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Getting serious about gaming

By Steve Rabey

Video games made their debut in arcades across America in the 1970s. Soon, millions of people were plugging quarters into massive consoles to play favorites such as "Pong," "Space Invaders" and "Pac-Man."

Like the rest of the computer industry, gaming has undergone a technological revolution in the past few decades. Today's home game consoles—like Microsoft's Xbox, the Sony PlayStation and Nintendo's Wii—pack big computing power into small devices, allowing gamers to enjoy powerful graphics, booming audio and amazingly lifelike simulations.

Such thrills and chills have made games as popular as movies or music with many young people. Studies say 86 percent of kids between the ages of 8 and 16 play video games at home.

But it's the controversial themes and gory violence at the heart of some

games that raise questions for parents and other adults who care for kids.

On April 29 "Grand Theft Auto 4," the latest installment of the popular and controversial computer game, debuted with



Not just a kids game. According to MIT professor Henry Jenkins, while most American kids do play video games, 62 percent of the console market and 66 percent of the PC market is age 18 or older.

3.6 million copies sold in 24 hours. Before the week was out gamers had spent more than \$500 million on "GT4," breaking the record set in 2007 by "Halo 3," which had first-week sales of \$300 million.

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MIDNIGHT IN AMERICA

By John Arcaro

In the middle of the night on April 18, 1775, Paul Revere rode on horseback at breakneck speeds to alert his fellow patriot Americans "The British are coming! The British are coming!" That cry was more than a mere wakeup call, it was literally a life and death warning of impending doom. Later that day, the forces of tyranny and oppression - the British "redcoat" army - massacred dozens of American citizen soldiers, the Minutemen - on the Lexington town green, but were then forced to retreat against these patriot Minutemen in Concord, Massachusetts, and our nation's struggle for independence was put into high gear.



Merle Miller with his horse, "Bomber"

Today another Minuteman is sounding the alarm of enemy danger: Merle Miller of Greenbrier, Tennessee. While Paul Revere's ride was fast, furious, and took only a few hours, Merle Miller's horseback ride will alert his fellow Americans for more than three months and cover OVER ONE THOUSAND MILES! Like Paul Revere, Miller is an average man - "I'm just a carpenter" - who is able to accomplish the impossible ONLY because he has put his faith in

Jesus Christ.

Merle grew up in Pennsylvania and thought he was a Christian on his way to heaven, except for one small detail: while he believed Christ was his Savior, He was definitely not Lord of Merle's life. Yes, Merle Miller "worshipped" at the



God's Minuteman Merle blows the shofar

altar of a "god" very prominent in present-day America: he was a sports FANATIC. He played ice hockey, played on nationally ranked softball teams, and watched sports on television virtually around the clock...even in the days before ESPN and 24 hour cable channels! His "god" was the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, and Jesus Christ wasn't even on the back burner, so going to church was just an empty ritual. Of course, like any "good" sports fanatic, he would never let the nuisance of church get in the way of an all-important Sunday ballgame.

Like the other Minutemen, Paul Revere was just an average, everyday man who made a huge difference in the history of these United States because there was one huge difference in his life: he truly believed in God wholeheartedly, and Jesus was not only his Savior, but also his Lord. How else can you explain Paul Revere's fearlessness in the eyes of death? How else could a man gather up enough courage to go on an almost certain suicide mission? Indeed, his family name - Revere - says it all. He had such a healthy fear of God that he knew if he were called to do something by his Creator, he would not hesitate, procrastinate, or ask "But why me, Lord?" He would TAKE ACTION. Yes, Paul Revere was a real Christian: a mere average man who put his faith not in the things of this world, but in his awesome God.

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NONE OF THESE DISEASES

Science Arrives — Four Thousand Years Late

By S. I. McMillen, M.D.

"DOCTOR, YOU MUST TELL ME WHETHER I HAVE CANCER or not. I insist. What do the reports from the laboratory show? I must know!" Pretty, thirty-six-year-old Beth Howard sat on the edge of her seat. For over two weeks her doctor had been using delaying tactics in order to condition her somewhat for this moment.

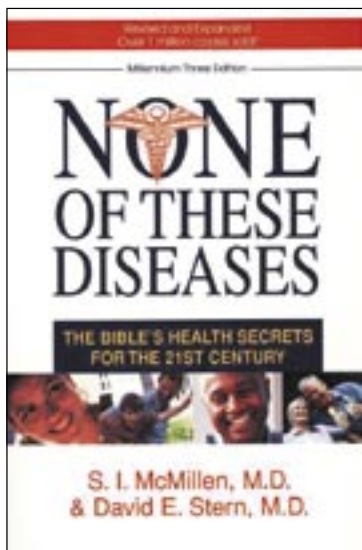
When the truth was given, it crushed her. "But, doctor, you can't let me die! You must save me. I couldn't possibly leave Lorna and Jane now. They are only in their teens. They need me now more than ever. Then Phil and Dick-and Bill-

Sobbing, she buried her face in the pillow. At such a time many a doctor wishes he had taken up ditch digging for a living. All he can give are pain killers and tranquilizers.

Because Beth's cancer was advanced it was only a question of months before she would die.

Beth had cancer of the cervix. In the year she died, thirteen thousand other funerals went down our American streets with victims of this particular cancer. Many of them were middle-aged women, the peak incidence being between the ages of thirty-one and fifty. Cancer of the cervix is one of the most

common cancers in women. It comprises twenty-five per cent of all cancers in women and eighty percent of all their genital can-



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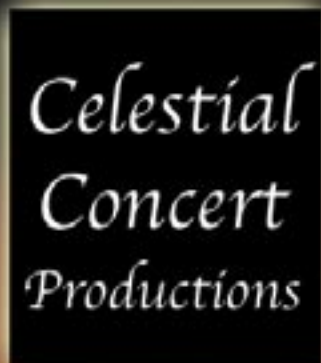
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That all changed for Merle twenty years ago when God made it very clear to him that he had to make a decision. While Merle's "denomination" was AllSportsAllTheTime, his "church" was that of Laodicea, for he was **LUKEWARM**, neither cold nor hot (Revelation 3:15-16), a Christian IN NAME ONLY. "I felt the Lord saying 'Get in or get out'" recounts Merle. He knew that, despite all his attempts at trying to achieve perfection in every single at-bat and every play in the field, his life of sports fanaticism was empty, hopeless, and ultimately unsatisfying. He surrendered his life to God, and miraculously his former passion for sports vanished almost instantaneously, replaced by an even more intense burning fire for Jesus Christ.

God then gave Merle a vision of a man on horseback, dressed in a Colonial outfit, riding through cities and towns to "sound the alarm for repentance." This call on Merle's life was born in the Spirit many, many years ago, and the Lord brought this "Spiritual Paul Revere Ride" to fruition in the beginning of June this year when Merle, his son Joshua, and his faithful friend James Brooks drove

need of a spiritual awakening at some point in life, the country as a whole – its schools, its government, its businesses, its churches – also needs a spiritual awakening. "You see the moral and spiritual decay. We can't push God out of our schools and government and expect Him to stick around to help us."

Speaking of help, God has given Merle the supernatural strength and means to cover the more than one thousand mile trek from Adams, New York which will end in Adams, Tennessee in September this year. Joshua drives behind Merle and Bomber (Merle's horse), while James travels ahead with the horse trailer. They cover about sixteen miles a day relying solely on the hospitality of people they meet along the way. Says Merle, a former "Yankee" who has lived down South for years now, "The hospitality's been fantastic up North! One old lady said 'All I have is a dollar.' That dollar meant a lot." You can help be a part of history by calling to encourage Merle at (615)319-2608. (James will answer...Paul Revere didn't have a cell phone; if he did have one, he wouldn't have had to ride the horse!) You can also check out a two-minute video clip on YouTube.com (enter "Merle Miller and then look for Bomber the horse)

and track the journey's day-by-day progress at GodsMinutemen.com (click on "The Ride"). You will see several photo galleries, contact info, and the opportunity to give a free-will love offering to help out this effort to DIRECTLY spread the Word of God.

As Merle shares the Gospel in hundreds of cities, towns, and villages, he sees first-hand what "success" has done

to a nation that was originally founded by men of God. "Prosperity has actually put us to sleep" morally and spiritually, says Merle. "If the church wakes up in America, the nation will also." As a husband and father whose "god" of sports nearly destroyed his family and his life, Merle knows that godly men in America today must rise up and lead their families along their own "ride of faith"...even if it's not on horseback. "Men in particular must arise spiritually if we are to overcome this ocean of apathy. If the men wake up, the family will wake up, if the family does, so will the community and then the nation."

What about **YOU**? Isn't it time to turn off the television, get off the couch, and TAKE ACTION to protect the spiritual lives of **your** family, **your** church, **your** community? Or is your "god" the same one Merle used to idolize: just another ballgame on just another cable channel? If you need to be inspired, check out what Merle Miller – a man who used to live for himself, a former

"ChristianIn-NameOnly" who is now being used by God to help others in need – is doing this summer. And for even more inspiration, check out the B-I-B-L-E, open it up, and read what your Father wants for **your** life. Where will **your** ride with God take **you**? Take it from Merle Miller: "We feel like it's midnight in America."



from Tennessee to Adams, New York. Merle believes God wanted them to begin this ride in Adams because it is the site of the beginning of a Great Revival in the 1820's, when Charles Finney, a lawyer, walked up a hill and stayed there all day when the Spirit of the Lord fell upon him. As with Merle, Finney's spiritual awakening was instantaneous and total, for he walked back down that hill that evening, shut down his law practice, began riding from town to town throughout New York State and beyond, preaching to anyone and everyone, and becoming one of America's great evangelists. He even founded the first university to accept blacks: Oberlin College in Ohio.

Though Merle is bold in his faith, he is also humble. While he is not trying to be a Charles Finney, he started his horseback ride in Adams because "We really thought that's where we wanted to start a spiritual re-awakening for America. If we ever needed one, it's now." Over the past two decades, God has shown Merle that, just as every individual person in this country is in

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The game delivers the kinds of thrills teenage boys love, with plenty of high-speed chase scenes, noisy shoot-'em-ups and risqué sexuality. But questions about the game's violence and the ability of some gamers to unlock explicit sex scenes in an earlier version of the game have led to complaints and a class action lawsuit against "GT4's" manufacturer, Rockstar Games.

Others raise questions about the social impact of role-playing games like "World of Warcraft." More than 8 million people around the world make significant sacrifices of time and treasure to play the game with others in real-time, online matches that cost \$15 a month in fees to participate. And a study done by the Palo Alto Research Center showed that it takes the average "World of Warcraft" player about 372 hours of gameplay to reach level 60 in the game. That's more than two months' worth of eight-hour workdays.

The companies that create games are increasingly focusing on younger children, says Paul Asay, a writer who covers games and pop culture for Focus on the Family and publications like YouthWorker Journal.

"There are virtual worlds for children, such as PenguinClub.com and subeta.org, that charge kids or their parents

for virtual doodads with which they can decorate their virtual pads," says Asay. "In other words, they're shelling out real cash for imaginary products."

The gaming industry has created games for every kind of player, both young and old. There are constructive games like the "Sim City" games, in which gamers literally build cities and worlds. There are multiplayer live action games that allow players to compete with each other in digital versions of golf, ping-pong and baseball. There are games that are just plain fun, like "Guitar Hero," which has allowed millions of kids to play along with some of the rock era's best-known solos. And there are destructive games like "Manhunt 2," a grisly gore fest that features executions, electrocution and strangulation.

Evaluating the impact

But how are parents supposed to know the differ-

ence between the good and the bad? And what are the long-term emotional and social impacts of gaming?

Pastor Kody Kirchoff has been observing "video game culture" for years, and he is concerned by what he sees.

"Aside from the violence, obscenity and negative themes, the larger and greater problem lies in the fact that video games control many people's hearts and minds, creating a monotonous, zoned-out new reality," says Kirchoff, who leads LiveWire Youth Ministries at Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb.

For Kirchoff, one of the problems with games is the many activities they replace in kids' lives.

