuss a wide range of security and defense related issues, including the continued funding of the joint Arrow anti-missile defense system as well as the possibility of Israel receiving the advanced F-22 war planes. In the past, the Israeli Air Force has expressed interest in buying the next generation fighter jet, but their request was turned down on the basis of a congressional ban on the sale of the F-22 to foreign nations. But last month, U.S. secretary of Defense Robert Gates said that the ban would be reconsidered, giving Israel new hope in acquiring the radar-evading jets. "This would be a major boost for Israel and its image of deterrence," a defense official told The Jerusalem Post.

## Palestinian Authority Urges Palestinians To "Return" For Israel's 60th

(EP News)—The Palestinian Authority is hoping to spoil Israel's 60th anniversary celebrations by calling on all Palestinians living abroad to converge on Israel by land, sea and air in coming months as a way of drawing attention to the unresolved refugee issue.

The plan, drawn up by PA deputy cabinet minister Ziad Abu Ein, states that the Palestinians have decided to implement UN Resolution 194 regarding the refugees. The initiative suggests that the Fatah-dominated PLO is giving up on the two-state solution outlined in the U.S.-backed roadmap in favor of one binational state of Arabs and Jews, according to The Jerusalem Post.

In the aftermath of Israel's victory in its War of Independence in 1948, Resolution 194 was passed by the UN General Assembly in response to the resulting Palestinian refugee problem, but it is advisory and not binding on the parties.

or a "return to their homes [for those willing] to live at peace with their neighbors... at the earliest practicable date."

Fifty years later, several million Palestinians still claim an absolute "right of return," but Israeli governments have consistently rejected such calls as a backdoor formula for eliminating the State of Israel by demographic implosion.

Israel's 60th Independence Day falls this year on May 8 on the Hebrew calendar and May 14 on the secular calendar. The Palestinians still decry the day of Israel's founding as the "Nakba" (Disaster).

"Fulfilling the right of return is a human, moral and legal will that can't be denied by the Jews or the international community. On the [60th] anniversary of the great suffering, the Palestinian people are determined to end this injustice," the initiative states.

The plan calls on the refugees to return to Israel on May 14 with their suitcases and tents so that they could settle in their former villages and towns. The refugees are also requested to carry UN flags upon their return and to be equipped with their UNRWA-issued ID cards.

# War for Oil a profitable business

By Randy Fabi and Ahmed Rasheed

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - The Iraqi government is expected to pay up to \$2.5 billion to five top oil companies to increase the country's oil output by nearly a quarter, a government adviser told Reuters. In what would be the biggest foreign involvement for decades, Baghdad is close to signing technical support contracts with BP, Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Total.

Thamir Ghadhban, energy adviser to Iraq's prime minister, said he expected the contracts, which would add 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) to current production of 2.27 million bpd, would be signed by early next month. "There is a rough estimate that it could cost about \$400 to \$500 million per field," he said in an interview. "So

a total could be up to between \$2 (billion) and \$2.5 billion over two years that should be paid by the government to companies."

With oil prices at around \$100 a barrel, the contracts could mean extra revenues to Iraq of around \$1.5 billion a month before costs, according to Reuters calculations. Ghadhban said Iraqi representatives met with company officials last week in Amman, Jordan, to discuss final details of the initially two-year contracts, including whether payment would be by cash or by oil. "As far as we are concerned, everything is positive and it's a matter of time for the minister of oil and oil companies to finalize and shake hands," he said.

Shell is negotiating for the northern Kirkuk oilfield and is also in talks, along with BHP Billiton, for the development of the Maysan

fields. BP also has its eyes on Iraq's southern Rumaila field, while Exxon wants the contract for the Zubair oilfield in Basra. Finally, Chevron and Total are looking to work together to develop the West Qurna oilfield. Ghadhban said he expected the companies to boost output by around 100,000 bpd at each of the fields.

The ongoing talks have also given the five major oil companies a head start in efforts to bid for future oil contracts. "I have no doubt whatsoever those five major companies are going to be qualified," he said. "They are major oil companies and of course they will be qualified." More than 100 companies have registered to compete for oil extraction and service contracts to help develop Iraq's oil reserves, the world's third largest. Ghadhban said the government was expected to announce the list of qualified companies next month, a month later than initially expected. He said the technical support contracts with the five oil majors needed to be finalized before the government could move on to other contracts.

The resolution offers three options for the estimated 500,000 Palestinians who fled the conflict as five Arab armies invaded the nascent Jewish state in May 1948. These options included rehabilitation in their host countries, compensation for lost homes and possessions,

## Rockets Fired Into Southern Israel

(EP News)—Over 30 rockets and mortars were fired into southern Israel on March 13, as the Islamic Jihad terror militia refused to abide by a pending ceasefire on the Gaza border.

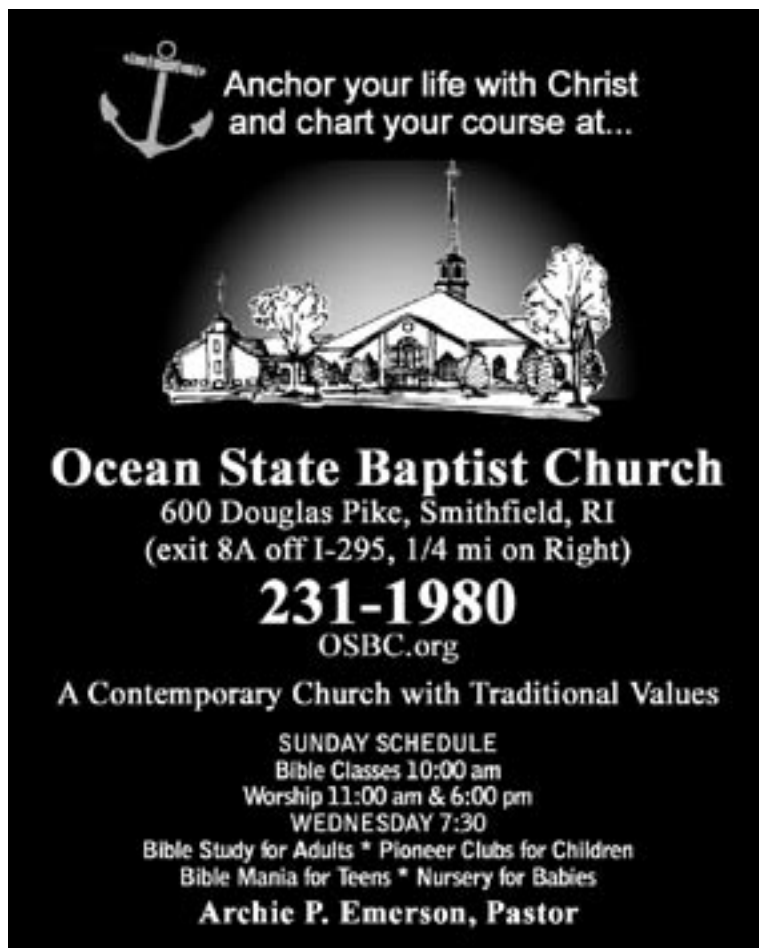
Although no serious injuries were reported, the barrage of rockets today pointed out the flaws in the truce Egypt was attempting to broker in recent days between Israel and Hamas. First, Hamas can always just subcontract out attacks to one of several 'renegade' Palestinian terror militias and disclaim any connection to them. Secondly, Israel is reluctant to accept Hamas's demand to extend the ceasefire to the West Bank, where two IDF arrest operations yesterday left five Islamic Jihad militiamen dead, prompting today's rocket salvos from Gaza.

The Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the latest round of Kassam rockets, saying that it was in retaliation for the IDF operations in the West Bank which killed the senior-most Islamic Jihad commander in Bethlehem, as well as four other Jihad operatives. An Islamic Jihad spokesman said Thursday that "what happened is a blow and a slap in Egypt's face in light of its efforts to reach a lull..."

The Fatah-linked al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades also declared that it would no longer abide by an unofficial truce with Israel.

The Prime Minister's Office said on today that Israel holds Hamas accountable for every rocket fired by any of the myriad of terror militias in the Gaza Strip. "When another group publicly takes responsibility, as happened earlier today, such a group could not be shooting rockets without the acquiescence and collaboration of Hamas. We will not allow Hamas to subcontract out terrorism," said Mark Regev, a spokesman for Olmert.

Also on March 13, former Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh said Hamas had to be toppled before the Kassam rocket fire would stop. "Israel will not exist side by side with this Iranian entity 3 kilometers from Sderot and 10 kilometers from Ashkelon," Sneh told *Army Radio*. "There can be no solution without a diplomatic agreement, and there can be no solution without the military wiping out Hamas."



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# Book Reviews

## Help Save More Souls through Written Testimonies

**WESTON, Mass** /Christian Newswire - Christian management expert, Donald W. Mitchell, announces the publication of 'Adventures of an Optimist' which details in Chapter 12 ways that Christians can be more active and effective in sharing their faith with nonbelievers. The reported



methods are broadly used for Christ's Great Commission by the winners of a global contest that Mitchell sponsored in 2006 and 2007 to give a Christmas gift to God. These

methods are now being used around the world to help bring thousands of people each week to faith in Jesus Christ. These methods are working particularly well in Muslim countries and where people have not received Christian testimonies before. Through publication of the book, Mitchell hopes to inspire others to employ these methods so that the Holy Spirit will have more ways to use their lives to help bring new Christians to the faith.

Here's an example from the book. Many Christians aren't sure how to testify about their faith. Jubilee Worship Center in Hobart, Indiana addressed that problem by encouraging church members to write their testimonies. After this experience, church members knew what to say to those who don't yet know the Lord. The church took

some testimonies and put them into single sheet handouts. All of the testimonies were also put into a book, 'True Life Stories,' that members give to those they meet. Having a book to share made these Christians bolder in sharing their faith, and non-Christians became more interested in learning about these people and their faith. Those who read the book are stunned to see how much good God has done in the lives of one congregation.

The Indiana testimonies

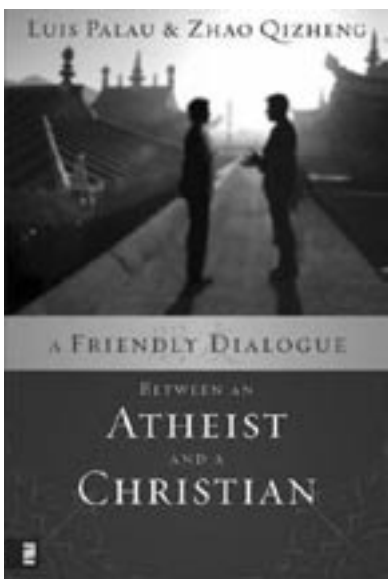
have been used by pastors around the world to demonstrate the benefits of Christian faith to unbelievers. Presented by evangelical Christians, the testimonies are powerful evidence that Christ is alive and helping people today. With low costs in many countries to print such materials, many pastors report a harvest of new souls at very small expense. As a result, Christians in the United States can hope to provide testimonies and funds for distributing those testimonies that can help thousands come to belief in and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Other methods described in the book include the role of low-cost radio, entertainment, fellowship, and fund-raising to show Christians how to act to increase God's harvest of souls.

## A Friendly Dialogue launches at unique New York event

By Michael Ireland

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK (ANS)** -- Leaders of the publishing, media and diplomatic worlds have gathered in New York to celebrate the release of "A Friendly Dialogue Between An Atheist and A Christian" by co-authors Luis Palau and Zhao Qizheng.