"God, family and friends do not exist in many games," he says. "Activities like camping, playing catch with Dad, swimming, or just being a kid have vanished."

It is equally hard to assess the long-term impact of game violence.

Some researchers are convinced that repetitive play of violent games instructs kids in violence, making violent acts more likely. But others argue that video violence is a cathartic replacement for real violent crime, which has gone down since the advent of video games.

After the 1999 killings at Colorado's Columbine High School, some parents sued the makers of "Doom," a violent game that was one of the killers' favorites. But such lawsuits have been no more successful than earlier efforts to link teen violence to heavy metal music. There may be a link, but the social science research remains ambiguous.

Playing alone

While many kids game, most of them do so alone and without any supervision or interaction with adults. That concerns Al Menconi, who has spent more than two decades studying culture and entertainment from a biblical perspective.

Menconi says some leaders in the mental health field speak of gaming as an addiction. He says one treatment center in Peoria, Ill. specializes in video game addictions, several online sites also offer 12-step programs and other support, and the American Psychi-

atric Association has been asked to add video game addiction to its American Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

"It's a very big epidemic," said Menconi, who operates his Al Menconi Ministries from Carlsbad, Calif. "Withdrawal is very similar to drug withdrawal."

Menconi says parents ought to get involved, limiting kids to no more than two hours of daily use, or 15 hours a week.

Getting involved

Meanwhile, one Alabama mother and grandmother wishes parents would get involved in helping kids choose healthy games.

"While shopping for a new video game recently with my 13-year-old grandson, I previewed several of the latest releases," said Margie Tanner. "Most were filled with intense violence, involving killing and torture. Others involved witches and wizards."

"Many parents do not have a clue what kind of gaming activity kids are participating in. Many don't preview the games their kids buy. I encourage parents to know what kind of games their children are playing and restrict the amount of time they spend

playing them."

Carey Casey, CEO of the Kansas City-based National Center for Fathering, agrees.

"Games are a way of life," he says, "devouring our children's time, energy and brainpower."

Casey says games steal time from meaningful family time and from other activities such as reading. The answer is for parents to get involved.

"Parents should place limits on children's media use, including when, where, and how much they can participate. And we should be ready to address common myths that are often portrayed in the media: such as the myths that to be worthwhile you have to be beautiful, that money buys happiness, that sex is merely recreation and has no consequences, and that violence solves problems."

Millions of kids are very serious about gaming, as are the game companies that are part of this nearly \$10 billion industry.

And now, Christian experts say, parents should be getting serious, too.

Steve Rabey is an award-winning writer from Colorado.



PHOTO-ILLUSTRATION by Christy Enriquez
Video games vs God's Word

Parental control: What can parents do about video gaming?

Paul Asay writes about video games and pop culture for www.pluggedinonline.com, a parent-friendly Web site from Focus on the Family's Youth Culture division.


Asay says: "Today's \$9.5-billion gaming industry is slick, sophisticated and, for some parents, a little scary."

Here are his tips for parents who want to shepherd their children through today's wide-open world of gaming.


1. Talk with them. Christian families differ on what forms of entertainment they'll allow in their homes, but make sure your children understand what your family's standards are. Then examine entertainment choices, including games, on a case-by-case basis.
2. Understand the ratings system. There are six letter grades, ranging from "E" (suitable for everyone) to "AO" (adults only), with "M" being the equivalent of an "R" movie rating (restricted to users 17 and up). Use them as a starting point—but not a stamp of approval.
3. Make it social. Place your gaming system in well-used areas of the house and invest in games that multiple people can play. Keep extra controllers handy.
4. Play along. Knowledge is power, and the more you understand these games, the better you'll 1) be able to critique them, and 2) talk to your children about them. Plus you might find that some games can provide excellent bonding opportunities—and are an awful lot of fun.

(Articles and reviews of current video games and other pop culture resources can be found at: www.pluggedinonline.com.)

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The Religious Right Is AWOL From The Real War

By Chuck Baldwin

I want to begin this column with one of my all-time favorite quotes. It comes from the great German reformer Martin Luther. He said, "If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

Luther's trenchant statement reminds us that today's Christians, especially our Christian leaders, are conspicuously absent from the field of battle. Oh, they may host large crowds in their gatherings; they may deposit multiplied millions of dollars in their financial accounts; they may receive thunderous applause from politicians, but they have fled the battlefield at the point of attack.

For the record, the real battlefield today is not abortion. It is not homosexual marriage. It is not Social Security. It is not al Qaeda. It is not taxes. It is not inflation. It is not electing conservatives. It is not posting the Ten Commandments. It is not even the high cost of gasoline. That is not to say that those issues are not important and not deserving of our best efforts and attention, because they are. But those issues do not represent the major battlefield today.

The battlefield where the devil has

amassed his greatest forces and is thrusting his deadliest armies is the surrender of our national sovereignty and independence, and the creation of global government. And it is our own political and corporate leaders that are facilitating this chicanery. Furthermore, by refusing to oppose this surrender, our Christian leaders are complicit as well.

Obviously, the surrender of our independence has been ongoing for some time. However, under Bill Clinton and especially under G.W. Bush, the pace has quickened exponentially.

Doubtless, the biggest reason President Bush has more aggressively hastened the pace of America's merger into supranational government is because he enjoys widespread support among evangelical Christians. Absent opposition from Christian leaders, G.W. Bush has virtually had a free hand. And please know this: before Bush was a Republican, before he was a "conservative," before he was a Christian, he was and is a globalist, as was his father and grandfather before him.

Because our national Christian leaders are content to revel in the lap of political cronyism with President Bush (and the Republican Party), they have abandoned their positions as watchmen on the wall. Instead of being watchmen and heralds of truth, they have become political lackeys and toadies for the GOP.

Now, just yesterday, James Dobson declares that he "might" support John McCain. This in spite of the

fact that only a few months ago Mr. Dobson promised, "I cannot and I will not vote for Sen. John McCain as a matter of conscience."

Ah, but that is just the problem: when it comes to groveling before the GOP, our Christian leaders have no conscience. Hence, James Dobson is now publicly saying he "might" support McCain.

The ones who are doing the yeoman's work in trying to warn the American people to what is happening in regard to the surrender of our country's liberties and independence are people such as Congressman Ron Paul and Dr. Jerome Corsi.

Many of you know Corsi as the man who co-authored the Number 1 New York Times best-seller, "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry."

Jerome Corsi holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in political science. He is not some fringe-radical (not that Harvard hasn't produced its own radicals). Religiously, my understanding is that Corsi is either a Roman Catholic or Episcopalian. However, Corsi is doing what James Dobson, Tony Perkins, et al. should be doing, but aren't: he is sounding the trumpet of truth for the real battlefield.

In a nutshell, Corsi warns us that G.W. Bush is secretly working to merge the United States into a trilateral government with Canada and Mexico. Corsi maintains that back in March of 2005, President Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox, and Canadian Prime Minister

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Paul Martin entered into an agreement that binds the three countries into a regional or hemispheric government.

Corsi insists that this is one of the central reasons why Bush is so adamant about granting amnesty to Mexico's illegal aliens. Bush is simply following through with his commitment to Fox and Martin.

Corsi also notes that this new hemispheric entity already has a name. It is called the North American Union (NAU), and it is being created without any input (or even knowledge) from our legislative or judicial branches of government. The official name of the agreement made between the three leaders is the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America" (SPP). Obviously, the new NAU is modeled after the already established European Union (EU).

Folks, please be aware that President Bush has already committed the United States to a regional or hemispheric government. When completed, this regional government will control everything relative to the "security" and "prosperity" of this new North American Union. That includes everything relating to travel, law enforcement, trade, education,

military matters, etc. So, what is left out? Nothing.

Please remember, too, that all of this is being done without any input from the American people or their elected representatives at the state or federal level. I would even dare say that the vast majority of congressmen and senators are completely oblivious to the fact that this is even happening. With the attention of the American people (and Congress) focused on the Middle East, Bush and his cabal of elitists are moving forward with plans to surrender our national independence and merge our country into a regional government. Friends, this is the real war; this is the real battlefield.

When America loses its sovereignty and independence, we will lose all of our fundamental liberties. The Constitution will be meaningless and irrelevant. The Bill of Rights will be moot. The principles of religious liberty, the right to life, and the Christian foundation of our country will be passé. And, as I said at the outset of this column, our national leaders, especially our Christian leaders, are totally absent from this battlefield.

The surrender of our national sovereignty and independence is where the battle currently rages; it is where the devil is at this moment attacking (to quote Luther). But where is the Religious Right? They have flinched and fled in the face of battle. They would rather hold onto their precious perks of power within the ivory towers of partisan politics. Luther is right:

their actions are disgraceful.

Christians get in the game

As the founder of GraceWorks Interactive, a Christian video game company in Corvallis, Ore., Tim Emmerich knows how hard it is to develop games that please both parents and teens. His company's "Interactive Parables," which includes games based on every parable Jesus taught, has sold around 5,000 copies.

But Emmerich also keeps tabs on others in the Christian gaming world. In July he brought hundreds of players, creators and manufacturers to the Christian Game Developers Conference in Portland.

Asked about the state of the Christian gaming industry, Emmerich says it's similar to the state of the contemporary Christian music industry a couple of decades ago. Good people are creating good stuff, but the quality isn't up to secular standards, and most kids overlook Christian-themed games.

"On a spiritual level, those of us in this industry are glad that gamers who play our games can get closer to God," he says. "But from a secular point of view, it would be nice to have a break-out hit or two."

Emmerich looks forward to the day when Christian gaming can generate something as big as the VeggieTales videos, which inspired him to get involved with gaming in the first place.

Some of the leading Christian games include:

- "Left Behind Eternal Forces" and the sequel, "Left Behind Tribulation Forces," both based on the best-selling "Left Behind" book series created by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins;
- "Heavenly Harmony," a response to the popularity of karaoke;
- "Dance Praise," which allows players to dance to Christian music;
- "Ominous Horizons," in which players shoot demons and demon-possessed Roman soldiers (the soldiers don't die. They kneel down

and pray!);

- "Charlie Church Mouse," a series of games for small children.

Christian video game resources

GraceWorks Interactive: www.graceworksinteractive.com

Christian Games! Now!: www.cgnow.com

LB Games: www.leftbehindgames.com

N'Lightening Software:

www.n-lightning.com

Video game ratings and reviews

www.common sense media.org/game-reviews

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Christian Spotlight's Guide to Games exists to assist gamers and parents in making wise decisions in their choice of electronic games. Many games contain objectionable material, behavior and attitudes. Although some game companies provide a simple rating system, it is not based on a Christian worldview.

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National News

Mass. Grand Jury Issues Indictment Against Abortionist in Patient's Death

HYANNIS, Mass - A Barnstable County Grand Jury issued an indictment in July against abortionist Rapin Osathanondh for Involuntary Manslaughter in the death of 22-year old Laura Hope Smith. According to Smith's mother, Eileen, efforts to cover up details of her daughter's death came to light during the grand jury investigation.

Mrs. Smith told Operation Rescue that a Sheriff's Deputy in another county had provided Osathanondh and his abortion clinic staff with CPR training, then backdated the session to a date prior to Laura's death, with the full knowledge that someone had recently died at the clinic. Osathanondh and his staff had been uncertified in CPR until that time.

"I'm appalled that an officer of the law would be involved in that," Eileen Smith told Operation Rescue. "Thank God this has been exposed!" Mrs. Smith has filed a complaint in Bristol County against the deputy.

Laura Smith had sought an abortion from Osathanondh on September 13, 2007, at his office, Women's Health Center, in the Cape Cod town of Hyannis. Smith was placed under full anesthesia when only Osathanondh and a

non-medical receptionist were present. When Smith suddenly stopped breathing, the receptionist phoned 911, but it was too late. Smith died later that day.

Five months later, in response to a complaint filed by Eileen Smith, Osathanondh relinquished his medical license to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine in the wake of pending disciplinary action and a criminal investigation. Osathanondh's two abortion offices were closed.