The first collaboration between an American Christian evangelist and a Chinese scientist, scholar and atheist, "A Friendly Dialogue" is an open and frank exchange on issues of faith, culture, history, and politics.

It has been a best-seller in China since its release in August of 2006: the much-anticipated English and Spanish versions, published by Zondervan (a division of HarperCollins Publishers) reached American bookstores this month. **The Good News TODAY**

At a unique launch event hosted by News Corporation CEO Rupert Murdoch, HarperCollins CEO Jane Friedman and Zondervan CEO Moe Girkins, Palau and Zhao shared the story of creating the book's unique content through recorded dialogues that were later transcribed.

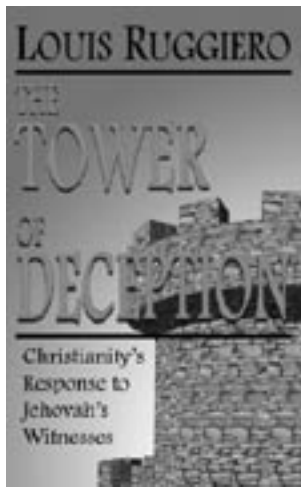
In introductory remarks, Ms. Friedman said: "the world we live in is becoming increasingly global and new technologies are removing barriers that once separated

countries and cultures. As this happens, it is important for us to be able to understand, respect and discuss our ideas and cultures. Dr. Palau and Minister Zhao have done just that, and I believe we all have something to learn from them."

"Minister Zhao and I learned so much about each other - and our

## Is Jesus, Michael the Archangel? Did He Return in 1914? Or is The Watchtower Society a Tower of Deception?

**LOS ANGELES** Christian Newswire - Author Louis Ruggiero, a renowned apologetic writer who has defended the Christian Faith against rabbis, Jehovah's Witnesses and Full Preterists has released another book in defense of mainstream Christianity. *The Tower of Deception* is his response to the Watchtower's invitation for "careful and critical examination of its contents in the light of the Scriptures" (Watchtower 8/15/1950, p. 263). The author has dialogued with the Witnesses for the last ten years.



The newly released *The Tower of Deception* is a powerful apologetic work for defense of the Christian faith against the teachings and practices of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Louis Ruggiero competently exposes the false teachings of the Jehovah's Witnesses cult with the Light of Scripture. The reader is guided step-by-step through the essential Christian doctrines that have long been attacked by the Witnesses.

*The Tower of Deception* turns the arguments of the Witnesses on themselves. Through profound examination of the Scriptures, Ruggiero reveals the points of

deception by challenging the teachings of the Watchtower leadership on issues such as Jesus' Deity, the Trinity, the 144,000 and Great Multitude as well as its false prophecies and predictions focusing on the year 1914.

*The Tower of Deception* is a book that is admirably done. Scholars and lay individuals alike could easily follow Ruggiero's logic of exposition. The book is an excellent study and reference resource for biblical scholars, seminary students, priests/pastors and church libraries.

Louis Ruggiero's challenge to the leaders of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society to address the material contained in *The Tower of Deception* is bold and loud. Will the Watchtower leadership provide a public response?

## Can We Mix Religion and Politics?

**Christian Newswire** - This year, 2008 is a pivotal year, and the question, "Can we mix religion and politics," is central. Some believe that the church should be used as a political platform; others advocate passivity. So, what's the answer? The publication of the highly anticipated nonfiction book, *One Nation 'Above' God*, by Shane Idleman is now available and will seek to answer this question, and many more. It unapologetically exposes America's spiritual and moral crisis, and makes the point that who we are in our personal lives will reflect who we are as a nation. For this reason, Dr. Kennedy offered one of his last endorsements, and Tony Perkins said that *One Nation 'Above' God* is a "must read!"

One thing is certain: the moral divide in America is growing with devastating consequences. If we don't educate Americans (young and old) we may see a time in our Nation's history when our freedoms, and theirs, will vanish. There was a time in recent history when America felt secure knowing that the most formidable enemies

were abroad. Not so today. While we are concerned with terrorist attacks, and rightly so, there is a greater threat from corruption within. We, like the mighty Roman Empire that collapsed centuries ago, are crumbling from within.

There are people and groups who are strongly committed to the destruction of anything rooted in our nation's Christian heritage. They attempt to be "one nation 'above' God," rather than "one nation 'under' God." Scripture identifies this as foolishness, self-exaltation, and arrogance--the downfall of nations.

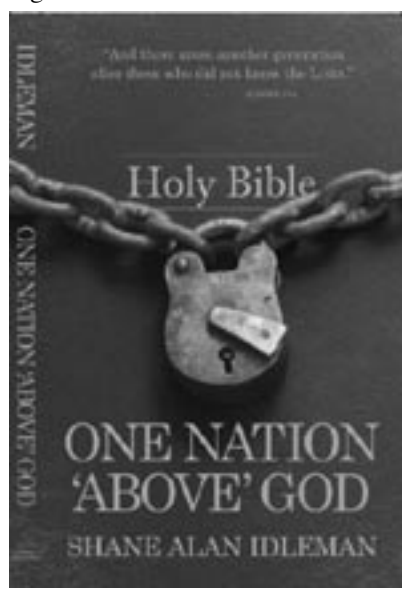
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In this explosive new book, Shane calls the nation, families, and individuals back to the biblical principles that inspired "one nation under God." His bold stance has led to speaking engagements throughout the country. Shane currently resides in Southern California with his wife and children. He can be reached at [shaneidleman@roadrunner.com](mailto:shaneidleman@roadrunner.com).



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## NBA's Wade pays for homes in New Orleans

By Michael McCormack

**NEW ORLEANS (BP)**—When the NBA came to New Orleans for the All-Star break, thousands of eager recovery volunteers came as well.

One of those volunteers was Miami Heat All-Star Guard Dwyane Wade, who, in advance of the All-Star game, had heard of what the Baptist Crossroads Project is doing in the Upper Ninth Ward of New Orleans. He wanted to help. Wade's Christianity is well-known around the league; he chose to wear the No. 3 because it represents the Trinity.

The Baptist Crossroads Project is an ongoing partnership between the Baptist Crossroads Foundation and New Orleans-area Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing in the Upper Ninth Ward neighborhood. Crossroads is also targeting the 75-block area around the site for long-term recovery.

Carmen Wilson, who once worked for the Miami Heat, contacted Baptist Crossroads Project volunteer coordinator Jared Pryer in early January. Wade partners with Wilson's company, 4 Survival to Go, to distribute survival kits to people threatened by natural disasters.



"At that point, she just told me there was an NBA player who was going to be in town for the All-Star game," Pryer said. "She asked me what we were doing. I told her about the Baptist Crossroads Project, and at that point, she talked to me about passing out hurricane emergency kits to homeowners."

The 4 Survival to Go kits are packed with items to help a family survive the first 72 hours after a disaster: emergency food



**NBA All-Star Dwyane Wade delivers a 4 Survival to Go disaster survival kit to a family at the Baptist Crossroads/Habitat for Humanity site in New Orleans.** Photo by 4 Survival to Go

and water, phone card, flashlight/radio/siren/phone charger, poncho, sleeping bag, survival tools, first aid kit and other items.

Not long after that, though, another of Wade's associates and his sister stopped by Pryer's office

while the Heat were in town for a regular season game. "They told me that Dwyane really wanted to do something that was more permanent than just the emergency kits," Pryer said. "I mentioned home sponsorship as an option."

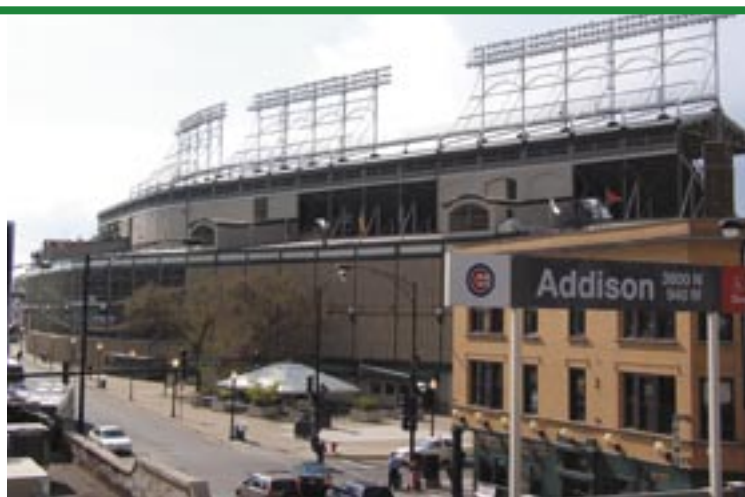
Before construction on a new Habitat house can begin, \$20,000 must be raised. That \$20,000 can come from a single sponsor or from multiple sponsors. A great way to participate in what Baptist Crossroads is doing in New Orleans, Pryer said, is to sponsor a house. "The called me back a few weeks later and said they'd like to sponsor three houses," Pryer said. "They like to do things in threes, because that's his number."

Wade, a starter for the Eastern Conference All-Star team, partnered with Converse on Saturday,

Feb. 16, to host a brunch that was emceed by ESPN analyst Stephen A. Smith. At the brunch, First Baptist Church of New Orleans Pastor David Crosby spoke about the Baptist Crossroads Project. Then, Wade described what he was doing the next day at the Crossroads site. Part of the proceeds from the event will go to the Baptist Crossroads Project.

The next day, Wade took a driving tour of New Orleans that ended at the Baptist Crossroads site. Wade's interaction with neighbors around the Crossroads site, Pryer said, marked the whole experience. "Dwyane personally went up, knocked on doors, gave the kits to families, talked to parents and their kids for a little bit and took pictures," Pryer recalled.

Wade "got to meet all the families of the homes he's co-sponsoring with Baptist Crossroads Project, Prayer said. One of the homeowners even gave him a tour. "The homeowner just wanted him to go in the house to show him where things were going to be," Pryer said. "He told him, 'This is



## The New Puritans

By Brad Locke

**TUPELO, Miss. (BP)** Oh my. It looks like Wrigley Field might no longer be known as Wrigley Field. If the CEO of the Tribune Company, which owns the Chicago Cubs, has his way, the naming rights of the venerated old ballpark will be up for auction. Could the Cubbies soon be playing in — gasp! — Citigroup Stadium?

Blasphemy! How dare they even consider it! I might just follow the lead of one irate Cubs fan, who posted this ultimatum on a message board: "If they change the name of Wrigley Field, then I give up on baseball!" Yes, it just might be the last straw, the final stain that won't wash out.

Oh, how pure the game once was. Now, it's just a heartless business empire, and us poor, innocent fans are jaded by all the ill-advised changes in recent

years: the DH, free agency, the wild card, the All-Star Game affecting home field advantage in the World Series, the Braves' red Sunday home uniforms.

Why, God? Why? Of course, I'm being sarcastic. Because it trips me out to see people get in such a moral lather over a ballpark's name. Sure, I don't like it, either. I still refuse to call AT & T Park anything but Candlestick, and the White Sox still play in Comiskey Park as far as I'm concerned. U.S. Cellular Field? Yeah, real catchy.

Of course, the outfield walls in major league stadiums used to be covered in signage. But it was commonplace, it was tradition, so it was OK. You still see it some, but most of the advertisements have been moved to other parts of the park.

Anyway, I've been as guilty as other fans of decrying threats to the sanctity of the game. And the more I think about it, the more ridiculous I find the notion that baseball actually possesses any inherent purity and sanctity. It is indeed a beautiful sport, but does something inanimate really deserve characteristics like purity and sanctity?

We tend to over qualify earthly things, because as we grow up around those things — in this

case, growing up watching and playing baseball, as I did — we become so enamored with it that we lose all objectivity and declare it, well, pure. It is natural for us to latch on to something that we find to be unchanging, comforting, pleasurable, because those things are hard to find in this sin-wracked world. So when change inevitably visits the passions of our youth — and at what time in a person's life is a routine existence more important? — we revolt and reflexively charge the agent of change of evil-doing. We can be quite melodramatic, can't we?

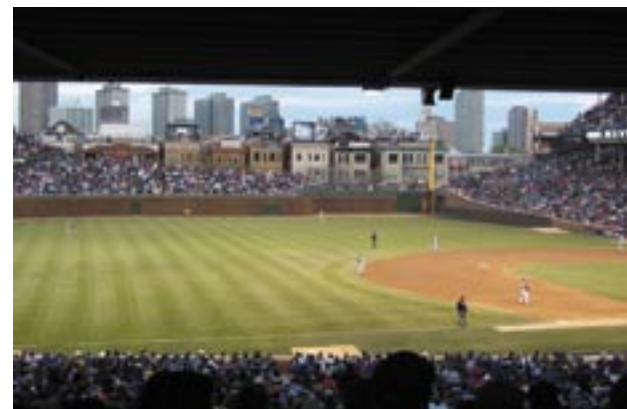
We continue to grasp at things in this world that will continue to elude us, not realizing that everything we know will change. Our idols, which we once thought were the gateways to our own per-

sonal Utopia, become rusted and decayed. They stood on little more than our own inflated expectations.

There is only one constant in this universe. God reminds us in Malachi 3:6, "For I the Lord do not change ..." and the second half reads, "... therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." That is, not consumed by the sins that plagued their forefathers, who turned to idols that ultimately crumbled.

That would seem a long way from Wrigley Field and becoming indignant at a possible name change. But that element of our nature is always at work in us, even when we don't realize it, telling us to hold on to that which is temporal, which helps us justify ignoring what is permanent.

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# Anti-Judaism at root of 'Sunday Sabbath'?

By Joseph Farah

(WorldNetDaily) When Samuele Bacchiocchi, a Seventh-Day Adventist, immersed himself in the research of how the biblical Sabbath moved from Saturday to Sunday, he did so in an unlikely environment for a non-Catholic – the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He not only had open access to long-forgotten historical records, he also graduated at the top of his class – *summa cum laude*, an honor which included a gold medal from Pope Paul VI.

But what he found in that investigation would probably shock most Christians who have never studied the subject, nor thought deeply about what became of the fourth commandment.

What caused the switch from worship on Saturday to Sunday? One of the principle motivations in the early church, Bacchiocchi finds, was anti-Judaism.

Consider this Nicene conciliar letter from Constantine written in A.D. 325: "Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd: for we have received from our Savior a different way ... Strive and pray continually that the purity of your souls may not seem in anything to be sullied by fellowship with the customs of these most wicked men ... All should unite in desiring that which sound reason appears to demand and in avoiding all participation in the perjured conduct of the Jews."

Not surprisingly, anti-Sabbath laws followed in Rome – imposing harsh penalties for anyone who refused to work on Saturday or who deigned to worship on that day of the week.

He quotes Sylvester I, the pope from 314-337: "If every Sunday is to be observed joyfully by the Christians on account of the resurrection, then every Sabbath on account of the burial is to be execration (loathing or cursing) of the Jews."

Observing the Sabbath meant excommunication from the church as of A.D. 363 and the Council of Laodicea: "Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honoring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ."

But Bacchiocchi also reminds readers the Saturday Sabbath, despite official repression against it, never was completely abandoned. Likewise, over the years, some prominent voices have never forgotten the Sabbath – and what became of it. Was it, indeed, a Roman Catholic decision made after the first century and the death of the apostles?

It's hard to argue with the historical record. In fact, some Catholics revel in the role Rome played in the switch. "The Catholic Church of its own infallible authority created Sunday a holy day to take the place of the Sabbath of the old law," wrote the Kansas City Catholic on Feb. 9, 1893.

Other Catholic sources agree with little self-doubt. "Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles," wrote the Catholic Press in Sydney, Australia, on Aug. 25, 1900. "From beginning to end of Scrip-

ture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first."

James Cardinal Gibbons seconds the motion in his famous "The Faith of Our Fathers," published in 1876: "You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."

But it's not just Catholics who acknowledge the church has just plain forgotten one of God's great commandments – without so much as a second thought.

Dwight L. Moody, one of America's great Protestant evangelists of the 19th century, noted the omission in his book, "Weighed and Wanting."

"The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since," he wrote. "The fourth commandment begins with the word 'remember,' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tablets of stone at Sinai. How can men claim that this one commandment



Dwight Moody

has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?"

How do today's top Christian pastors refute the evidence the Sabbath is still in effect?

Greg Laurie, a Calvary Chapel pastor with one of the largest congregations in the country in Southern California, as well as a weekly columnist at WND, says there are three reasons Christians do not observe the Sabbath: 1) It is the only commandment not repeated in the New Testament. 2) Jesus never taught anyone to keep the Sabbath. 3) The apostles never taught anyone to keep the Sabbath.

The Sabbath, he says, is a "shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."

"It would be like coming back from a long trip away from my wife and kids," he says. "I could not wait to get home and be reunited with them. Then while getting off the plane I see them with the sun behind them casting a long shadow before them. Then I get off the plane and run and fall down and try to hug the shadow!"

The apostle Paul writes, "So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new-moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules were only shadows of the real thing, Christ himself" (Colossians 2: 16 -17 NLT).

## Spitzer from Page 4

Angry regulators, burned investors and the weight of millions of homes about to be boarded up were causing the sharks to sink. Countrywide's stock was down 50%, and Citigroup was off 38%, not pleasing to the Gulf sheiks who now control its biggest share blocks.

Then, on Wednesday of last week, the unthinkable happened. Carlyle Capital went bankrupt. Who? That's Carlyle as in Carlyle Group. James Baker, Senior Counsel. Notable partners, former and past: George Bush, the Bin Laden family and more dictators, potentates, pirates and presidents than you can count.

The Fed had to act. Bernanke opened the vault and dumped \$200 billion on the poor little suffering bankers. They got the public treasure – and got to keep the Grinning's house. There was no 'quid' of a foreclosure moratorium for the 'pro quo' of public bailout. Not one family was saved – but not one banker was left behind.

Every mortgage sharking operation shot up in value. Mozilo's Countrywide stock rose 17% in one day. The Citi sheiks saw their company's stock rise \$10 billion in an afternoon.

And that very same day the bail-out was decided – what a coinkydink! – the man called, 'The Sheriff of Wall Street' was cuffed. Spitzer was silenced.

Do I believe the banks called Justice and said, "Take him down today!" Naw, that's not how the system works. But the big players knew that unless Spitzer was taken out, he would create enough ruckus to spoil the party. Headlines in the financial press – one was "Wall Street Declares War on Spitzer" – made clear to Bush's enforcers at Justice who their number one target should be. And it wasn't Bin Laden.

It was the night of February 13 when Spitzer made the bone-headed choice to order take-out in his Washington Hotel room. He had just finished signing these words for the *Washington Post* about predatory loans:

"Not only did the Bush administration do nothing to protect consumers, it embarked on an aggressive and unprecedented cam-

aign to prevent states from protecting their residents from the very problems to which the federal government was turning a blind eye."

Bush, Spitzer said right in the headline, was the "Predator Lenders' Partner in Crime." The President, said Spitzer, was a fugitive from justice. And Spitzer was in Washington to launch a campaign to take on the Bush regime and the biggest financial powers on the planet.

Spitzer wrote, "When history tells the story of the subprime lending crisis and recounts its devastating effects on the lives of so many innocent homeowners the Bush administration will not be judged favorably."

But now, the Administration can rest assured that this love story – of Bush and his bankers – will not be told by history at all – now that the Sheriff of Wall Street has fallen on his own gun.

## A note on "Prosecutorial Indiscretion."

Back in the day when I was an investigator of racketeers for government, the federal prosecutor I was assisting was deciding whether to launch a case based on his negotiations for airtime with *60 Minutes*. I'm not allowed to tell you the prosecutor's name, but I want to mention he was recently seen shouting, "Florida is Rudi country! Florida is Rudi country!"

Not all crimes lead to federal bust or even public exposure. It's up to something called "prosecutorial discretion."

Funny thing, this 'discretion.' For example, Senator David Vitter, Republican of Louisiana, paid Washington DC prostitutes to put him in diapers (ewww!), yet the Senator was not exposed by the US prosecutors busting the pimp-ring that pampered him. Naming and shaming and ruining Spitzer – rarely done in these cases – was made at the 'discretion' of Bush's Justice Department.

Or maybe we should say, 'indiscretion.'

Greg Palast, former investigator of financial fraud, is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers [1] **Armed Madhouse** and [2] **The Best Democracy Money Can Buy**.

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# Memories of Summer Camp

By Mike Bellah

Memories of summer camp . . . on hot summer afternoons they come rushing into my mind the way 30 years ago we used to rush the swimming pool at afternoon free time or the mess hall at dinner time. With effort these thoughts can be delayed, but they will not be put off.

Sooner or later I'll find myself daydreaming of a big palomino quarter horse named King, a favorite spot on the south rim of the Palo Duro Canyon we called West Point, or a cute archery instructor named Charlotte. King carried me on most of my camp exploits, including daily visits to West Point, where, overlooking the grandeur of God's creation, I made decisions that still affect my life, one of which was to ask for a hand in marriage belonging to a certain archery instructor.

I attended a variety of camps as a preadolescent--Boy Scout camp, church camp, a private camp in the New Mexico Rockies where I first learned that strawberries grow wild--but my best memories come from my late teens and early 20's when I worked as a wrangler and riding instructor at Hidden Falls Ranch, a nondenominational

part of the Texas Panhandle, but all camps, even day camps held in city parks, share in common an exposure to the elements of nature. Sun, wind, rain, stars at night--things that are often mitigated and ignored in a civilized world of alarm clocks, air-conditioning and electric lights--all are part of our camp memories, and for good reason.

Face-to-face confrontation with nature is part of the pedagogy of camping. It produces both gratefulness and awe. It brings both self-awareness and self-confidence. It builds both resourcefulness and endurance. And while modern technology can soften young people, summer camp hardens them. My days at Hidden Falls Ranch helped prepare me for the normal struggles of life.

## Friends

And, of course, one of the most important resources we need to face these struggles is something we also find at camp, good friends. Lifelong friends come from many sources: family, childhood playmates, college roomies. Most of mine come from my days at summer camp. There is a reason for this. Close friendships are formed from shared adventure and adversity--things such as a

long hike in search of Indian arrowheads or an overnight campout interrupted by a strong thunderstorm--experiences you find in abundance at camp but which are hard to fit into our 30-minute lunch breaks and 10-minute phone calls with adult acquaintances.