"We are gratified that Osathanondh will have to account for Laura's death in a court of law. It is not enough that he can no longer practice medicine. He must be held legally responsible for his crimes that resulted in the death of this young woman," said Operation Rescue spokesperson Cheryl Sullenger. "Only then can we say that some small measure of justice has been served."

"As for those who attempted to help Osathanondh cover up for his shocking lack of emergency training, we share Eileen's dismay that someone involved in law enforcement would lie to provide the abortionist cover," said Sullenger. "That is completely unacceptable behavior and that person should be fired immediately."

Mass. '1913 law' being misrepresented

By Jeff Johnson

(OneNewsNow) Pro-family advocates in Massachusetts say their opponents are using falsehoods to get homosexual "marriage" legalized for out-of-state, same-sex couples.

Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage in 2004. But because of a 1913 marriage federalism law, residents of other states can only marry in Massachusetts if their marriages would be legal in their home states. That means only homosexual couples who are residents of Massachusetts can get "married" there.

First, homosexual activists sued to overturn the 1913 law. When that failed, they turned to their supporters in the state legislature. The Massachusetts Senate repealed the law Tuesday, and the House is expected to vote on doing so this week. But Kris Mineau, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute, says homosexual activists are being dishonest in their efforts to get the law repealed.

no sense because, in 1843, Massachusetts [became] the second state to stop the ban on interracial marriages. And there's no reason on earth that Massachusetts, 70 years later, would try to ban interracial marriages in other states."

In fact, homosexual activists tried to promote the same allegations of racism in the lawsuit they lost against the 1913 law. "The court ruled that the law was constitutional and there was no credible evidence of the law ever having been motivated by racism," Mineau notes. "So, as you can see, this is definitely a very bigoted smokescreen put up by our opponents to pressure the legislators."

If the 1913 marriage federalism law is repealed, homosexual residents of any U.S. state and, presumably, any country will be able to travel to Massachusetts, "marry," and return home to file lawsuits attempting to force their states or countries to recognize their counterfeit unions. For additional info visit www.mafamily.org.

Extending the 'Call'

By Ed Thomas

(OneNewsNow) A national live event served as a pre-rally for a return gathering of "The Call" prayer and revival movement this August on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Founder Lou Engle and a major media organization broadcast the event urging Christians to prepare for and support "The Call DC."

GOD TV will broadcast the live pre-Call rally from Miami, Florida, to inspire viewers with worship, prayer, and information about the purpose of the massive gathering on August 16 in DC -- where it is hoped that at least

one-million people will gather to fast and pray for the nation. Engle says the Call movement itself was birthed eight years ago out of its last prayer gathering in DC, and that the time has come again for a return because of the critical state of the nation.

"I've been on the phone with major leaders from America...from Ron Luce, to Tony Perkins, James Robison, Luis Palau, Latino leaders, African-American leaders," Engle shares. "Here's what they're saying: there is no hope for America apart from prayer. Everybody knows there's such a shaking, such a decline."

The time is right, says Engle,

to return to the National Mall in the nation's capital and call America to what he describes as a "united, massive" move of fasting and prayer. "When there's no hope for a nation, when there is no remedy, God still has a holy prescription: blow the trumpet in Zion, call a fast, gather all the inhabitants of the land," he states.

A spokesman from GOD TV says the network broadcast the live rally from El Rey Jesus Ministries in Florida because it wanted to help mobilize the Body of Christ from coast to coast in America, which it believes will be needed in its entirety to turn the country around with constant, corporate prayer.

Appeal Filed In Liberty Bell Case

PHILADELPHIA, PA - An appeal has been filed in the case of *United States of America vs. Michael A. Marcavage* and has been assigned to U.S. District Court Judge Legrome D. Davis. The appeal follows U.S. Magistrate Judge Arnold C. Rapoport's June 13 'guilty' ruling of Repent America (RA) director Michael Marcavage for continuing to preach on public property to those waiting in line to see the Liberty Bell because he rejected a "verbal permit" and refused to move to a so-called "free speech zone".

During Repent America's annual pro-life evangelism tour on October 6, 2007, RA was reaching out to those visiting the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall with the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ as park rangers continuously harassed the ministry team for refusing to relocate to a "free speech zone".

The only thing that I was guilty of that day was preaching the Gospel and against the shedding of innocent blood," Marcavage

said. "The government not only put me on trial, but also the liberties of the American people," he continued. "If they shut down our ability to speak, they shut down the Gospel; they shut down any message. If the government prevails in this case, America's experiment in liberty has finally reached its demise," Marcavage concluded.

On June 13, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Goldberg argued that Marcavage's defense was "propaganda" and that he was a "clear and present danger" and asked the judge to send a message not only to Marcavage, but to anyone who would dare stand on public property and share their beliefs without government permission. In response, Judge Rapoport fined Marcavage \$445, including costs, and placed him on probation for one year, which restricts his travel to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and bars him from entering the park or being on the public sidewalks surrounding the park for any reason without first

notifying park authorities. He also cannot return to engage in free speech activities without first obtaining a permit, and only then in the designated "free speech zone".

"In a land that tolerates the killing of unborn children, it is not surprising that we find ourselves in a continual battle for our freedoms. When the church is silent as the most helpless among us have their beating hearts stopped at the hands of abortionists, then we do not deserve liberty," Marcavage stated. "In Philadelphia - the birthplace of American freedom - we will, as the Scripture-inscribed Liberty Bell declares, 'Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof' (Leviticus 25:10) regardless of the efforts to silence us," Marcavage concluded.

Take Action: (1) *Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives and ask them to be a voice against this injustice and the ban on freedom of religion and speech on the public sidewalks at Independence National Historical Park.*

California Home-Schoolers Applaud Decision

By Devon Williams

(EP News)--A California family-court judge has dismissed the case that led a higher court to call for a statewide ban on most forms of home schooling.

Home-school advocates are hopeful the decision will influence the 2nd District Court of Appeals, which ruled Feb. 28 that California parents without teaching credentials cannot home-school their children.

Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said the family-court ruling is a victory for home-schoolers. "This development likely means that the horrible Court of Appeals decision outlawing home schooling in California will not be resur-

rected," he said. "That's good news for the 200,000 home-schooled kids in that state."

Brad Dacus, president of the Pacific Justice Institute, said the appellate

court is expected to decide in the next few weeks whether to drop its earlier ruling.

"If that were to happen, we would be back at square one as if this whole mess had never taken place -- at least legally speaking -- because there'd be absolutely no precedent on the books," he said.

Gary McCaleb, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, said he is hopeful the court will do the right thing. "We've had a tremen-

dous alliance arguing on behalf of home-schoolers, and the case has been tossed out of the lower court," he said. "We think the appellate court will do the right thing and settle the matter that parents can home-school in California."

Dacus encouraged home schooling families not to lose heart. "These ups and downs can be very nerve-racking, but in the end, we're confident home schooling will be legal in California," he said. "People should be praying for this matter, praying for the appellate court."

"We decry our opponents' accusations that this law was a racist law," he exclaims. "This is the pressure that's being put on legislators here in Massachusetts, that the 1913 law was based on attempting to ban interracial marriages -- which absolutely makes

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Bush becoming a Catholic?

By Jim Meyers

President Bush may follow in the footsteps of his brother Jeb and convert to Catholicism, several European papers are reporting. In the wake of the president's visit to see Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican, Italian newspapers, citing Vatican sources, said Bush was open to the idea of converting to Catholicism.

The Italian newspaper Il Foglio referred to such talk about Bush's possible conversion and stated that "anything is possible, especially for someone reborn like Bush."

Noting that Tony Blair converted to Catholicism after leaving office as Britain's prime minister last

year, the paper also stated that "if anything happens, it will happen after he finishes his period as president, not before. It is similar to Blair's case, but with different circumstances."

President Bush welcomed Pope Benedict XVI warmly when he visited the U.S. in April. And Vatican watchers noted that Bush met privately with the pontiff in the private gardens of the Vatican, an unprecedented place for the Pope to meet a head of state. Typically, the Vatican gardens are used by the Pope for private reflection.

A Vatican spokesman said the Pope used the unusual locale to reciprocate for the "warmth" Bush showed when the two met

in Washington.

Though the Catholic Church has criticized the U.S. war in Iraq, Bush has been an ardent supporter of pro-life issues; he has staunchly opposed stem-cell research; and he opposes gay marriage, all issues important for Rome. Currently Bush belongs to a Methodist church in Texas and attends an Episcopal church in Washington, D.C.

A friend of Bush, Father George William Rutler, who converted to Catholicism in 1979, told the Catholic News Agency that Bush, "is not unaware of how evangelicalism, by comparison with Catholicism, may seem more limited both theologically and historically."

Darfur situation requires 'More Than Money'

By Michael Ireland

CARONPORT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA (ANS) -- As more than four million civilians in Darfur, Sudan, continue to suffer as a result of ongoing attacks by armed forces and other groups, and with at least 100,000 civilians forced to flee their homes this year alone, one ministry leader says resolving the situation is going to take more than money.

"We urgently need to bring the suffering of the displaced and persecuted people in Darfur before Almighty God. Pray for protection and provision, for the leaders, and that God will grant wisdom to all who are involved in the peace negotiations. Pray for an end to the terrible crisis," said Dr. Joseph Chavady of the Canadian-

based One to One International Ministries.

In an e-mail to ASSIST News Service (ANS), Dr. Chavady says UN Secretary Ban-Ki Moon agrees that neither humanitarian aid nor peacekeeping missions can resolve the current crisis. "What is needed first of all is for all parties and stakeholders to lay down their arms and commit to a peaceful settlement," Chavady said.

Ban-Ki Moon recently stated: "Let us not dwell on what has been lost in Darfur, but call upon all parties to immediately focus on what can be achieved by ending the hostilities, protecting civilians and coming to the negotiating table in good faith to secure the peace the Darfurians desperately need now."

Chavady says that during the past four years, the international community already spent close to \$3 billion on humanitarian assistance and recovery operations in the hope that peace would follow.

He adds: "Maybe it is time to acknowledge that the Darfur situation takes more than money. It requires unselfishness, a listening heart and lots of goodwill -- in other words, it requires changed lives -- and these come only through the work of God in people's heart and through prayer.

"Please pray for the UN Secretary and all those who are involved in settling the Darfur crisis. Pray that all parties will have compassion for the millions who are suffering extreme hardship in this war torn country."

Messianic leaders say Hebrew tablet validates Jesus' claims

By Dan Wooding

ISRAEL/JORDAN (ANS) -- Israeli Jewish believers in Jesus say the recently publicized Hebrew tablet describing the death and resurrection of a messianic figure challenges centuries of teachings by rabbinic Judaism that the redemptive process of Jesus was a departure from biblical Jewish understanding, according to a story carried on www.israeltoday.co.il

The story says that the unique stone tablet dubbed "Gabriel's Revelation" contains 87 partial lines of archaic Hebrew in which the archangel commands a messianic ruler identified as the "Prince of Princes" to rise after having been dead for three days.

"The tablet was found in neighboring Jordan some eight years ago, but just last week gained international attention after featuring as one of the centerpieces at a special Israel Museum event marking 60 years since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls," said Israel Today.

"The content of the tablet quickly made headlines after a leading Israeli professor of Bible studies, Israel Knohl of the Hebrew University, spoke of his conclusions regarding the script." In an interview with the International Herald Tribune, Knohl called the text "revolutionary" in its confirmation that Messiah suffering

and dying was originally a Jewish concept.

Knohl differed with other experts who examined the tablet by suggesting it is speaking of a specific messianic Jewish figure named Simon, a first century BC leader who led a failed revolt against King Herod of Judea.

Knohl said that whether the tablet is speaking of Simon or not, the fact that the concept of a messianic figure suffering, dying and being resurrected was already established by the time of Jesus should shake the Christian world. According to Knohl, the tablet proves that "what happens in the New Testament was adopted by Jesus and his followers based on an earlier messiah story."

The story added that Gershon Nirel, a prominent Israeli historian and Jewish believer in Jesus, has a different take. He says the tablet is further evidence that Jesus was the kind of messiah Israel was waiting for, even if the rabbis now teach that Jesus failed to meet the biblical messianic criteria.