## Joyful living

I hear from too many mid-lifers who no longer find pleasure in their routine, especially their jobs. But summer camp was fun even though it included a lot of non-glamorous work: emptying trash, hoeing weeds, raking manure from a corral. My memories of camp remind me that even routine things, if undertaken in a spirit of adventure and with good friends at one's side, can be fun. What we need is a summer camp for mid-lifers. Hey, if you build it, I will come.

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# Entertainment



## Report Shows Moviegoers Prefer Family-Friendly Movies with Positive Faith & Values

By Dan Wooding  
**HOLLYWOOD, CA (ANS)** -- Movieguide®, a family guide to movies and entertainment, recently released its Annual Report to the Entertainment Industry, which once again showed that moviegoers prefer family-friendly movies with positive faith and values.

"Our report, which analyzes the content of the top movies at the box office here and overseas, showed that G-rated movies and movies with no sex or nudity, no foul language, traditional biblical values, and strong Christian, biblical content made the most money here and overseas," said Dr. Ted



Jews made the least amount of money," he added.

For example, movies with very strong Christian worldviews, such as SPIDER-MAN 3, I AM LEGEND, A M A Z I N G GRACE, NANCY DREW, and THE ULTIMATE GIFT, earned three and one-half times more money per movie than movies with very strong unbiblical, immoral or Non-Christian content,

such as HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX, THERE WILL BE BLOOD, THE TEN, CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR, SICKO, 2 DAYS IN PARIS, LIONS FOR LAMBS, ACROSS THE UNIVERSE, HOSTEL: PART II, and THE GOLDEN COMPASS, \$82.3 million domestically versus \$23.8 million.

A news release from Movieguide® went on to say, "In fact, during the last five years, movies with very strong Christian worldviews averaged more than \$73 million per movie, but movies with very strong atheist, salacious, pagan, Non-Christian, Anti-Christian, or unbiblical



Baehr, founder and publisher of Movieguide®.

"Movies with R ratings, with very graphic sex, nudity, obscenities and with content highly offensive to Bible-believing Christians and

## The Chronicles of Narnia - Prince Caspian

Good News Staff

The characters of C.S. Lewis' timeless fantasy come to life once again in this newest installment of the "Chronicles of Narnia" series, in which the Pevensie siblings are magically transported back from England to the world of Narnia, where a thrilling, perilous new adventure and an even greater test of their faith and courage awaits them.

One year after the incredible events of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the Kings and Queens of Narnia find themselves back in that faraway wondrous realm, only to discover that more than 1300 years have passed in Narnian time. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct, Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy.

The four children will soon meet an intriguing new character: Narnia's rightful heir to the throne, the young Prince Caspian, who has been forced into hiding as his uncle Miraz plots to kill him in order to place his own newborn son on the throne.

The original film "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" grossed over \$743 million worldwide. "Prince Caspian" is the second (appearing in 1951) of Lewis' seven-book "Chronicles of Narnia" series.

Published between 1950-56 and long regarded as one of literature's most enduring and imaginative classics, Lewis' books have sold over 100,000,000 copies in more



than 35 different languages.

"Prince Caspian" will be released on May 16, 2008 and additional information is available at [www.Narnia.com](http://www.Narnia.com).

## Students assemble for Paradise to honor one famed name

By Michael Ireland

**DALLAS, TEXAS (ANS)** Thousands of high school and college students from around the U.S. will gather in the middle of the nation on May 25 for PARADISE, a unique worship experience that will feature no publicized bands, speakers or products.

The gathering will take place in a 600-acre remote field of La Cygne, a quiet, rural town approximately 40 miles south of Kansas City, Kansas, and will center all attention on only one name -- Jesus Christ.

"In 1969, Woodstock drew students from all over the nation to stand before Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin," said Dr. Richard Ross, a 30-year veteran youth leader, seminary professor and one of the PARADISE organizers. "In 2008, PARADISE will draw that same age group from all over the nation to stand before God."

Gathering from sunrise to sunset, students will spend the day solely focused on undistracted worship. The venue will be no more than an empty field with a representation of the "foundation of the throne" as described in the book of Revelation. The program of the day will

worldviews averaged only \$19.3 million.

"Also, movies with G ratings in 2007 averaged \$32 million, according to The Numbers, but movies with R ratings averaged only \$11 million. Movies with G ratings in the Top 250 at the box office did even better, averaging \$92.2 million!

"Finally, of the Top 10 Movies Overseas in 2007, movies with strong or very strong Christian, biblical or moral content made nearly 80% of the money earned in the Top 10!"

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feature music interspersed with moments of silence, deep prayer, group Scripture reading and unity with others.

While 60 members of Christian bands will lead the music, each will be hidden from the crowd, so as not to distract from worship. Jumbotrons will provide the words of Scripture and music of all worship styles, including songs written by students. In addition, no products including T-shirts, CDs or even food will be sold or advertised during the day.

"This generation of young people is surrounded by materialistic and self-centered messages that promote the existence of one - 'me,'" Ross noted. "Yet among this age group exists thousands of students who seek to reverse this message. PARADISE is not about fame, money or causes. It is about bringing together this generation to experience God, stand in awe of His majesty, and perhaps awaken this nation back to Him."

An interactive online "Journey Community" is available for students and ministry leaders of groups attending PARADISE, according to a media release.

The community includes customizable weblogs, discussion boards about the day's program and free "Journey Guides" that include 28 devotionals for each age group of students, leaders and parents to be used prior to PARADISE. These devotional guides include videos, discussion questions and interactive journal topics for community members.

"PARADISE is not just a one-day gathering," said David Bryant, former chair of America's National Prayer Committee. "PARADISE will be a spiritual pilgrimage for many that will start as soon as they choose to attend and will continue far beyond May 25. This journey will ultimately embolden a generation of young people to stand solidly for its values and convictions in an uncertain world."

The concept for PARADISE was given to one youth leader in the fall of 2006 during a morning prayer time. Today, more than 130 national ministry leaders have become advocates for PARADISE, which is not associated with one single person, organization or denomination, paralleling the May 25 gathering.

To date, students from a total of 40 states -- Washington to Florida, Massachusetts to California -- have registered to attend PARADISE.

Registration is available at [www.Paradise08.com](http://www.Paradise08.com) and required for attendance. Fees will be used to cover only the costs of the gathering. Any funds that may remain after all bills are paid and books are audited will be credited back to attending students. Adults and ministry leaders may worship with the students, join those interceding over the gathering, or volunteer to help with the day's logistics.

Registration fees will increase on March 16, April 16 and May 24. Discounts are given to groups of 15 or more. For more information, visit [www.Paradise08.com](http://www.Paradise08.com).



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## Feds admit vaccine ‘aggravated’ autism

(WorldNetDaily) The federal government continues to deny a link between vaccines and autism, but the U.S. Court of Federal Claims has ruled in favor of a child alleged to have regressed into autism as a result of vaccinations.

Several of the vaccinations included the controversial mercury-based preservative thimerosal, points out the National Autism Association, which sees the ruling as confirmation of the claims of many parents.

“This case echoes the stories of thousands of children across the country,” said NAA President Wendy Fournier. “With almost 5,000 similar cases pending in vaccine court, we are confident that this is just the first of many that will confirm what we have believed for so long – vaccines can and do cause children to regress into autism.”

Fournier called on the Centers for Disease Control “to acknowledge that the current vaccine schedule is not safe for every child and as with the administration of any medicine, individual risks and susceptibilities must be considered for each patient.”

The government’s unprecedented concession – filed Nov. 9 and sealed to protect the plaintiff’s identity – was obtained through individuals unrelated to the case,

said David Kirby, author of “Evidence of Harm: Mercury in Vaccines and The Autism Epidemic, A Medical Controversy.” The concession was made by U.S. Assistant Attorney General Peter Keisler and other Justice Department officials on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, the defendant in all vaccine court cases.

A CDC panel, meanwhile, voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend flu shots for all school-age children. The move would compel private insurers to cover the costs and require the CDC to make the vaccine available to anyone who can’t afford it.

The NAA criticized the CDC decision, noting thimerosal is still found in flu shots recommended for children and pregnant women. Thimerosal in vaccines is suspected of causing brain damage and weakening the immune system, making some children susceptible later to infection from measles, mumps and rubella shots.

Kirby, writing for the Huffington Post, reported the government’s written concession said the child had a pre-existing mitochondrial disorder that was “aggravated” by her shots and ultimately resulted in a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, or ASD.

“This statement is good news

for the girl and her family, who will now be compensated for the lifetime of care she will require,” Kirby writes. “But its implications for the larger vaccine-autism debate, and for public health policy in general, are not as certain.” The government’s concession, he says, seems to raise more questions than it answers.

The Department of Health and Human Services said its Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, or DVIC, “has reviewed the scientific information concerning the allegation that vaccines cause autism and has found no credible evidence to support the claim. Accordingly, in every case under the Vaccine Act, DVIC has maintained the position that vaccines do not cause autism, and has never concluded in any case that autism was caused by vaccination.”

Kirby said that for most affected families, the fine distinction between claiming that vaccines did

not “cause” autism but instead aggravated a condition to “manifest” as autism is a fine distinction that is not so important.

While it’s too early to tell, he said, “this concession could conceivably make it more difficult for some officials to continue insisting there is ‘absolutely no link’

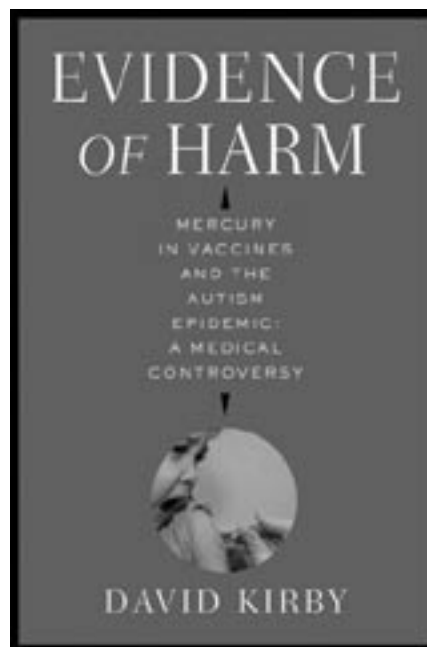
between vaccines and autism.”

It also puts the federal government’s vaccine court defense strategy somewhat into jeopardy, he said.

“DOJ lawyers and witnesses have argued that autism is genetic,

with no evidence to support an environmental component,” he pointed out. “And, they insist, it’s simply impossible to construct a chain of events linking immunizations to the disorder. Government officials may need to rethink their legal strategy, as well as their public relations campaigns, given their own slightly contradictory concession in this case.”

The bottom line, he said, is that the public will demand to know what is going on inside the U.S.



## Mothers Act Brands Pregnancy as Mental Illness

By Byron Richards

The Mothers Act is pending legislation that will indoctrinate hundreds of thousands of mothers into taking dangerous psych drugs. It is a great example of how the Big Pharma lobby controls Congress to the detriment of health, as well as needlessly and dramatically inflating the costs of our health care system for everyone. Like any piece of legislation it purports to address a troubling issue – in this case the mood distress of mothers following birth known as postpartum depression. It is true that 10%-15% of women need some assistance in dealing with this topic – but the majority of them sure don’t need it from Big Pharma. That is the Big Lie.

The Mothers Act (S. 1375: Mom’s Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act) has the net affect of reclassifying the natural process of pregnancy and birth as a mental disorder that requires the use of unproven and

extremely dangerous psychotropic medications (which can also easily harm the child). Urgent consumer action (see below) is needed to stop this atrocity, as the Senate could now vote any day. Presidential candidates Clinton and Obama are among its sponsors.

It is my understanding that the process of birth, the intimate bonding of mother and child, and the placing of significant responsibility on the father is all part of a healthy culture and the backbone of the fabric that makes strong families and consequently our great nation. I fail to see why we need laws that force health care professionals to emphasize the idea that the process is some type of mental illness affecting 80% of all women – what a bogus pile of crap.

The Mothers Act proposes sweeping and dramatic changes in the delivery of pregnancy care by all health professionals. It demands that health professionals indoctrinate pregnant women into mental health treatment options for mild depression-like symptoms experienced during or following pregnancy, including moderate symptoms they call “baby blues” which they say affects 80% of pregnant women. In other words, this is a massive federal health mandate to get the majority of pregnant and nursing mothers on psych drugs – a new target market for Big Pharma.

The bill was obviously written by the Big Pharma lobby and its passage into law would be considered laughable except that

it is actually happening. The bill seeks to require taxpayer-funded grants to treat postpartum mood and anxiety disorders, as defined in the latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. For those of you who don’t know, this is the manual of vaguely defined mental health issues used by Big Pharma to allow the sale of their expensive psych drugs and get payment from Medicare and Medicaid at taxpayer expense. While some people certainly need help, this system racks up billions in fraudulent sales per year – including the sale of dangerous antipsychotic medications to our children. The Big Pharma lobby last year spent tens of millions to ensure the government would continue to cover vulnerable children so they could capitalize on this blatant scam.

As far as the Mothers Act goes, how can taxpayers be expected to pay for drug treatments when the problem isn’t even understood? As the bill freely acknowledges “The causes of postpartum depression are complex and unknown.” In a mysterious leap of faith the bill says that this condition requires medication to treat it even though such medication has never been proven clinically effective and carries serious side effect risks for the mother and baby, including cardiovascular birth defects.

The bill goes on to set up a system of taxpayer-funded grants to pay for the treatments. It even commits you the taxpayer to funding “clinical research for the development

and evaluation of new treatments for postpartum conditions, including new biological agents.” This means taxpayers will now foot the bill of Big Pharma drug development including the most dangerous new category of totally unproven pie-in-the-sky biological drugs that cost hundreds of billions of dollars to develop and can irreparably injure within minutes!

Yes, and once you have paid a fortune to develop these biological gene-altering agents then you will pay the drug companies price so that they can be freely dispensed to hundreds of thousands of pregnant and nursing mothers. Taxpayers will be on the hook for tens of billions of wasted dollars.

### Immediate Consumer Action is Needed

The Mothers Act has already passed the House (H.R. 20, the Melanie Blocker Stokes Postpartum Depression, Research and Care Act). Word has it that it is being snuck out of the HELP committee on Thursday or Friday of this week and may be rammed through the Senate without any debate at anytime.

Rather unbelievably up to this point is that the cause of defeating this legislation has fallen onto the shoulders of one young mother, Amy Philo. When she struggled with postpartum stress she was placed on the very same psych drugs advocated for use in the Mothers Act legislation. She began having violent thoughts towards her child and suicidal thinking. Her not very bright doctor had her double and then

federal health establishment. “The significance of this concession will unfortunately be fought over in the usual, vitriolic way – and I fully expect to be slammed for even raising these questions,” Kirby writes. “Despite that, the language of this concession cannot be changed, or swept away.”

The key words contained in the concession, he says, are “aggravated” and “manifested.” “Without the aggravation of the vaccines, it is uncertain that the manifestation would have occurred at all,” Kirby argues.

“When a kid with peanut allergy eats a peanut and dies, we don’t say ‘his underlying metabolic condition was significantly aggravated to the extent of manifesting as an anaphylactic shock with features of death,’ he continues, “No, we say the peanut killed the poor boy. Remove the peanut from the equation, and he would still be with us today.”

Whatever the government’s further explanation, says Kirby, “they cannot change the fundamental facts of this extraordinary case: The United State government is compensating at least one child for vaccine injuries that resulted in a diagnosis of autism. And that is big news, no matter how you want to say it.”

triple her dose, nearly killing her. She is lucky to be alive today and wants to warn other mothers of the dangers inherent in the Mothers Act. (watch her youtube post)

Immediate consumer action is needed to stop the Big Pharmacranted Mothers Act. Here are the two action steps you can take right now to help make a difference:

- 1) Send an opposition letter to your Senators.
- 2) Sign the petition against this legislation, which is being used to pressure Senators on the HELP committee. [www.thepetitionsite.com/1/stop-t](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/stop-t)

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# Editorials

## The Highest Office in the Land

From Isaiah Chapter 28

By Paul Cappadona

So here we go again. Another campaign for the Presidency is underway with its debates, controversies, and mud slinging. In the end we'll be left with twiddle and twiddle dumb. The whole election process is a side show to keep the common man falsely thinking that they make the decisions and that decision sets the agenda. But is the presidency the highest office in the land?

Growing up, we were taught that the president is the highest authority in the land. How could he not be? He makes the speeches, and proposes what we should do in difficult situations. It is only natural for us to see the office of president as the highest. However upon closer examination we see there are offices higher than his. For instance, the president can be brought up on criminal charges or impeached and if he doesn't play the game the way the president makers' demand, he can incur the wrath of the media or worse. Regardless the party, democratic socialism keeps rolling along negating our Constitutional Republic. It seems to be true; the presidency may not be the highest office in the Land.

When our government was founded, the American people insisted on due process of law that was held outside of the powers granted to the Government. This power if used properly would suppress tyranny and keep government power from becoming absolute. The power of due process belongs to the common people and is wielded through our jury system. It is the power of indictment and conviction. The highest office in the land belongs not to the president but the common citizens with indicting power, the Grand Jury.

In times past and still in most places of the world today, there are the dreaded inquisitors, much like the IRS. These inquisitors, who are feared by the common man, work to silence opposition to the prevailing ruling class. Our American forefathers having lived that tyranny rejected the ruling tyrants and their inquisitors. Here they set up a people's court in its place. In our courts it's only the people that have the duty and power to indict and convict through a draw of registered voters. This power was meant to remain in the hands of the people who benefit from it. The District attorney and

the court work for the people not the State. No politician, district attorney, judge, or anyone else can override the decision of a Grand Jury and anyone who attempts to manipulate a Grand Jury is committing a felony.

In 1777, Supreme Court Justice, John Jay instructed the first Grand Jury; **"You will be pleased to observe that all offences committed in this country against the people of this State, from treason to trespass, are proper objects of your attention and inquiry."**

The Grand Jury may investigate any government or private crimes within their jurisdiction and in fact sets jurisdiction for the courts. The meetings of the Grand Jury are a necessary tool to look into alleged crimes; question witnesses, and then if there is enough evidence, to indict. U.S v Morton Salt Co. 338 U.S 632, 642, 642-643 (1980), **"The Grand Jury can investigate merely on suspicion that the law is being violated, or even just because it wants assurance that it is not."** The Grand Jury can start investigations into governmental corruption on their own volition. Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase once instructed, "You must not be satisfied by acting upon such cases only as may be brought before you by the district attorney, or by members of your body to whom knowledge of particular offences may have come. Your authority and your duty go much further. You may and you should,

summon before you, officers of the government, and others whom you may have reason to believe possess information proper for your action, and examine them fully." I can't yet imagine a judge today giving instructions like that to the Grand Jury.

The courts were set up for the protection of and therefore belong to the American people; we merely need to reassert our authority. We must make all that seek to restore America aware that the Grand Jury is ours. Using the Jury system properly is the most effectual and non-violent way to restore our country back to the Constitutional Republic it once was. We all know this country is being taken down and is crumbling right before our eyes. The Grand Jury that would ensure equity and justice for our people has been taken from us. We need to know the Grand Jury is a very powerful tool and begin using it. Remember, when the government possesses the indicting power its powers become absolute, and absolute power leads to unpunished corruption and tyranny.

I for one am sick of all the corruptions, cover-ups, new-speak spin, lies, and the high crimes that go unpunished. I am also sick of the stories and articles that lack solutions. Most people don't want to hear about all the crimes and corruptions going on in government because it seems so hopeless. The American people

are tired of hearing the bad news and they're begging for real solutions. They need to know it is not hopeless. My wish for the people is that they be informed and able to make a difference. You can make a difference and it starts right here. Tell someone, pass on the solution. Let the people see that there is a chance for restoration of the only government ever dedicated to, for, and by the people, the one and only free nation.

Our glorious beauty is a fading flower and our production is now eaten up or stomped to the ground before it is ripe. We have error in vision and stumble in judgment. The day is at hand, let truth be our crown of glory. Let truth guide the residue of His people that are not drunk with dilutions. Let truth be a spirit of judgment to those who sit in judgment, and for strength to them that **turn the battle to the courts.** The courts were ours, we must take them back, am I right or wrong. If I'm right sound the trumpets let the people know, write, talk, and sing about this but let the people know. And if you think the people not intelligent enough as Jefferson said, so say I "educate them".

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## Conservatives Offer No Hope

By Pastor Chuck Baldwin

Over the past several months, I have been privileged to attend (and sometimes endure) several significant gatherings of a variety of conservatives. Some of the meetings were large; others were small. The meetings sometimes featured mostly grassroots activists and sometimes very high-profile and notable conservative icons. In some of these meetings, I was allowed a platform to speak; in others, I was merely a spectator. In most of the meetings, there was a large percentage of Christian conservatives present. The meetings occurred in locations all over the country. After witnessing the philosophizing, postulating, and pontificating of the various conservative speakers (or those to whom I spoke in private conversation), I am left with the very profound and distinct impression that the so-called conservative movement is dead. It is not dying; it is dead. Totally and thoroughly dead.

Oh, the spokesmen (and women) of the various conservative organizations will strongly argue that the conservative movement is as alive and vibrant as ever. They are either delusional or in denial. The truth is, there is no conservative movement in America today.

Most conservatives--even Christian conservatives--have embraced philosophies and ideals that are antithetical to genuine conservatism. In fact, my experience with these people leads me to the conclusion that today's conservatives do not even know what true conservatism is--or was.

For example, I could not tell you how many times I have listened as speaker after speaker praised and promoted the candidacy of the "conservative" John McCain. These are the same people, mind you, that in 2004 properly identified McCain as the conservative phony that he was--and still is. Many of the same conservative organizations that rejected and repudiated McCain's 2004 candidacy now boldly extol its virtues. But it is not John McCain that has changed: it is today's conservatives.

The reason for this reversal of "convictions" is that this time John McCain is the presumptive Republican Presidential nominee. And if today's conservatives believe in anything, they believe in the Republican Party. They might turn their backs on their best friends; they might forsake their pastor and church; they might even divorce their wife or husband; but, one thing they will not do is forsake the Republican Party. This rabid devotion to the GOP has made mincemeat out of a once-great movement.

Of course, there are modern-day prophets. Men such as Alan Keyes, Judge Roy Moore, and Ron Paul, for example. For the most part, however, America's conservatives--including Christian conservatives--have dismissed these "voices in the wilderness" with either utter contempt or wholesale indifference. These prophets are about as welcome as an outbreak of influenza.