"Judaism is coming closer to the idea of redemption through the cleansing blood of Messiah, an idea that had been abandoned throughout the last centuries," said Nirel.

The story went on to say that

Israeli theologian and fellow Messianic Jew Tsvi Sadan added that even if Knohl's conclusions rub some believers in Jesus the wrong way, they still represent a step in the right direction.

"One can agree or disagree with Knohl's conclusion, but the persistence of one of the leading Old Testament scholars in Israel today to prove that the death of the Messiah for Israel's sake is not a Christian innovation is commendable in light of the tenuous relationship between the Jewish people and Jesus," explained Sadan.

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World News

Baby Raised from the Dead

PRILUKI, Ukraine - Svetlana, a former drug addict living in Ukraine used her faith in Jesus to raise a baby from the dead. After being submerged in bathtub water for twenty minutes Svetlana found her niece, blue, not breathing and no pulse. Crying out to God, Svetlana remembered her own deliverance from drugs and sickness and found faith to proclaim the name of Jesus that resulted in this miracle.

Knowing the reality of the power of God because of her own deliverance and miracle, when faced with the situation of a dead baby in her arms, Svetlana began to shout out the name of Jesus. Peter Mehl, founder of Russian Harvest Ministries reported, "Svetlana, as with all of our missionaries, was mentored to believe the whole Bible and that miracles are to be normal for a Christian's life. She simply put to practice what she learned and believed."

Svetlana, a former drug addict

was on her deathbed five years ago when she was reached for Christ by a Russian Harvest Ministries (RHM) missionary. She was facing prison time for drug dealing but officials released her to return home to die after a doctor's diagnosis of a fatal disease. Frail and unable to walk, she was carried on a stretcher to the ministries drug rehab center. Thirty days later, after daily prayer, Bible reading, and anointing with oil, Svetlana was healed and became a walking miracle.

She now serves as a missionary with RHM and is director of Russian Harvest Ministries Women's Drug Rehab Center. Svetlana's story will inspire Christians to believe God for the impossible.

Russian Harvest Ministries founded by Peter Mehl is a church planting ministry in Ukraine with a vision to pioneer 1,000 churches.

The first Dari Bible now available for Afghanistan

By Michael Ireland

AFGHANISTAN (ANS) -- Despite the fact that Afghanistan has had no visible church for many hundreds of years, there are a growing number of believers in that country. In the West, pockets of Afghan believers live in Australia, Austria, Canada, England, Germany, Holland, Norway, Switzerland and other countries. Small groups also exist in at least four or five different areas inside the country itself. Believers need to read the Word of God in their own 'heart language.'

25 years ago the Dari New Testament was published. However, for the Old Testament Afghans had to rely on Iranian publications, which was difficult for many. In 2007, the Dari Psalms was printed and distributed. It is now in its second print. Now, for the first time ever, the full Dari Bible is being printed. After about 20 years of work under the supervision of United Bible

Societies, the Dari Bible is ready for Afghans to read.

A media release states: "This is a huge milestone for Afghanistan, and especially for believers! The Bible is 1710 pages in length and includes 12 colored maps, a general introduction and introductions for every Book."

Afghan believers say this: "To be able to read the Word of God in my own mother tongue will be very special. Looking at all odds against our country, the first Dari Bible is a new beginning of hope and a future."

"I first read the New Testament in the Dari language and have used it regularly since because I feel it belongs to me and is for me. The new full Bible in Dari is a great gift and tribute for me and my fellow countrymen. I pray that it will be a lamp of guidance for my people."

Canada to honor abortionist

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) Dr. Henry Morgentaler of Canada is receiving a distinguished citizen award -- recognition that is making pro-life groups unhappy because of the thousands of abortions he has performed.

Denise Mountenay of Canada Silent No More is appalled that Morgentaler would receive the award. She says Morgentaler has performed 100,000 abortions and has the largest abortion franchise in Canada. "...We're just very, very outraged and horrified that he would receive the Order of Canada, our highest civilian award," she says in disgust.

Mountenay finds it hard to fathom that one who survived Nazi concentration camps would want to kill unborn children. "He is a survivor of Dachau and Auschwitz, and then he came to Canada and began to break the laws to change the laws..." she continues.

"...Sadly, in Canada we have no law, no restrictions on abortion whatsoever."

She also notes that the award Morgentaler will receive has to do with his contributions to health. But Mountenay points to research that shows abortions have a negative impact on a women's health.

"...Studies show that women who have abortions are six times more likely to try, or actually commit, suicide afterwards," Mountenay details. "Depression, mental illness escalates after an induced abortion. Forty-eight studies link premature birth subsequent to having an induced abortion. Twenty-eight studies link abortion to breast cancer and induced abortion," she points out.

Canada Silent No More has launched an online petition drive to convince Canadian officials to revoke Morgentaler's award.

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cers. These statistics are even more pathetic because *the large majority of deaths could have been prevented by following an instruction that God gave to Abraham.*

The history of this recognition is intriguing. In the early 1900's Dr. Hiram N. Wineberg, while studying records of patients in New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, observed that Jewesses were comparatively free from this common cancer. It was an astonishing finding! Here was a group who had suffered far less from the giant killer than had other women.

Following this lead, Dr. Ira I. Kaplan and his associates studied their records at New York's Bellevue Hospital and were also astonished by the scarcity of cervical cancer among Jewish women. In 1949 gynecologists at the Mayo Clinic noted that in 568 consecutive cases of cervical cancer, not a single Jewess was among the victims. Seven per cent of the admissions at Mayo Clinic are Jewish, and one would expect seven per cent of 568, or forty Jewesses, to have had uterine cancer. Instead, *there was not a single case.* In 1954, in a vast study of 86,214 women in Boston, it was observed that cancer of the cervix in non-Jewish women was eight and one half times more frequent than in Jewish women.

Why are Jewish women comparatively free of cervical cancer? Medical researchers now agree that *this spectacular freedom results from the practice of circumcision in Jewish men – which God ordered Abraham to institute four thousand years ago.*

A number of recent studies have borne out the fact that freedom from cancer of the womb is not due to factors such as race or food or environment, but wholly to circumcision. Other convincing studies were made in India. Although the people there have similar racial backgrounds, eat the same types of

food, and live in the same climate and environment, the population is divided into two religious groups. Those who worship Mohammed, also a descendant of Abraham, practice circumcision. Among that group there is a much lower incidence of cervical cancer than among other women of the same race who eat the same food and live in the same environment.

An editorial in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, notes that both Jewish women and Indian Moslem women have a low incidence of cervical cancer, and observes that these two otherwise dissimilar people, have only one pertinent common denominator in their backgrounds—circumcision of the males. The editorial further records that in the Fiji Islands the cervical cancer rate is definitely lower among those people who practice circumcision. **The editorial concludes with the advice that all newborn males should be circumcised to prevent this cancer.**

Medical science recognizes the fact, but unfortunately the general public is still unaware of the value of circumcision. How can circumcision of the male prevent cancer in women? The human male is cursed with a superabundance of foreskin over the penis. Circumcision (*circum*, “around,” and *cision*, “cutting”) remedies the fault by removing the excess of foreskin. If the tight, unretractable foreskin is not removed, proper cleansing can not be readily performed. As a result many virulent bacteria, including the cancer-producing *Smegma bacillus*, can grow profusely. During sexual intercourse these bacteria are deposited on the cervix of the uterus, but if the mucous membrane of the cervix is intact, little harm results. However, if lacerations exist, as they frequently do after childbirth, these bacteria can cause considerable irritation. Since any part of the body which is subjected to irritation is susceptible to cancer, it is perfectly understandable why **cervical cancer is likely to develop in women whose mates are not circumcised.**

These bacteria not only produce cancer in women, but also irritate the male organ and may cause **cancer of the penis.** The extreme rarity of penile cancer in circumcised men is shown by the fact that in 1955 only the fourth case in medical history was reported. Thus we can say that circumcision is an

almost perfect prophylaxis against this deadly cancer. Prevention by circumcision is far more important than treatment, because once a diagnosis of cancer is made, **surgical removal of the penis is mandatory.**

After many laborious years of study, medical science has at last accepted the best method of preventing two deadly cancers in men and women. Medical science has at last arrived – four thousand years late. Science did not arrive because of any laboratory steam that had been generated; it was carried forward by a long train of statistics – statistics that existed only because down through the years many generations of Jews had been faithful to the command that God gave to their father Abraham. Genesis 17:10-12

Some people doubt the miracles by which God protected the Israelites during the plagues of Egypt, and dried up the Red Sea for their escape from bondage. Yet these miracles are small indeed com-



S. I. McMillen, M.D. (left) and grandson David E. Stern, M.D.

pared to the miraculous, God-given directions that have saved the Israelites and others from plagues, epidemics and cancer for many centuries.

There is one final but remarkably unique fact about the matter of circumcision. In November, 1946, an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* listed the reasons why circumcision of the newborn male is advisable. Three months later a letter from another specialist appeared in the same journal. He agreed heartily with the writer of the article on the advantages of circumcision, but he criticized him for failing to mention the safest time to perform the operation.

This is a point well taken. L. Emmett Holt and Rustin McIntosh report that a newborn infant has “peculiar susceptibility to bleeding between the second and fifth days of life.... Hemorrhages at this time, though often inconsequential, are sometimes extensive; they may produce serious damage to internal organs, especially to the brain, and cause death from shock and exsanguinations.” It is felt that the tendency to hemorrhage is due to the fact that the important blood-clotting element, vitamin K, is not formed in the normal amount until the *fifth* to the *seventh* day of life. If vitamin K is not manufactured in the baby's intestinal tract until the *fifth* to the *seventh* day, it is clear that the first safe day to perform circumcision would be the *eighth* day, the very day that Jehovah commanded Abraham to circumcise Isaac.

Composite Curves of Normal Infants Showing Concentration of Prothrombin and Available

Prothrombin During First Week of Life, from Data of Owen, Hoffman, Ziffren and Smith.

A second element which is also necessary for the normal clotting of blood is prothrombin. A chart based on data discussed in *Holt Pediatrics* reveals that on the third day of a baby's life the available prothrombin is only thirty per cent of normal. Any surgical operation performed on a baby during that time would predispose to serious hemorrhage. From the chart we also see that the prothrombin skyrockets on the eighth day to a level even better than normal – 110 per cent. It then levels off to 100 per cent. It appears that an eight-day-old baby has more available prothrombin than on any other day in its entire life. Thus one observes that from a consideration of vitamin K and prothrombin determinations the perfect day to perform a circumcision is the *eighth* day.

We should commend the many hundreds of workers who labored at great expense over a number

of years to discover that the safest day to perform circumcision is the eighth. Yet, as we congratulate medical science for this recent finding, we can almost hear the leaves of the Bible rustling. They would like to remind us that four thousand years ago, when God initiated circumcision with Abraham, He said,

“And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised. . . . Genesis 17:12 KJV

Abraham did not pick the eighth day after many centuries of trial-and-error experiments. Neither he nor any of his company from the ancient city of Ur in the Chaldees had ever been circumcised. It was a day picked by the Creator of vitamin K.

The Old Testament circumcision was a symbol or type that looked forward to Christ and the circumcision He performs on the carnal heart: *In him also you were circumcised, not in a physical sense, but by being divested of the lower nature; this is Christ's way of circumcision. Colossians 2:11 NEB*

Then put to death those parts of you which belong to the earth-fornication, indecency, lust, foul cravings.... But now you yourselves must lay aside all anger, passion, malice.... now that you have discarded the old nature with its deeds.... Colossians 3: 5-9 NEB

As God required physical circum-

cision of the Jew, so today He requires of us “Christ's way of circumcision,” which means “being divested of the lower nature” with its emotions of “anger, passion, malice” and self-centeredness. Such circumcision and such riddance of unlovely emotions are to man's great advantage, since *these emotions are clearly recognized by modern psychiatrists as causes or aggravations of the majority of all diseases.* Carnal emotions produce stress – which some authorities are now questioning as being the cause of all disease.

While *physical* circumcision prevents two fatal cancers, Christ's *spiritual* circumcision of our evil nature prevents a far greater number of important diseases. Circumcision of the *body* looked forward to circumcision of the *spirit.* Deut 10:12, 16; Jer 4:4; Rom 2:28-29; Rom 4:11; Gal 6: 13-15. Bodily circumcision is not required of Christians today because it looked forward to a greater circumcision that Christ now performs on the mind and heart of man. Is it not intriguing and appropriate that both the *type* and the *fulfillment* prevent deadly diseases?

Failure of the Jew to observe the symbol of circumcision made him a spiritual outcast, and it is understandable why God makes Christ's circumcision a requirement of belonging to Him: “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the lower nature with its passions and desires.” Gal 5:24 NEB. Only when this divine surgery has been performed can man enjoy the promise of his heavenly Father – “none of these diseases.”

Editor's note: This excerpt of Dr. S. I. McMillen's classic None of These Diseases is from the original version first released in 1963. In it Dr. McMillen brought a very important balance to the biblical doctrine of divine healing, testifying that health, happiness, and even longer life can be achieved if you follow the teachings of the bible. Dr. David E. Stern, M.D. is McMillen's grandson. Now boasting over 1 Million copies sold Dr. Stern added some updated materials in the 1984 and 2000 revised editions of None of These Diseases. The book is reader friendly and is very comprehensive in principles for living in the twenty-first century. It offers very practical help in receiving physical, sexual, emotional, and spiritual wholeness. The timeless principles God spoke through Moses 2500 years ago are applicable to the serious covenant believer in the God of the Bible. None of these diseases offers healing for the whole person.

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Book Reviews

New Book Boldly Confronts the Christian's Greatest Battle

COLDWATER, Mich Dwight Hall, president of Remnant Publications, has just announced its widely anticipated release of *The Christian Art of War*, the newest and perhaps most spiritually challenging work ever presented by Pastor Ivor Myers.

Says Hall, "Anyone who has ever taken up the cross of Christ realizes that the walk of faith is a fierce battle and a very long march. This book provides help and encouragement for the weary warrior. Not only does it give the skills we all need to walk a victorious life, readers will simply be astonished at the unique and challenging object lessons he presents on almost every page."

In "The Christian Art of War", Myers uncovers the secrets of lasting victory in the fight of faith. First, he convincingly challenges the notion that Christians can be passive civilians in a time of spiritual warfare. Then he arms readers as soldiers in the army of Christ, training them to master their greatest foe... the enemy within.

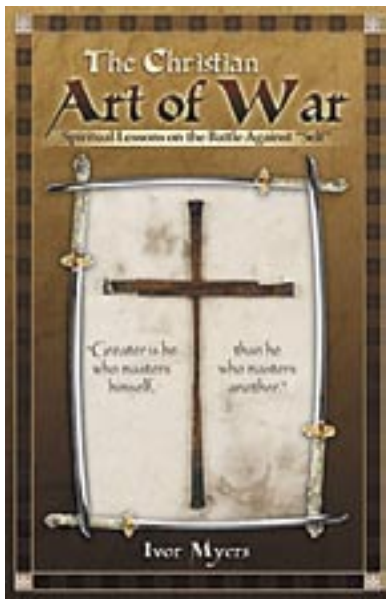
Myers uses a refreshing but always biblical approach to share the powerful lessons he's learned that helped him conquer his worst enemy. By applying military strategy, combat-training techniques,

and even the laws of nature and the animal kingdom, he offers real hope and change for Christians being bombarded with a gospel that requires nothing of them, and therefore offering little in return.

Says Myers, "Whether you struggle with pornography, impure thoughts, drug addictions, or any other sin that burdens your heart, *The Christian Art of War* will give you tremendous hope. The lessons will teach you to work courageously with the Lord and to become 'more than conquerors.'"

Ivor Myers was a member of the hip-hop group The Boogiemonsters, who appeared on programs such as Soul Train, BET, and in magazines like Vibe and Rolling Stones. The group was on its way to stardom, recording their first album with EMI Records, when Myers was introduced to the gospel. After eye-opening revelations, he left the industry behind. He is now involved full time in the Lord's work, helping thousands fully realize the faith of Jesus Christ.

For more information about *The Christian Art of War* and to order copies, contact Remnant Publications at 517.279.1304 or you can also visit www.RemnantPublications.com



Hamilton: From heroin to home run hero

By Art Stricklin

NEW YORK (BP)--As Major League Baseball showcased its stars in famed Yankee Stadium, the player who emerged from the All-Star break as the biggest star of all, Texas Ranger outfielder Josh Hamilton, spent most of his time pointing to someone greater than himself.

Hamilton, whose career and his life were nearly ended by drug addiction, wowed the masses in person and on TV during Monday night's Home Run Derby, but he used his national platform to give credit to God for his athletic ability.

"I can't believe what God has done in my life and how quickly He has done it," Hamilton told a national television audience after his record-shattering performance of 28 home runs in the first round, including three measuring more than 500 feet.

During the All-Star game, Hamilton also added a sharp single and some speedy play in the outfield.

While he smiled and gladly accepted the praise of the crowds and his fellow players, Hamilton, much like Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy after his Super Bowl win, turned attention to the most important facet of his life.

"I just want to give thanks," Hamilton said, pausing briefly in his nationally televised post-Home Run Derby interview,

which was also played through the Yankee Stadium PA system, "to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I want to seek to honor Him every day."

People hearing Hamilton's story of ruin and redemption often find it hard to believe. But as Hamilton openly admits to anyone who asks, it's all painfully and remarkably true.

He was the first-round draft choice in all of baseball by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 1999, but while his career looked promising he was becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol. It ultimately cost him three years of play in the minor leagues, 2004-06, as he was suspended by Major League Baseball and never rose above Class A ball.



As his addiction to cocaine and heroin became worse, Hamilton recounted that he would wake up not knowing the person lying next to him and not remembering what he been doing with them. The large tattoos which cover both arms are a painful and permanent reminder of his time away from baseball and his family.

"I made a series of bad decisions," Hamilton told the national media in New York prior to the All-Star game. "I had a value system and knew right from wrong, but I made wrong decisions."

Hamilton is quick to give appreciative credit to his praying wife Kathie and his family, along with his spiritual mentors including Rangers special assignment coach Johnny Narron.

When he finally landed back in baseball in 2006, he was briefly with the Rays, then the Chicago White Sox, who traded him to Cincinnati in 2007. He came to the Rangers in '08 determined to make a difference on the field, but more importantly off the field with his life and actions.

Jim Sundberg, Rangers vice president of public relations and a fellow believer who has cheered Hamilton's progress, said, "Sometimes you don't ever know what a difference you can be or what a role model really is until you find the right situation."

To remind himself of the power drug addiction had over his life, Hamilton stays with Narron at all times at home in Texas (his wife and 1-year-old son stay at their off-season home) and on the road. He never goes out anywhere by himself, taking all of his meals with Narron and rooming with him in Texas where they have nightly Bible studies when the Rangers are not playing.

Hamilton, who can be tested for drugs at any time without notice by Major League Baseball, only carries \$10 or less at any time, with Narron taking care of all of his Ranger-supplied meal money and any other income.

Hamilton has become active in the Baseball Chapel and has shared his

story of Christ's change in his life not only with the Rangers but also local youth groups.

"God doesn't give me anything I can't handle," he told the local Dallas newspaper. "He's definitely here for a reason," teammate Ian Kinsler told the paper. "Only God knows that reason, and he's let God take control of his life."

Before they are introduced at every at-bat at the Ballpark at Arlington, Rangers players are given the opportunity to pick their own theme music to be played to the crowd. Hamilton chose "Saved The Day" by Christian group Phillips, Craig & Dean which speaks about Christ's incredible power of redemption.

While various national media outlets were quick to search for the physical power source behind Hamilton's amazing show of power in Monday's Home Run Derby, the 27-year-old from Raleigh, N.C., was only too happy to share his real power. ESPN commentator Rick Reilly listened to Hamilton's story of renewal with God's power in his life and then proclaimed to a national audience, "It's a bad night to be an atheist."

Author Jeremy Kingsley Presents an Unusual Twist to Achieving Lasting Greatness

DALLAS, Everyone wants to live the American dream. Our culture has been programmed to presume that being the first, richest, hippest, happiest, and most popular is the key to finding joy and contentment. "Getting a leg up on the competition," "looking out for number one," and "fighting your way to the top" are popular phrases that encapsulate society's intense drive to achieve success-even if it means capitalizing on the failure or weakness of someone else.

But how far can the "Me-First" mentality really get us? In his new book, *Be Last: Descending to Greatness*, speaker and author Jeremy Kingsley answers this question by radically overturning the "rationality" of current secular thinking and attitudes-even in the book's title. In a stirring call for life change, Kingsley asks readers to reconsider the meaning of true success by delving into what Jesus called greatness and how to attain it.

"Jesus calls us to get down and dirty and to give up our pretensions of greatness defined by fame, carefree living, or accomplish-

ment," says Kingsley. "Contrary to popular opinion, greatness is truly defined by the humble and often hidden actions of a person who has given up on coming out on top."



In a culture dominated by winning and applause, Kingsley, like the Bible, says we should be aliens in this world-even when it comes to how we look at success. "It is not about having, it's about being. Living a great life is actu-

ally walking a difficult but rewarding path of self-sacrifice and inconvenience driven by a greater concern and love for others."

Basing his contention with the popular "do whatever it takes to win" ideology on the biblical principle that the last shall be first, Kingsley stresses the need to display attitudes of humility and servitude while emphasizing others before self. By studying Christ's example, Kingsley explores the descent into greatness as he teaches readers how to become last in service, with people, in salvation, in position, in submission, in lifestyle, in confession, in intimacy, and in attitude.

"Though the path to success in God's economy is a countercultural mystery, it is the proven path to genuine greatness," says Kingsley. Kingsley powerfully summons readers to this often unheard of but very necessary spiritual journey-a journey to be last. For additional info visit www.jeremykingsley.com

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Centennial Celebrations at First Assembly of God

By Rev. M S Abraham

The White Painted Brick building with a steeple at 243 Cumberland Ave., Portland may appear as one of the few standing old buildings in the fast changing Bayside neighborhood. However, there is a rich history behind what takes place in this landmark of Portland. It houses the First Assembly of God who celebrated her 100th anniversary on May 30, 31 & June 1, 2008. The uniqueness of this Church is that over the past 100 years it has impacted several generations in and around Greater Portland and regions beyond through her various ministries and one time Bible School - Hephzibah, which trained ministers for Christian ministry. Per reports it is the oldest active Church in the State of Maine that

proclaimed Pentecostal truth and never moved from its current location nor closed or canceled her services except for weather related conditions. Just as the location is so unique for this church, its leadership has been notable as there have been only five pastors (Rev. Arthur Chase, Rev. James Hicks, Rev. Bernard L Hinman, Rev. Paul Johnson (interim pastor) and now Rev. M S Abraham) to this congregation in 100 years.

First Assembly of God (as known today) was pioneered by Rev. Arthur Chase who was impacted by the Charismatic revival of 1906 known as the Azusa Street Revival, that literally touched the world for a little over 100 years. When Rev. Chase came to Portland Maine in 1908 and started the Church as Apostolic Faith Assembly, using the facility of Swedish Baptist Church on Wilmot St .Portland, he probably did not foresee the Centennial Celebrations in 2008. The current location of the Church was purchased from Dr. Edward Payson who was a minister himself.

The current church building (although improvements were been done later on) was dedicated on September 1, 1918 in a formal dedication ceremony and the first service was held at 3.00 PM on the same day. Services continued every day except Saturday and Water baptism for new converts were held on Friday evenings. Of note, the church was built without a debt and was operated solely from free-will offerings. Faithful proclamation of the Gospel of Christ and relying on divine healing propelled the continued dramatic growth of the church until Rev. Chase's entrance to eternal glory in 1925 after 25 years of faithful service unto His Lord, when Rev. James R. Hicks, who was a very capable leader, became the pastor.