Even as a pastor, I am not immune to the odious attitudes and actions

of Christian brethren. I have seen people I thought were my closest friends--people I have helped in untold ways--turn and walk away, without so much as a goodbye. I have watched as my own dear wife and children have been subjected to insults, tongue-lashings, and even obscene gestures by these "loving" Christian brothers and sisters. I have witnessed my preacher brethren refuse to even "reason together" over the omnipresent threats to our liberty and independence.

The beginning of the end came when Christian conservatives began idolizing President George W. Bush. They have done this to the point that they have come to accept just about any and all abuses against the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Declaration principles, and even our very way of life. Furthermore, they have become robotic foot soldiers for universal and everlasting war. At the same time, however, they see no harm in the decimation of individual liberties, as long as it is a Republican who is stealing them. But these same Christians will cry and wail--to the point of almost cutting themselves--against the thought of a Democrat doing the same thing. But, pray tell me, since when does it matter what the brand name is on the tyrant's sword? Are not our liberties just as dead?

But look at how our modern prophets have been treated. Alan Keyes has been forcibly removed from debate platforms, only to be released in remote, crime infested neighborhoods at night by Republican Party operatives. Roy Moore was lampooned and utterly destroyed by Republican Party operatives (including those

within George W. Bush's White House) in his attempt to become Alabama's governor. And, in his recent Presidential campaign, Ron Paul has been subjected to the most insidious attacks by Republican Party operatives that I have ever witnessed.

Regardless of how the Republican Party has compromised, capitulated, and castrated genuine conservative principles, conservatives--including Christian conservatives--continue to refer to the GOP as "God's Own Party," and other such nonsense. In fact, the current lapdog performance of modern conservatives to the candidacy of John McCain demonstrates just how far down the road of destruction they will go in order to grovel before the Republican Party.

National Right to Life even had the gall to say that it is "grateful" for John McCain's "strong pro-life" record. What balderdash! McCain has repeatedly voted to spend Title X tax dollars to underwrite the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. He publicly supports killing unborn babies conceived via rape or incest. And he continues to lie to the American people about killing babies "to save the life of the mother," which almost any OB/GYN doctor will tell you almost NEVER occurs. According to the OB/GYN physicians that I have spoken to, the only pregnancies that pose a legitimate health risk to the mother are those where the unborn baby has already perished.

How can National Right to Life--an organization that once vociferously opposed Senator McCain--now compromise the life issue

in such an egregious manner and support the corrupt candidacy of John McCain? I'll tell you how: NRL is bought and paid for by Republican donors. And that is the problem with the vast majority of our "conservative" organizations today. As the old saying goes, "He who pays the piper calls the tune."

In fact, I will say it straight out: there is no hope for America within today's conservative--even Christian conservative--movement. None. Zero. Zilch.

The closest movement to reclaiming America's freedom and independence was the recent Presidential campaign of Congressman Ron Paul. With Congressman Paul effectively neutered and neutralized (by a hostile media and mercenary Republican hierarchy), the only hope is in America's churches and a burgeoning independent movement.

I only wish I could expect today's pastors and churches to stand in the gap for our nation. They have the power to thwart the forces of globalism, corporatism, elitism, and liberalism that are destroying America. So far, however, this has been nothing but wishful fantasy. Most of our beloved Christian leaders are as beholden to the same Republican donors as are the previously mentioned conservative organizations. And just as impotent.

That leaves The Constitution Party as the only political party with the courage and convictions to set the ship of state aright. With someone such as Judge Roy Moore at the

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## After Nearly 20 Years, Obama Distances Himself From His Pastor

By Bill Wilson

Religion and politics took an interesting turn as Democratic presidential candidate B. Hussein Obama was linked to his pastor's Islamic-supporting, black separatist and anti-American statements. Obama quickly distanced himself from his pastor, saying, "Most recently, you heard some statements from my former pastor that were incendiary and that I completely reject, although I knew him and know him as somebody in my church who talked to me about Jesus and family and friendships." Only last year, however, Obama said he "was proud of his pastor and church"—a pastor who promotes that Jesus was a black man that knew the hatred of white Romans and Jews who were also white.

Now MSNBC reports that Obama's Pastor, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, has left the Obama presidential campaign's African American Religious Leadership Committee. But Obama, in the very same statement that he said "I vehemently disagree and strongly condemn the statements that have been the subject of this controversy," also said, "...In other words, he has never been my political advisor; he's been my pastor." Obama says that Wright was never a political advisor, but Obama's campaign announced that Wright resigned from Obama's presidential campaign advisory committee.

Wright traveled to Libya in 1984 to visit Muammar Qadhafi with Louis Farrakhan. Wright called the Nation of Islam leader a man of "integrity and honesty" when presenting Farrakhan with a lifetime achievement award in 2007. Wright's racist and anti-American messages are likely to not have changed over 25 years. Wright presided over Obama's marriage. Wright baptized Obama's children. Its is a hard sell that Wright was not an influence on Obama since he sat under Wright's radical

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helm, true Christians and constitutionalists would at least have an opportunity to vote for someone in November without being forced to hold their noses and surrender their principles.

After attending numerous meetings of conservative activists, I am more convinced than ever that, ultimately, the survival of liberty in America does not depend upon political parties, special interest groups, or corporations. In these United States of America, God has put the destiny of the country squarely in the hands of "We the people." It will not be conservatives or liberals, Republicans or Democrats, Christians or unbelievers that restore America. It will be individuals from all walks of life, all backgrounds, and all political persuasions who love liberty enough to fight to maintain it. Ultimately, of course, all nations--just like all individuals--must give an account to our Creator for how we protected the freedoms and liberties that He gave us. Right now, we are not doing a very good job.

teachings for nearly two decades and Wright is often mentioned as a mentor in Obama's writings.

In the same statement that he distanced himself from Wright, Obama said, "And the sermons I heard him preach always related to our obligation to love God and one another, to work on behalf of the poor, and to seek justice at every turn." These words are strikingly similar to those written by Islamic clerics. In an outreach to Christian leaders, "A Common Word" states: "Without peace and justice between these two religious communities, there can be no meaningful peace in the world...The basis for this peace and understanding already exists... love of the One God, and love of the neighbor." Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

## WORK'S PRIMARY TEMPTATION

By Mark Greene

"Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

(HisChurchatWork.org) How very hard it is to take those words seriously. After all, at first glance it does not seem true that without Christ we "can do nothing".

Don't lots of people do lots of good things without Christ? An atheist can be kind, an atheist can pay suppliers on time, an atheist can tell their boss the truth, an atheist can visit the sick, an atheist can befriend a lonely colleague, an atheist can do quality work. Isn't that something?

Well, it certainly is not to be despised, but it seems to me that it is not fruit in the sense that John's Gospel means fruit. Jesus is interested in fruit that shows that we are His disciples and in fruit that brings His father glory.

So some of the things a disciple of Christ may do may be exactly the same as the things a non-believer does but the motivation is entirely different - our desire is for God to be glorified.

We cannot bear fruit that reflects Christ unless we are connected to Christ. This is vital. The whole tendency of human nature is to independence, to believe that we know better than God, that we can do it without him. The No. 1 temptation for many people is what? Sex? Money? Power? For many people temptation No. 1 is self-reliance, to live life without reference to God.

When we're in trouble, when sales are down, when we can't see a way to get it all done in time, we may run to God. But what happens when the task looks well within the scope of our competence? The test of our dependency on Christ is not when we know we can't, but when we think we can.

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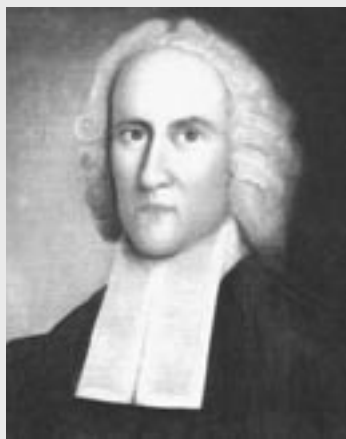
By Violet Allen

A gentle breeze is blowing  
And cools the weary brow  
Of one whose hands are calloused  
From holding to the plow

The fresh-turned soil beneath his feet  
With sweet aroma blends  
As honeysuckle fragrance  
Is carried by the wind.

He sows the seed, God sends the rain,  
The miracle unfolds.  
The satisfaction that he feels-  
In words it can't be told.

There's strain revealed upon his face  
From all his toil and woe,  
Yet there's contentment in his heart  
That most men never know.



Jonathan Edwards - Born in S. Windsor, Connecticut, the fifth of 11 children in a strict Puritan home, he entered Yale College at 13. In 1727 he was named a pastor at his grandfather's church in Northampton, Massachusetts. His most famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," vividly evokes the fate of unrepentant sinners in Hell.

"Preach abroad...It is the creeping yourselves up in rooms that has dampened the work of God, which never was and never will be carried out to any purpose without going into the highways and hedges and compelling men and women to come in." - Jonathan Edwards

Think for a moment about the things you have to do at work today. Certainly, you *could* handle them on your own, but imagine what might happen if you brought Christ into what you can do? Ask him now.

## A WORK PRAYER

Lord God, there are indeed work tasks that I can handle on my own. But as You are Lord of All, won't You please show me what they can look like when You are in the middle of them? Thank You. Amen.

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## Hello Editor,

I am writing to you about a great EVENT taking place on 04-26-08 called REIGN-DOWNUSA. The website is [www.reigndownusa.com](http://www.reigndownusa.com). It is a One Day Event from 6:00pm.-10:00p.m.

As we speak reigndownusa is asking to be declared "A National Day of Repentance" where all 50 states are putting venues together wherever God is calling to simultaneously Praise Worship & Repent before Him.

The main event is being held at the Washington Mall in Washington D.C. w/ Special Guest Michael W. Smith. The president is aware of our efforts and is being asked to participate in this historical event.

Thanks to the Good News Staff for such a wonderful job in putting the paper together month after month and keeping us in touch with what's happening around the world.

Keep up the Good Work!

Blessings,  
Allison Vigna

## GOD CORRECTION

By Dick Evans

Proverbs 15:10 *Whoever abandons the right path will be severely punished; whoever hates correction will die. (NLT)*

I know the destination is eternity with Christ. That is the goal and I am running the race towards that goal. But am I on the right path? That is my daily question.

Are the decisions I make each day propelling me towards the goal or away from it? Are the choices I make the right ones? Are they the ones God would have me make? These are the questions I ask of Him as I seek His direction each day.

And when correction comes, do I accept it in the spirit given or do I rebel against it? Correction is what allows us the chance to consider that we have made some wrong choices. It gives us the opportunity to check out the path we are on and make adjustments.

But we must be careful as to where the correction comes from. Is it godly correction meant to help us or is it correction meant to take us off the correct path?

We need to ask God daily to give us the wisdom to know the difference between correction that brings us closer to Him and correction that is meant to divert us away from our goal. Did God correct you today?

# Inspiration

## A WELCOMING CHURCH MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

There was once a church that had a big steel chain across its parking lot, attached to the bottom of the chain was a sign that read, "Do not enter!" While houses of worship need to protect their property, we need to be concerned about the kind message we send out to the community. A more appropriate sign at our houses of worship could read: "We're here to help!"

We all want to welcome people to our houses of worship and civic organizations, and there are many great ways to achieve

this goal. We could welcome young people by putting up one or more basketball hoops and attaching a sign that reads: "Young people are welcome to come and play basketball, except on Sunday mornings when you are invited to come inside, sing, learn about God's love and how you can help others."