Rev. Hicks under divine guidance introduced Maine to tent revivals in an effort to reach out to others to invite them to Christ. Rev. Hicks, who was a great visionary brought communities in Sanford and Old Orchard Beach together during the tent revivals and associated picnics. Sunday School ministry flourished in this period bringing attendance of youngsters between 130 and 180 per month. The records show great excitement and scriptural learning at this time featured by regular mind capturing contests. This era was also marked by the purchase of properties, creating a Bible School by the name Hephzibah, and the changing of the name of the corporation to The Hephzibah Pentecostal Church on Feb. 25 1929. A Parcel of land located in Cumberland Mills was purchased

and buildings were built there with a vision to have a colony of Christian families living in and around the farm and hosting passing missionaries and visiting ministers. Hephzibah Bible School produced some good quality dedicated ministers, evangelists, pastors and teachers in the years to come. Rev. Hick's ministry came to a sudden end by his entrance to glory on June 16, 1945.

A vibrant young minister, Rev. L B Hinman became the pastor on Feb 27, 1946 and the



Rev. M S Abraham

church was renamed as the First Pentecostal Church of Portland. Sunday school flourished under his ministry. Young men and women were greatly influenced by this ministry and the impact still lives on. A radio broadcast ministry was launched. The church was renamed again on June 25, 1953 as the First Assembly of

God. Rev. Hinman held prominent positions with the regional Assemblies of God. The Church continued to influence many in the community for years to come until the passing away of Rev. Hinman on Sept 26, 2000. Needless to mention, Rev. Hinman's consistent and faithful ministry held this congregation together for 55 years. The facilities were expanded and remodeled under his ministry.

Rev. Paul E Johnson and Rev. M S Abraham being associates to Rev. Hinman for about eight years, appears to be a divine arrangement of preparation for the transition after Pastor Hinman. Rev. Johnson served greatly as the Interim Pastor in this very difficult transition period until Rev. M S Abraham was voted in as the pastor in 2001. Over and beyond regular weekly services, the church's current ministries consist of consistent prayer initiatives, both home and foreign missions, Sunday school, ministry to the youth, food distribution to the community, men's & women's ministries etc. An addition

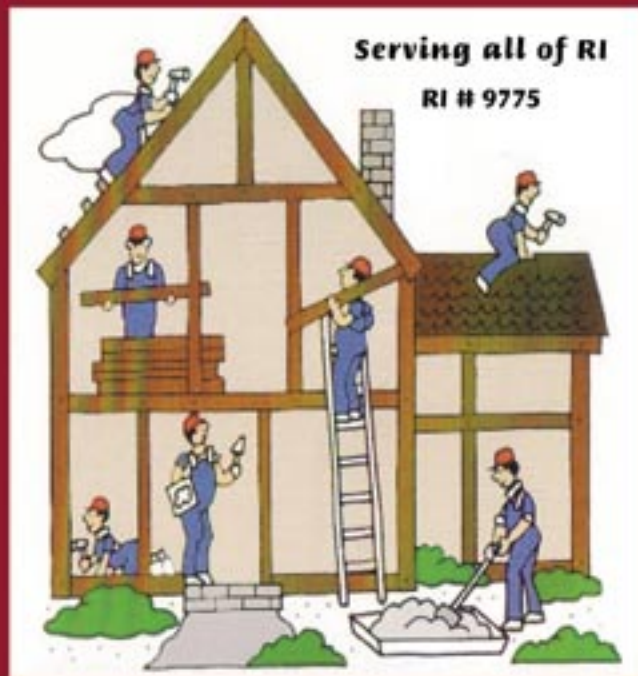


First Assembly of God, Portland, Maine

to the property of the church in 2002 is a step closer to the future expansion plans for the church as the membership grows. We strive to meet the spiritual and other needs of the Portland community being "light and salt".

Our Centennial Celebration serves as a two fold reminder: the rich Pentecostal heritage/accomplishments of the past, and the expectations and visions for the future. Rev. Charles Crabtree (the president of Zion Bible College, RI) was the featured speaker for three nights (7.00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights and 6.30 PM on Sunday). Rev. Dennis Marquardt (Superintendent of NNED of AG) was the speaker on Sunday AM service. These services also featured great musical teams and soloists and all that came were blessed immeasurably. We extend our invitation to the readers to come and join us during the coming year as we continue to celebrate God's faithfulness in all that He has done, what He is doing and what He will do in the years to come.

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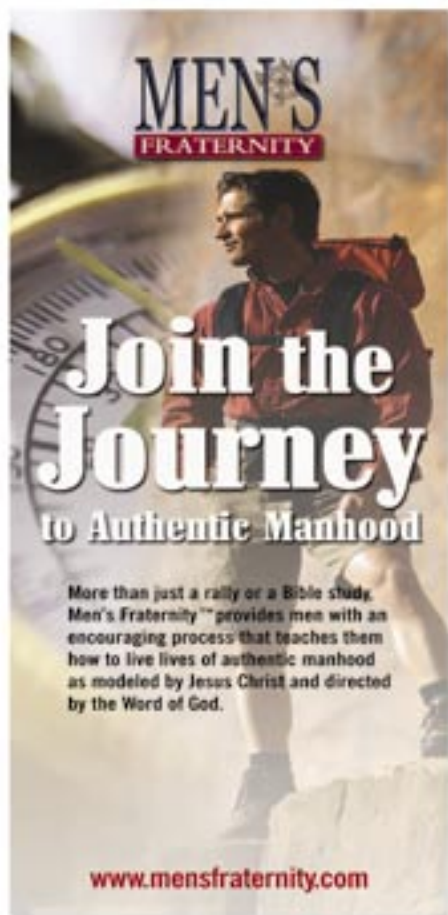
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By Ralph Davis

How long does it take to become a man? Eighteen years...twenty-one? How about becoming an "authentic man"...whatever that is. Then again, how do you *define* what a man is? Facial hair, big muscles, booming voice...other manly traits? Dr. Robert Lewis of the Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, Arkansas has developed a curriculum to teach men how to become authentic.

In 1990, he started a group of about 30 men from his church that he decided to try to connect with and to challenge. Over the years it has developed into a series of studies designed to engage the heart as well as the mind, stripping away the myths of manhood, and focusing on how each individual can be transformed into a true man of God. Now, more than 15,000 groups of men attend a weekly Men's Fraternity meeting globally.

According to the text found on their website (www.mensfraternity.com), "Imagine the transforming power of men coming together within your church and commu-

nity to honestly examine their lives and take the courageous steps necessary to embrace authentic manhood on a journey to become who God intends them to be. That is the goal of Men's Fraternity."

"When men connect in life-changing ways, a powerful ripple effect touches families, workplaces, and the church. Deeper connections with God and other men inspire participants to connect more meaningfully in all facets of their lives. They climb beyond the walls of isolation and aspire to a biblical viewpoint marked by integrity, boldness, and compassion. Through this powerful series, men learn to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and expect God's greater reward."

Men's Fraternity is a series of three one-year-long studies, beginning with *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*, followed by *Authentic Manhood: Winning at Work and Home*, and concluding with *The Great Adventure series*. More than just a rally or a Bible study, Men's Fraternity provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God.

Barrington Baptist Church, located at 25 Old County Road in Barrington, RI will be kicking off the study, *Authentic Manhood: Winning at Work and Home*, beginning on September 10, 2008. The session will run from 6:45-8:30 pm and the final session will be on January 7, 2009.

Barrington Baptist Church is the home of the Rhode Island Men of Hope Task Force (www.menofhope.org) whose story was featured in the September, 2007 issue of this paper which can be found in our archives (www.thegoodnewstoday.org.) Their mission is: "Reaching Men for Christ." Their objective is "to bring men of New England together in spiritual unity through prayer,



by sponsoring special events and training and to organize men's ministries in local churches. Their interest is on the individual man; they are

less interested in "numbers" than building up one man at a time.

True to their mission is bringing the *Men's Fraternity* groups into their own church. According to one of the Men of Hope founders, John "Big John" Mentus, over fifty men attended the *Quest for Authentic Manhood* sessions and the hope is that most of the men will continue with the next two. Big John made it clear that he encourages other churches in the state to initiate their own *Men's Fraternity* groups and information on how to do so can be found on Robert Lewis's website (www.mensfraternity.com). Some of the groups meet in private homes rather than on church property.

If you would like information about the upcoming group at Barrington Baptist or if you have any other questions regarding *Men's Fraternity* you can contact Big John at 401-433-2030 or email him at johnmentus@cox.net

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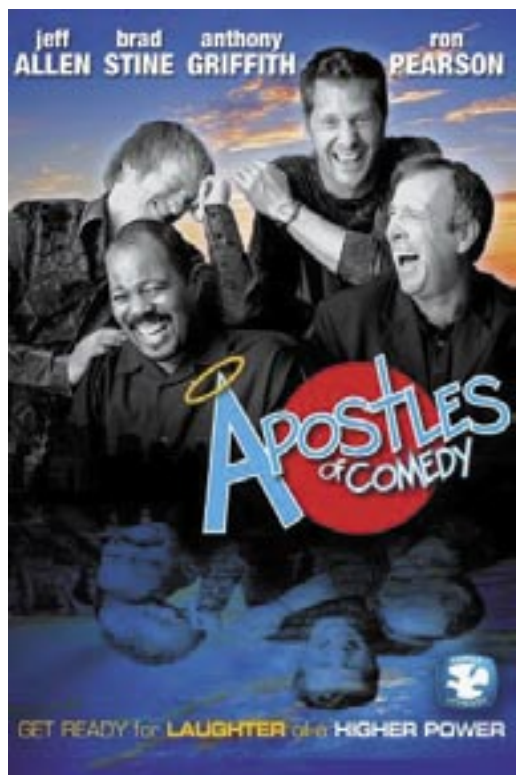
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Entertainment

Film Sets New Christian Comedy Trend



Comedians Spotlighted in *Apostles of Comedy; The Movie*

LOS ANGELES Back in the immoral age of comics, Christian comedians seemed out of place in any other venue besides a church. In the past, most secular comedians who were also Christian preferred not to be labeled as such because clean comedy was perceived not funny and ignored by the secular entertainment industry.

Enter Ron Pearson, a Christian

who is explicit about his faith yet is one of the top secular comics in the business. The award-winning Pearson has forged a career that includes scene stealing roles and guest spots on some of the biggest sitcoms on network television including *The George Lopez Show*, *That 70's Show*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Malcolm & Eddie*, among others. He is also in high demand in television warm up comedy, late night talk shows and is a favorite at corporate and Christian events.

Pearson is that rare performer who is as at home playing characters on television as he is performing comedy to a church audience and his range has garnered him a loyal fan base.

Pearson's latest project, *Apostles of Comedy; The Movie*, is a masterpiece that's sure to set a new trend in both the Christian and secular comedy world. The film fuses 4 award-winning comedians that spotlights not only the quirks but explores their private lives as

they share their journeys of love, faith, hope and forgiveness. You'll see famed comedians Pearson, Anthony Griffith, Brad Stine and Jeff Allen as you've never seen them. In documentary fashion, the film provides an informative glance into the lives and careers of four of comedy's biggest and most inspirational comedians today.

"There really is a void out there of comedy that is uplifting," says Pearson. "This film features quality comedy that is not dumbed down at all, but is also something the entire family can enjoy. There is a culture war going on for the soul of this country right now. And while we may not win every battle, hopefully quality projects like this will stand-up against any secular counterpart out there."

There's no doubt laughter is the best medicine. And *Apostles of Comedy; The Movie* is sure to give viewers a hefty dose of it with the nationwide September 9, 2008 release.

Apostles of Comedy; The Movie will be released on DVD by First Look Studios. Besides preparing for the release of *Apostles of Comedy; The Movie*, Pearson is set to tour and make more television appearances. An *Apostles of Comedy* tour with all 4 comedians is also in the works.

For Ron Pearson's schedule and more information on *Apostles of Comedy; The Movie* (including a preview) please visit www.ronpearson.com

Melinda Watts Crowned Gospel Dream 2008 Winner

Californian Melinda Watts Wins Gospel Music Channel's Gospel Dream 2008

ATLANTA - Melinda Watts, a 29-year-old leader of two foundations that helps support troubled young girls and their families from Fair Oaks, California, was crowned the winner of the American Idol®-inspired talent search series *Gospel Dream 2008* recently on the Gospel Music Channel television network.

Watts shared the stage of the *Gospel Dream 2008* finals with Kymm Lowery of Beach Park, Ill. and John McKoy, Jr. of Monroe, N.C. in the dramatic season finale of GMC's American Idol®-inspired talent search series, with all three performers offering outstanding and uplifting performances. Yet it was Watts who receives the grand prizes of *Gospel Dream 2008* - a record and music video deal and a Royal Caribbean Cruise - and the potential for a career that she has dreamed since

she began singing at the age of six. "Every ten years or so you have an anointed superstar artist who graces us with the word of God in song, as CeCe Winans and Yolanda Adams have done. Now we have Melinda Watts," said Alvin Williams, Senior Director of Music Development for the Gospel Music Channel.

Watts' personal story is as compelling as her singing ability. She and her husband William are new parents to six-month old Lyric and live in the Sacramento area where Watts has been pursuing her other dream - that of helping teens and young women.

An English teacher by vocation, she has established a foundation called Project Sunday because of the great need for mentoring

and ministering to young women in her community. She has also set-up Heaven's House for Girls, created to provide research-based solutions for troubled teen girls and their families. Watts' hope for both foundations is to develop the self-reliant attitude among girls and young women that manifests in their ambitions, assertiveness and individualism, she says.



Winning her *Gospel Dream* should only help to elevate both charities. A singer and songwriter, Watts hopes to write a substantial amount

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The festival will take place on Saturday, August 30 from 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m. featuring NBJ (Nothin' But Jesus), Crimson Rain, Cross Back, 4 A Cross, and Spirit & Truth. From 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. there will be a Children's Stage with Activities, Free Raffles, and MORE!!! Light food will be available. The Blood Center of Rhode Island will conduct a Blood Drive

from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cathy Morgan the project coordinator says, "We were so blessed last year to include 9 churches for support and to mobilize 100 volunteers. We estimate that we attracted nearly 800 visitors. This year we have started a visitation program to visit more churches in the area and expect much more participation and support."

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on her upcoming CD to be released through Gospel Music Channel in early 2009, and hopes people will feel compelled to the heart of God.

is Melinda's first single and has already been serviced to radio stations across the country. It can be heard at <http://www.gospelmusicchannel.com/shows/gospeldream>.

"I want people to listen to my music and want to draw closer to God," she says. "I also want them to want to grow in the grace of God and to be bold in their faith, like a revival through music."

Watts, who grew a large fan base as the series went on, was crowned as the new *Gospel Dream* winner by Gospel/Christian music's version of Simon, Paula and Randy: GRAMMY award-winning record producer/songwriter Big Jim Wright, Dove and Stellar award-winning cross-cultural worship music artist/songwriter Martha Munizzi and one of Gospel music's most prolific talents and part of one of music's hottest production companies (PJAM) J Moss. They were equally impressed by Watts' vocal talents and passion all through the competition but especially with her final performances of the contemporary praise song "You are Good" and the traditional hymn "Tis So Sweet." "Tis So Sweet"

Watts' *Gospel Dream 2008* journey began nearly five months ago in Los Angeles when she tried out during the first round of auditions. She was chosen from among thousands of singing hopefuls all Gospel/Christian styles including rock, pop, country and soul at auditions in Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix, Miami and Atlanta. 16 contestants were selected and invited to Nashville, Tenn. to perform in five rounds of televised competitions.

Gospel Dream 2008 was hosted by popular artist/songwriter Matthew West with backstage reporting by GMC Insider's Kelly Sutton. Celebrity musical mentors who coached the contestants throughout the series included PAJAM, Myron Butler, Bernie Herms, Lesley Moore and Darlene McCoy. The *Gospel Dream* series was created by Executive Producer Elvin Ross who is also the series' executive producer and musical director.

The *Gospel Dream 2008* series can be seen again Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. ET/PT beginning July 31.

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Born a slave around JULY 12, 1864, George Washington Carver became a scientist of international renown.

On January 21, 1921, Carver addressed the United States House Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the United Peanut Growers Association on the use of peanuts to improve Southern economy.

Initially given ten minutes to speak, the committee was so captivated, his time was extended. Explaining the many products derived from the peanut, including milk, mock beef and mock chicken, George Washington Carver stated:

"If you go to the first chapter of Genesis, we can interpret very clearly, I think, what God intended when he said 'Behold, I have given you every herb that bears seed. To you it shall be meat.' This is what He means about it. It shall be meat. There is everything there to strengthen and nourish and keep the body alive and healthy."

After nearly two hours, the chairman asked: "Dr. Carver, how did you learn all of these things?" Carver answered: "From an old book" "What book?" asked the Chairman. Carver replied, "The Bible." The Chairman inquired, "Does the Bible tell about peanuts?" "No, Sir" Dr. Carver replied, "It tells about the God who made the peanut. I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut and He did."

The Right Direction

by Dick Evans

1 Corinthians 10:23 You say, "I am allowed to do anything" - but not everything is helpful. You say, "I am allowed to do anything" - but not everything is beneficial. (NLT)

We Americans are an independent group of people, believers or not. Everyone seems to like that song that has the line "I'll do it my way". And then there is that old adage "My way or the highway". Perhaps you have even said it.

We can do whatever we want. We have free will, believer or not. God gave that to us long before we were even born. We choose everything, even the right to not choose or to let someone else choose for us.

But as believers we must ask if this choice lines up with the Word of God. Is this choice a choice that will further the Kingdom or bring me closer to Him? Will this choice better my relationship with Him?

As Paul tells us, not everything that we choose is helpful to the task God has given us. And choices we make may not be beneficial to us or to those we are leading to the Lord.

Yes, we are free, but we are also

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Is Anyone Listening?

By Rusty Wright

MOUNT HERMON, CA (ANS)
-- Ever feel like you're talking to a brick wall?

The television comedy Frasier was one of the most popular TV series in US history. It's been called "a thinking person's comedy." Reruns are ubiquitous, about six episodes daily in our area. Frasier Crane, the protagonist, is a caring, sensitive, cultured - but insecure and sometimes pompous - Seattle radio psychiatrist who always greets his callers with, "I'm listening." Yet sometimes he becomes so wrapped up in himself that he tunes others out.

He's not alone. In one amusing scene, Frasier's ex wife, Lilith (also a psychiatrist) tries to converse with Frasier's brother Niles (yet another psychiatrist) about an especially weighty matter. Niles, focused on a video game, doesn't pay her sufficient attention, prompting Lilith to exclaim, "Is there a chair here I could talk to?"

I confess that my wife, Meg, sometimes has to use Lilith's line to get my attention. Mind you, I don't confess that it's as often as she might claim!

But it's easy to focus on my interests and not hear - or fully process - her words. Once, planning a meal, she asked if we had vegetables in the refrigerator. Seeing none of the vegetables I like (carrots, celery, zucchini, tomatoes, broccoli), I replied "No." Turned out we had artichokes, asparagus, and other veggies that were her favorites.

Perhaps distracted - that alibi satisfies me if it does you - I didn't take the time to think through her interests.

Listening is a powerful form of affirmation and an important tool in understanding and communication. Solomon, a wise Jewish king, wrote "What a shame, what folly, to give advice before listening to the facts!"

Have you ever been around someone who made you feel like you were the most important person in the world? They probably knew how to listen.

Medical ethicist Stephen Post writes in his book, *Why Good Things Happen to Good People*, "When we truly absorb another's story, we are saying, 'You count. Your life and feelings and thoughts matter to me. And I want to know who you really are.'" He claims that listening can help both the listener and the one listened to. New studies indicate: "Listening activates the part of our brains hardwired for empathy. When we listen to others in pain, their stress response quiets down and their body has a better chance to heal."

University of Minnesota rhetoric professor Ralph G. Nichols noted that a listener's opposition to a speaker's statement can hamper further listening. Nichols said a listener feeling stung often tries "to do three things simultaneously: (1) calculate what hurt is being done to his own pet ideas; (2) plot an embarrassing question to ask the speaker; (3) enjoy mentally all the discomfiture visualized for

Dear Brother Lawrence,

Hello and God Bless you. For what its worth, I read with interest the article about Todd Bentley and the Lakeland Florida events. I am a Pastor of a small Pentecostal Church in Fall River, Ma. I was saved in 1974, baptized with the Holy Spirit in 1975.

I pray in tongues and we have the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation at our assembly, Christ's Chapel, as the Holy Spirit leads. I am concerned about the counterfeit events at Lakeland, especially the ministry of Mr. Bentley. I am concerned enough to have written a pamphlet about it, hopefully

the speaker once the devastating reply to him is launched."

Sounds like a recipe for tuning out. Maybe for starting a war. Better to "hold your fire" advised Nichols. Reminds me of a biblical adage, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Your anger can never make things right in God's sight."

The International Listening Association (yep, they really exist) quips that conversation is "a vocal competition in which the one who is catching his breath is called the listener." TV talking heads take note, please.

The ILA also says, "History repeats itself because no one listens the first time." Politicians and voters take note, please. Isn't this a fascinating subject? Don't you just love reading what I say about it? Oh, yes. What was that you wanted to tell me?

Jonah Project will lead nation back to God

St. Petersburg, Fla. - The world's leading Internet evangelist, Bill Keller - founder of Liveprayer.com and the host of the Liveprayer TV program - **has launched the Jonah Project to call the United States to repent, or face the judgment of God.** In much the same way as the word delivered by the prophet Jonah 2900 years ago to the ancient city of Nineveh, Keller claims the Lord has called him to warn the nation to turn back to God and Biblical values, or experience His judgment for our sins and wickedness.

Keller - who officially launched the Jonah Project on Monday, July 7th - says a key component of the project will be taking his successful television program to the nation, live, on a major secular network for an hour every Monday through Friday. In addition, a new radio program will be heard live for two hours each weekday on secular stations across the nation. The launch date for the nationwide TV and radio programs is Monday, October 6, 2008. The networks and

stations carrying the Liveprayer program will be announced at a special press conference on Monday, September 8, 2008.

In addition to the 2.4 million opt-in subscribers who read the Daily Devotional Keller has written 365 days a year since Liveprayer began in August of 1999, Keller has been a maverick on secular television these past six years. His program - a highly rated, unique, live call-in format that deals from a Biblical worldview with world issues as well as those in people's lives - has aired exclusively on major secular network affiliates in Florida, and for a brief time nationally in 2006. This breaks the typical preaching/teaching program mold established by other ministries of producing primarily for the Christian television market.

Keller sees the Jonah Project as much more than just a call to this nation to repent or face the judgment of God. He believes the Jonah Project is going to be a format for millions of true followers of Christ to come together, and have a true voice in the mainstream media, while mobilizing action to attend to the social ills of our day.

"It is a relatively few number of people who have made the sin

of homosexuality mainstream, legalized the killing of babies, removed God from the public forum, and been responsible for the proliferation of pornography and gambling," laments Keller. "Through the Jonah Project - for the first time in a meaningful way - we are going to mobilize millions of true followers of Jesus Christ, and witness many of these social ills that plague our nation wiped out!"

"In the past, attempts to mobilize Christians has been for political, not spiritual, purposes," adds Keller. "We aren't bringing Christians together to elect people we agree with to office, but rather to have our voice heard and our views represented in the culture, and to exercise our beliefs just as those who oppose Biblical values have exercised their beliefs on our society."

Keller sees a byproduct of the Jonah Project not only being a move back to God and Biblical values in this nation, but in other nations around the world. He hopes to unleash a spiritual revival that will bring millions of people around the globe to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. **For details, visit the Jonah Project website at www.liveprayer.com/jonah.**

evaluating it from scripture for the reader to clearly understand. I am saddened that Pentecostal and Charismatic leaders are not stepping forth calling correction on the part of those involved, especially Todd Bentley.