Our church has a ski team/club that invites everyone to come and ski with us. We even have a scholarship program to help folks pay for their ski lessons. Your house of worship may have a special program for young people,

but you need to get the word out! Why not write an article about your activities and send it with a photo to our newspaper.

It's important for people to feel welcome when they enter your church building. Every organization should have official and unofficial greeters who welcome new people and regular attendees. In fact, you should take it upon yourself to become an unofficial greeter for your organization! Be an ambassador of good will, helping others to feel welcome, wanted and comfortable.

Many mothers of young children have told me that one of the most important things they look for in a house of worship is a good nursery. Your nursery should be bright and clean with an ample supply of new, safe toys and adequate supplies and furniture.

The motto of our church is: "People helping people to help people." We try to equip folks with the tools they need to help others with their special concerns and needs. We realize that we're far from perfect but we want, as you do, to be a force for good in our world. We must all strive to be more welcoming, helpful organizations. In the months ahead, let's work together to help each other and those with special

### In time of sorrow

Sometimes I want to throw my hands up in despair...  
and the Lord says, "Fold your hands and pray."  
- *1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Sometimes I want to cry in frustration...  
and the Lord says, "I will deliver you out of your distress."  
- *Psalms 107:6*

Sometimes I feel so alone and it seems no one cares...  
and the Lord says, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."  
- *Joshua 1:5*

Sometimes the work is hard and the load is heavy...

and the Lord says, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."  
- *Matthew 11:28*

concerns and needs. In this way we can share the message of God's love with the world around us.

## Answering Age-Old Questions

By Ann Voskamp

I shouldn't have been surprised when the questions came, probing, searching like a river rushing on. God knew they would. Did He not prophesy it millennia ago? "When your children ask their fathers in the time to come, saying, 'What...?'" (Joshua 4:21).

The time is here and our children's dams, full of wonder, spill over with a babbling stream of wonderings: *What is fire made of? Why do coyotes howl at the moon? Where is France and why is the jungle of Peru larger than it? When birds fly, do their wings get tired?* It is just as God intended: children ask questions.

And He planned for parents to answer and teach, so children might learn: "And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the LORD did for me...' (Exodus 13:8). So we rise each morning, slipping toes from under covers to floors warming in sun's first rays, and embark as storytellers to this generation, to future generations; storytellers of one story. For really, there is only One Story to share: His story---the Greatest Story Ever Told.

Come an eve in early spring, when the trees are budding and the birds nesting high in their limbs, children the globe over gather around feast tables to ask four age-old questions; questions that answer more than intended. So our children too ring the old oak farm table and echo the quartet of queries, seeking answers to the drama of a Lamb and new life birthing.

Keeping "this ordinance in its season from year to year," (Exodus 13:10), I lay the Passover emblems out on the table in the early twilight: the matzah lies under a linen cloth, goblets of juice of the vine flicker in the candle light, sprigs of lush green parsley circle a tray, water drops jewelling leaf tips. Off to the side, behind the crystal bowls heaped with

mashed potatoes and glazed baby carrots, a dish of ground horseradish sits beside a dark, heavy shank bone of lamb. Not our usual fare for a spring evening meal. Weary and worn from the all-day effort, I have my own questions: Is all this business of keeping Passover unnecessary burden? Have we knotted the holy day up in redundant encumbrances? Does this old covenant really have bearing on new covenant living? But, slipping my hand through my husband's, my queries hush.

For there are children pressing in now, anxious for just this, this tradition, this meal before candles, this sipping of goblets. The questions now trickle, the same four questions that have come rippling down from one generation, to the next, for centuries; from the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...to our children.

Six-year-old Levi, his young voice pitched high but gentle, asks the first of the three-thousand-year-old queries, "Why are we eating unleavened bread, or matzah, tonight?"

I pick up the matzah, a flat cracker of bread, striped with narrow lines, and pierced with small holes. And I answer in the only way I know how, "Because tonight we remember Jesus. By whose stripes we are healed. Yeast leavens, or puffs up, as pride and sin inflates our hearts. Tonight we eat unleavened bread, bread without yeast, to remember Jesus who was without sin." I break the matzah in half and whisper, "Just like He was broken for us."

These are questions to know where we come from. These are questions to know that, because of Him, all of life's answers are now so different.

Hope comes next, slender fingers reaching out towards the horseradish, face contorted in slight grimace, "Why are we eating bitter herbs?"

Lifting a small, silver spoonful of horseradish, I trace time's prints back. "For on that long ago night,

that night of Passover for the children of Israel, God said that 'bitter herbs they shall eat' (Ex. 12:8) and so we do too. To remember the bitterness of the cruel slavery of the Israelites to Pharaoh, to recall the bitterness of our relentless, ugly bondage to sin."

My husband breaks off a corner of the matzah, topping it with the spoonful of horseradish and offers it to Hope. "But we eat the bitter herbs with the matzah to remember



how Jesus, our Bread of Life, has paid the price and absorbed our bitter sins."

This is the telling of the story to answers the human heart's pleas...and prayers.

Joshua joins with children around the world, asking the third question on this night of four questions, "Why tonight do we dip our herbs twice?"

Picking up the evergreen parsley, I close my eyes to see the answer, as my husband speaks the scene. "Our fathers dipped hyssop branches into the blood of the Passover lamb, that they might mark their doorposts." He dips a parsley sprig into the salt water and continues. "As they wept salty tears for their life of slavery, they, in faith, painted the door lintels with the blood, that the Angel of Death may pass over. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins."

He dips the parsley again, this time into a small glass dish of apple and raisins. "But now we have hope. Because of the blood shed by the thorns piercing Jesus' brow. Because of the blood from the wounds of the nails, that we, in faith, mark on the door of our hearts. Now we wipe away our tears, for we have glorious, endless new life in Christ. We have been rebirthed into His hope."

Young faces around the table, intent and listening, deliver up their own smiles.

Caleb, the pensive eldest, leans his head on his hand and serves the crowning question: "Why are we eating this meal reclining?"

I lean into the climax of the story. "Because our Passover Lamb has bought our freedom. Tonight we remember that we are no longer slaves, but children of the very King of Kings. Free men, royalty, recline while eating. So, as Jesus who reclined at the Last Supper, we too recline tonight, for we are free to come before God who is upon the Throne."

In the culminating twinkling of toast glasses, so comes my answer to why we keep Passover. It isn't about keeping laws and regulations. It isn't about keeping our burdens. It isn't about keeping some empty, meaningless customs. On the night of four questions, the answer gurgled in the stream of time: keeping Passover is about keeping our way down this river of life. It is about keeping something worth preserving: emblems pregnant with the fulfillment of the New Covenant. It is about the questions that keep time to the beat of our children's heart: *Why am I here? What does all of this living really mean? Where am I headed? When will I be all that I am to be?*

And this story, His story, told on a quiet evening in spring when the trees are budding under the nesting birds, this three-thousand-year-old Passover story has answers.

Have you accepted those answers? Do you know about the Passover

Lamb who took away the sins of the world? Are you like a slave in bondage or have you been set free from sin? Yeshua said in "Mat 11:28, **Come unto me, all [ye]** that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. He also said in John 14:6, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man comes unto **the Father**, but by me. The Bible says, "confess with your mouth, that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) If you've never done that or maybe you need to recommit your life to Him and make Him Lord of your life, then please don't wait any longer. Ask Him now in a prayer like this:

*Father, please forgive me for my many mistakes. I know that I haven't always been the person that I should be. I except the sacrifice of your Son, Yeshua, the unblemished Lamb, for my sin and I ask you to forgive me and help me to live the rest of my life for you. You alone have the answers and can teach me of your perfect plan for my life.*

*In His name I pray, Amen*

Congratulations, if you have prayed this prayer the Bible says, "Therefore, if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a **new creature: old things** are passed away; **behold, all things are become new.**" (2 Cor. 5:17)

If you've prayed this prayer for the first time or are renewing your commitment to the Lord, please let us know so that we can pray for you as you start your new life with Jesus.

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## Passover Jokes

### Moses and the law

**God:** And remember Moses, in the laws of keeping Kosher, never cook a calf in its mother's milk. It is cruel.

**Moses:** Ohhhhhh! So you are saying we should never eat milk and meat together.

**God:** No, what I'm saying is, never cook a calf in its mother's milk.

**Moses:** Oh, Lord forgive my ignorance! What you are really saying is we should wait six hours after eating meat to eat milk so the two are not in our stomachs.

**God:** No, Moses, what I'm saying is, never cook a calf in its mother's milk!!!

**Moses:** Oh, Lord! Please don't strike me down for my stupidity! What you mean is we should have a separate set of dishes for milk and a separate set for meat and if we make a mistake we have to bury that dish outside...

**God:** Moses, do whatever you want....

### This is a little known tale of how God came to give the Jews the Ten Commandments

God first went to the Egyptians and asked them if they would like a commandment. "What's a commandment?" they asked. "Well, it's like, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," replied God. The Egyptians thought about it and then said, "No way, that would ruin our weekends."

So then God went to the Assyrians and asked them if they would like a commandment. They also asked, "What's a commandment?" "Well," said God, "It's like, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL." The Assyrians immediately replied, "No way. That would ruin our economy."

So finally God went to the Jews and asked them if they wanted a commandment. They asked, "How much?" God said, "They're free." The Jews said, "Great! We'll take TEN!"

### A knight unlike others?

A British Jew is waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. He is to kneel in front of her and recite a sentence in Latin when she taps him on the shoulders with her sword. However, when his turn comes, he panics in the excitement of the moment and forgets the Latin. Then, thinking fast, he recites the only other sentence he knows in a foreign language, which he remembers from the Passover seder:

"Ma nishtana ha layla ha zeh mi kol ha laylot." Puzzled, Her Majesty turns to her advisor and whispers, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

### Moses used desalinization?

As Moses and the children of Israel were crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel began to complain to Moses of how thirsty they were after walking so far. Unfortunately, they were not able to drink from the walls of water on either side of them, as they were made up of salt-water.

Then, a fish from that wall of water told Moses that he and his family heard the complaints of the people, but that they through their own gills could remove the salt from the water and force it out of their mouths like a fresh water fountain for the Israelites to drink from as they walked by.

Moses accepted this kindly fish's offer. But before the fish and his family began to help, they told Moses they had a demand. They and their descendants had to be always present at the seder meal that would be established to commemorate the Exodus, since they had a part in the story. When Moses agreed to this, he gave them their name which remains how they are known to this very day, for he said to them, "Go Filter Fish!"

### In De-Nile

Passover is approaching. At the seder table, every Jewish child will be retold the story of Moses and the Pharaoh, and how G-d brought boils, locusts, hail and the other plagues onto the Egyptians. Yet in spite of this overwhelming evidence of God's intentions, Pharaoh refused to let the Jews go, until a tenth plague, the

## Spring Riddles

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A. Spring-time!

Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A. During Ape-ril showers!

Q. Can February March?

A. No, but April May!

Q. What flowers grow on faces?

A. Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q. Why is the letter A like a flower?

A. A bee (B) comes after it!

## Religious conference

At a conference on religion a priest, a minister and a rabbi were all asked the same question, "What would you like people to say about you after you die?" The priest said, "I hope that people will say that I was able to rise above the scandals that are plaguing the Catholic Church at this time. I hope that people would say that I was able to shepherd my flock through this crisis and help them to understand the absolute love that God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have for all of them as Catholics." The minister then said, "When I die I hope that people will say that I saved many souls by bringing them to Christ. I hope that I will be remembered as a caring, thoughtful man who always spread the Word, the love of Christ and a faith everlasting in God. I hope that my preaching and converting will be carried on in my memory

death of the first-born children was inflicted on every Egyptian home, passing over the Jewish homes. Only after this tragedy did the Pharaoh relent and let the Jews leave slavery and Egypt to begin their journey to the promised land.

This has been known for generations. What has not been known is why the Pharaoh, in the face of such overwhelming evidence would refuse to release the Jews after the first nine plagues. It took eight years of research by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, the renowned psychologist and nurse, to find the definitive answer. Dr. Kubler-Ross spent those years studying the Dead Sea Scrolls before discovering the answer. And once found, it was obvious.....The Pharaoh was still in de Nile.

# Soul Food

## Top Ten Things People Won't Say When They See the Christian Bumper Sticker or More Subtle Fish Symbol On Your Car:

10. "Look! Let's stop that car and ask those folks how we can become Christians."

9. "Don't worry, Billy, those people are Christians -- they must have a good reason for driving 90 miles an hour."

8. "What a joy to be sharing the highway with another car of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters."

7. "Isn't it wonderful how God blessed that Christian couple with a brand-new BMW?"

6. "Dad, how come people who drive like that don't get thrown in jail?" "Dad, can we get a bumper sticker like that, too?"

5. "Stay clear of those folks,

Martha. If they get raptured, that car's gonna be all over the road!"

4. "Oh, look! That Christian woman is getting a chance to share Jesus with a police officer."

3. "No, that's not garbage coming out of their windows, Bert -- it's probably gospel tracts for the road workers."

2. "Oh, boy, we're in trouble now! We just rear-ended one of God's cars."

1. "Quick, Alice, honk the horn or they won't know that we love Jesus!"



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**April 12, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline to Speak in MA; "Prosecutor took on Planned Parenthood"**- Phill Kline has indicted Planned Parenthood in Kansas on 107 counts of illegal activity for their alleged failure to comply with reporting requirements for girls who have been statutorily raped. Please join us for a conference featuring Kline and other speakers, sponsored by Mass Citizens for Life: Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA Cost: \$35 per person before March 28, \$40 per person after March 28. Mail-in registration or register online go to [www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org)

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**April 18 & 19 - The Making of a Man 4th Annual Conference:**Friday 18, 7 p.m. at North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, N. Providence, Sat 19- 9am - 3 p.m. Workshops & Dinner at Ralph's Bull & Claw Providence RI \$65. p/p, Saturday evening 6pm at N. Providenc Assembly of God

**April 24-27 - Musical Drama "A Higher Love"** The story is set inside a ladies prison. Free Admission. North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, North Providence. Thurs 24 & Fri 25 at 7p.m. Sat 26 at 6 p.m. & Sun 27 at 10 a.m.

**April Showers of Missionary Blessings 2008-**Woodlawn Baptist Church, Month of April; every Wed 7p.m. and Sun 10:30a.m. & 6 p.m.-Wed 4/2 4/9 & 4/16.The Doolittle Raiders"From Vengeance to Forgiveness" will minister. Wed 4/13-Ray Farnum, Child Evangelism Fellowship- Wed 4/23 Mission to Ninevah(Jonah) Sun 4/6 mission to Balckstone Valley,4/20 Mission to Egypt(Joseph)Wycliffe Missionaries Larry&Linda Jones,4/27 mission to Samaria(Woman at te Well) Woodlawn Baptist Church, 337 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket.RI For more info 401-724-6390

## 1 Tuesday

**7 p.m. Healing Streams Prayer Service** 1st Tuesday of each month for healing & prayer gathering. Healing and peace in body, soul & spirit with Gods healing touch. New Life Worship Center 915 Douglas Pike Smithfield, RI.more info call:401-232-5200

**10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study,** meets every Tuesday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea MA (508)-324-4500

## 2 Wednesday

**7:30 p.m. - Power Study Night** every Wednesday at World Covenant Life Minsitries Center, Call for Info 508- 493-3701

**7 p.m. Family Night-** Adult Bible Study, RoyalRangers (Boys) Missionettes (girls) Daisies (Kindergarten) Rainbows (3 & 4 yrs) Prims (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades); Stars (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) Friends (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) Christian Fellowship Center 818 Church St, New Bedford MA. 508-995-9996, [www.cfc818.org](http://www.cfc818.org)

**7 p.m. - A 12 Step Group - All Addictions - Every Wednesday,** Free of charge, North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, N. Providence RI. call Pastor Mike 401-353-0670

**12-1 p.m. - Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. Luncheon:** at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel (1st Wed of month at this location) 32 Exchange Terrace (Kennedy Plaza) Call Jim 401-821-8750

## 3 Thursday

**7 p.m. - Teen/Youth Night.** every Thursday Meshanticut Park Church, 180 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. 401-942-4616 or [www.mpcrri.org](http://www.mpcrri.org)

**7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery for men and women** every Thursday at Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick.

**7p.m. - Pawsox vs. Indianapolis:** Opening day to the 2008 Season, McCoy Stadium, 1 Columbus Ave Pawtucket RI 401-724-7300 [www.pawsox.com](http://www.pawsox.com)

## 4 Friday

**7 p.m. - Ground Zero** Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant BibleTeaching. New Life Worship Center, 915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield RI 401-232-5200

**7-9 p.m. - Recovery Class** every Friday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea MA (508)-324-4500

**7 p.m. - Core- Youth Night (Grades 9 - 12)** and "Flip Side" Jr. High Night 6th -8th grade. Every Friday. Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285

## 5 Saturday

**6 p.m.- A Night of Healing,** Celebration House, One Evans Way, Cranston, RI. 1st Saturday of every month 401-946-6900

**7 a.m. - Men's Fraternity II "Winning at Work and Home",** the first Saturday morning of each month, Faith Bible Chapel at 115 Ashaway Rd (Rt 3) Westerly, RI 401-348-9637

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## 6 Sunday

**9 a.m. - Men's Fraternity I "The Quest for Authentic Manhood"** every Sunday morning here at Faith Bible Chapel at 115 Ashaway Rd(Rt 3) Westerly, RI 401-348-9637

**7-10 p.m. -Men of Covenant Men's Meeting** Cathedral of Life, 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 02907 401-780-8900

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## 7 Monday

**7 p.m.- Christian Support Group For Addictions:** Christ-centered 10-Step Support Group to help with addictions. Higher Ground Ministry Meetings, every Monday at Harvest Fellowship Church of God, 72 Washington St., West Warwick. Please call 826-1389 for more info. [www.highergroundministry.org](http://www.highergroundministry.org)

## 9 Wednesday

**12-1 p.m. - Businessmen's Luncheon.** This month Gary DeGraide will be our guest speaker. Full gospel/ fellowship. . (2nd Wed of month at this Location) Radisson Hotel, Providence, RI (exit 3, Gano St... off 195)call Jim 401-821-8750

**7 p.m. - A 12 Step Group - All Addictions - Every Wednesday,** Free of charge, North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Ave, N. Providence RI. call Pastor Mike 401-353-0670

## 10 Thursday

**9:30 a.m. - M.O.P.S** Group meets every 2nd & 3rd Thursday of every week; call holiday weeks for reschedule. New Hope Christian Center. 1436 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA (508) 324-4500

**7 p.m.- Joshua's Men** 2nd and 4th Thursday, we meet for prayer, bible study and mutual accountability, at Church of the Apostles 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry, for more info: 401-821-7609

## 12 Saturday

**4-8 p.m.- Adult Coffee House** Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909

**7 p.m. "White Stone".** Christian Contempory. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330[www.theupperoomri.org](http://www.theupperoomri.org)

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**10 a.m. - Senior Saint Bible Study** (65 & older) 3rd Thursday of the month at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea MA (508)-324-4500

## 18 Friday

**7-10 p.m. - Men's Night Out-** An interdenominational Gathering of man with a special guest speaker & dinner. Will be held at The Fellowship, 604 Foundery St. South Easton MA.(Rt106 & 123) [www.mensnightout.info](http://www.mensnightout.info) or 508-230-0996 for more information

## 19 Saturday

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Giant indoor yard sale,** Hosted by Woman to Woman Support Network at All Saints' Academy, 886 West Main Rd, Middletown (behind St. Lucy's Church on Rte 114). All proceeds to help the center. Donations of items (no clothing or large appliances, please) dropped off Fri, 4/18, 12- 6 pm. at All Saints' Academy. For more info, call 401/849-5421 or [www.womantowomansupport@gmail.com](mailto:www.womantowomansupport@gmail.com)

**9am - 12p.m. -19th Annual Andrew Davis Jr. Unity Breakfast** Hosted by Concerned Black Men of MA. Cambridge Center Marriott •2 Cambridge Center (Kendall Square), MA. Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Self-Development (PRI) Proceeds will support CBMM youth initiatives, most notably the Paul Robeson Institute. more info [www.cbmm.net](http://www.cbmm.net)

**7p.m. "Catalysis"** - Christian Rock. [www.patsarah.com](http://www.patsarah.com). The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick,RI. 401-823-5330 [www.theupperroomri.org](http://www.theupperroomri.org)

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## 20 Passover

**1 Cor. 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.**

## 23 Wednesday

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## 24 Thursday

**6:45 p.m. -Rhode Island Men of Hope . . .** reaching men for Christ every 4th Thursday. At Barrington Baptist Church, Barrington, RI [www.menofhope.org](http://www.menofhope.org) Our Mission - Reaching Men for Christ. Ambassador for Promise Keepers. Coach for National Coalition Men's Ministry: call Big John Mentus(401-433-2030)

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## 25 Friday

**Mens Covenant Meeting** at Cathedral of Life last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900 for time. 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI

## 26 Saturday

**8a.m.- 2p.m.- Outside Church Wide Yard-Sale,** Woodlawn Baptist Church. 337 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket. RI. For more info call: 401-724-6390

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## 27 Sunday

**6-8 p.m. - Cathedral of Life Strategic Prayer Gatherings** (corporate prayer), last Sunday of every month. 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 401-780-8900

## 30 Wednesday

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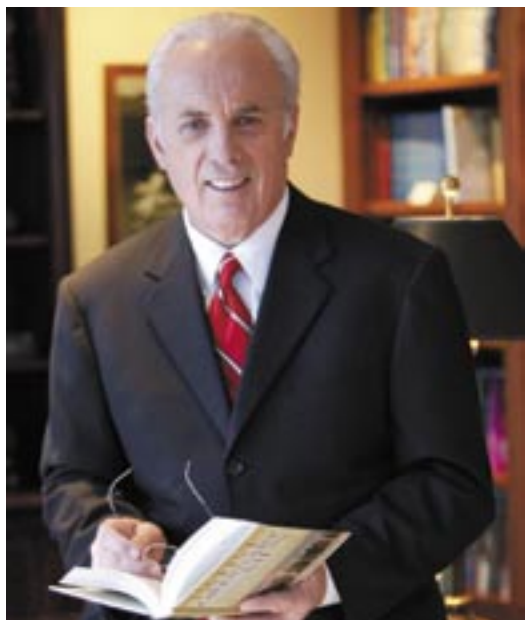
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