Anyway, I am registering my evaluation of the whole matter. It is just one man's opinion, I know, but I believe I have the mind of the Lord in this matter.

Take care and God Bless you.
Jackson Morro
Pastor ~ Christ Chapel, Fall River

If you would like a copy of Pastor Morro's pamphlet titled "Strange Fire" please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Christ's Chapel, P.O.Box 3182, Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in response to an article starting on the front page of The Good News Today, "Don't believe the lie, don't die". This article noted that Jim Feijo had to read the bible which he had never done before because of his Catholic (capital C) background and he had left the Catholic Church because they wanted more money from him in contributions. First, as a Catholic I was always taught to read the bible and we have bible classes in our church. The Mass has readings from the bible, throughout. Our religion is based on the teachings of the Old & New-Testament. Second, no one is ever told what to contribute to the church. In Protestant Evangelical & other churches you practice tithing which is almost similar, but no one comes after you to ask why you aren't contributing more money. Maybe this letter might enlighten you a little or maybe not. What you might do next time is find out the truth before you print The Good News.

God Bless You
Roman Catholic Bible Reader
Ruby Vasquez

Dear Ruby,

Thank you for your concern for the truth, I am happy to hear that you have always read the bible; it is the source of all Truth. The story which you quote from is a personal testimony relayed as such by the person who had these experiences. Though your experience in the Catholic Church may be different, Jim's testimony was the topic of this article and thus we relayed exactly what he told us. Perhaps you might like to speak with him about his testimony? As for the Mass and other teachings of the Catholic Church I would be happy to send you copies of personal testimony of former Catholic priests and nuns who would differ with your opinion that the Catholic churches teachings are based upon the Old and New Testament.

God bless you
Bible believer
Larry Lepore

Inspiration

Noah's Animal Outlines

By Rev. Doug Forbes

My grandchildren love to hear the story of Noah's Ark and the menagerie of animals it includes! I believe that the children in your class will enjoy it too. Noah's Animal Outlines will help your young people remember the story of Noah and how God protected him and the animals.

For this activity you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, poster board, white construction paper, crayons, pencils and scissors. (You could also use the reproducible Noah's Ark coloring page from Gospel Light's Bible Story Coloring Pages.)

Instruct your class members to use

their Bibles and concordances to discover Bible passages about animals. Allow time for each student to share his or her findings.

Ask the children to turn to Genesis 6:9-10:16 and have volunteers read sections about Noah you have pre-selected. Explain how God loved Noah and his family and protected them from the flood. Tell the children that God loves them just as much as he loved Noah and that they can ask for His help in difficult times.

Before class precut poster board into many animal shapes, and peel the paper off the crayons. (Large crayons may be easier for the young people to use.) Let each student select an animal shape, have them place it on the table and cover it with a piece of white construction paper. Have each child select a crayon, hold it sideways and rub it across the animal shape and a little bit beyond. The shape of the animal will instantly appear! You may wish to let the children make several animal shapes on their papers.

For an extra activity, make copies of the Noah's Ark coloring sheet, read it with your students and have them color it. (I usually make Bible story coloring sheets to go with my lessons. They can be used in class or as a take home activity.)

Have the children take their papers home after class and encourage them to share the story of Noah's Ark with their parents or guardians.

Why Do I Keep Sinning?

By Kirk Cameron

I occasionally hear professing Christians ask (with a helpless sounding voice), "Why won't God take this desire away from me so I'll stop sinning?" These are people who say they truly desire to be free from their sexual sin, substance abuse, gluttony, materialism, love for the world, etc. Again they ask, "Why do I keep sinning?" According to Scripture, the answer is simple — because they keep choosing to disobey God. Jesus said, "If you love me you will obey my commandments."



We humans are really very smart creatures. We are also very predictable. Our actions show our priorities. We have a conscience to know right from wrong and while we attempt to do good, we also are willing to do wrong in spite of the fact that we know better. We also have the pathetic ability to justify our sinful choices with excuses that make us feel sorry for ourselves. While some do have legitimate trauma to overcome, most of us know that our sin is simply a pathetic choice to give in to our fleshly desires for a moment or two of comfort and pleasure.

Who's the culprit?

Why do there remain those few pet sins — those few areas we just can't get a hold of? Here are some questions I've found helpful to identify the culprit of our sinful actions:

With what and with whom do you surround yourself? Are your friends helping you or hurting you when it comes to living right for Jesus? How do you spend your free time? What do you find yourself thinking about when your mind is free to wander? Do you find yourself making excuses for your sinful actions and then feeling sorry for yourself?

Listen to what the Bible says:

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions — is not from the Father but is from the world." (1 John 2:15-16). It's pretty clear: If you love the world and the things of the world, God's love is not in you.

Is your heart set on worldly things? Do you find yourself longing after things you see and don't have? Are you financially discontent? Do you notice yourself overly concerned about the way you look? Do you need to feel important in the eyes of all your friends and family? Are you preoccupied with a desire for pre-marital sex or adultery? If your thoughts often fall into one or more of these categories, you may have found your enemy. Jeremiah reveals, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9), and Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person" (Matt. 15: 19-20). Could the problem lie within your own heart? Only you know the answer to that question, but we all can be sure that an unredeemed heart will produce all these things in abundance.

I want to go out on a limb here and say that we all would do well at this point to put our pride in check and examine our hearts carefully. I was just reading a book called *Alarm to the Unconverted* by Joseph Alleine. I was up last night, pleading with the Lord to search and try my heart and bring to mind all the filth and grime that remains, that I might surrender myself still further to the mercy and transforming power of Jesus Christ. The self-deceived hypocrite is in the worst state of all. He thinks all is well between him and his God (so he sees no need to change or examine himself), when in fact, all is not well. Please, hear my earnest plea for your precious soul. Ask the Lord to do a thorough work of exposing the inner desires and intentions of your heart. Ask him to awaken your conscience and remind you of all the dominating loves and lusts within. This is the first and necessary step toward finding victory over your sin.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

This popular saying has helped me not worry about things that

don't matter, like spilled milk. But when it comes to transgressing God's Law, we ought to sweat heavily.

When Jesus was in the garden He sweat great drops of blood. He was in agony, tormented by the choice he had to make between doing His own will or His father's will. He knew that to obey God would bring Him great difficulty — physically and emotionally. He said, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done..." If by any means this cup can pass from me, let it be, BUT — not my will but Thy will be done." Jesus knew the great cost of obedience, and paid it. His only choice as the Son of God was to obey.

Falling vs. Diving

When someone says they have fallen into a serious sin like having an affair (adultery), they didn't just fall, they dove. They continually worked and nursed their sin until it became fully grown. Think about it. If you commit sexual sin (any sex outside of marriage), you have made dozens of intentional, wrong decisions to get yourself there. The first phone call. The lustful imaginations. The choice of how you dress, how you act, and what you say. With each one of these and following choices, you must actively deny your conscience (God's Law written on your heart), ignore God's Word, and insist on pursuing what you know is wrong. That is why the Bible says that we will all be "without excuse" on the Day we stand "before the eyes of Him with whom we must give account." The Bible says, "Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death" (James 1:15). This is why "adulterers ... shall [not] inherit the kingdom of God." The difference between a true believer and a false one is that a true convert falls into sin, while a false one dives. Do you ever plan to sin? Do you ever think of ways to get away with that which you know is wrong in God's eyes? If so, you should be concerned about the genuineness of your conversion.

Yes, the true Christian will occasionally fall into sin, but how pathetic is that fall! For the Christian to dive into sin, is as wicked and disgraceful as a pardoned murderer allowing himself to be enticed back into his life of crime. Christ died for us. The call of the Christian life is to die to ourselves and crucify the flesh with its ungodly desires.

Jesus has broken the chains that once bound you to sin, but have you walked right back into your comfortable prison and put them back on because you like the way they make you feel? None of us have an excuse when we willingly give in to our favorite sins. Scripture describes the religious hypocrite as a "dog [that] returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire." So the unregenerate will return to his familiar sins and lie down to enjoy the pleasure of his transgressions.

The Antidote

God is not slack in providing a way out of your sins. He is not holding back the answer to you who are still enslaved to your old nature. God is willing if you are willing. He says, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." You must get desperately honest with yourself. I must get honest with myself. God has given us a mirror to see ourselves in truth and we must look into it. So look intently at the Commandments, and then confess and forsake your sin completely. Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Choose you this day whom you will serve. God is loving, forgiving, compassionate, redeeming, and all-powerful. But you must choose "whom" you will serve. No excuses, no self-pity parties: only surrender. We must once and for all let go of the deceptive pleasures of our sin and cling to the cross for mercy and a new heart that only God can give. God gives strength in abundance to those who repent and trust in him.

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." If you want to stop sinning, YOU need to stop. God gives you the strength, but YOU do the stopping. If you struggle with alcohol, don't check out the specials at the liquor store. If you struggle with over-eating, don't drive into McDonald's for the "Big and Tasty." Replace your belly's lusts with a love for hon-

oring God with your body. If pornography is your problem, stop your monthly subscription to the filthy publications and don't visit those Web sites. It sounds simple because it is. But before conversion, a man (or woman) is a slave to sin, unable to bridle the lust of the flesh, but after true conversion, he is no longer a slave to sin (because he has willingly crucified the flesh) and is a new creature, a servant of righteousness.

Have you repented of all your sin? Have you ignored the still small voice calling from within? The bible says; **Come unto me, all [ye]** that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Mat 11: 28 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 I know it sounds to simple to be true, but it is. Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me. I know I haven't done everything that I should in my life and I regret it. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to walk away from my sin. I want to live my life for you, free from the fears and problems of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. 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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Softball in heaven



Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, 'Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played all through High School. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there.' Rose looked up at Barb from her death bed and said, 'Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.'

Shortly after that, Rose passed on. At midnight the following Friday, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, 'Barb, Barb.' 'Who is it?' asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?' 'Barb -- it's me, Rose.' 'You're not Rose. Rose just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Rose,' insisted the voice.

'Rose! Where are you?' 'In Heaven,' replied Rose. 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.' 'Tell me the good news first,' said Barb. The good news, Rose said, 'is that there's Softball in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.' 'That's fantastic,' said Barb. 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?' 'You're pitching Tuesday.'

You know you're a redneck when...

1. You can entertain yourself for more than 15 minutes with a fly swatter.
2. Your boat has not left the driveway in 15 years.
3. You burn your yard rather than mow it.
4. The Salvation Army declines your furniture.
5. You offer to give someone the shirt off your back and they don't want it.
6. You come back from the dump with more than you took.
7. You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.
8. Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.
9. Your grandmother has "ammo" on her Christmas list.
10. Your house doesn't have curtains, but your truck does.



Good Morning!

A sweet little boy surprised his grandmother one morning and brought her a cup of coffee. He made it himself and was so proud. He anxiously waited to hear the verdict on the quality of the coffee. The grandmother had never in her life had such a bad cup of coffee, and as she forced down the last sip she noticed three of those little green army guys in the bottom of the cup. She asked, "Honey, why would three little green army guys be in the bottom of my cup?" Her grandson replied, "You know grandma, it's like on TV, The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup."

Patriotic Chickens

During the Revolutionary War, there was a small encampment of Patriot soldiers in the woods. Before they retired for the night, they tied chickens which they were saving for a special meal to the trees around the campground. Sure enough, some British soldiers stumbling through the woods that night frightened the chickens. Their screams and clucks woke the Patriots, who then were able to defeat and capture the entire group of British soldiers.

A few nights later, the cook prepared the chickens for dinner. The soldiers said to the cook, "This is really good! What do you call it?"

The cook said that in honor of these special chickens who had saved their lives, he named the dish "Chicken Catch a Tory."

The Moped

An elderly man on a Moped, looking about 100 years old, pulls up next to a doctor at a street light. The old man looks over at the sleek shiny car and asks, "What kind of car ya got there, sonny?"

The doctor replies, "A Ferrari GTO. It cost half a million dollars!" "That's a lot of money," says the old man. "Why does it cost so much?" "Because this car can do up to 320 miles an hour!" states the doctor proudly.

The Moped driver asks, "Mind if I take a look inside?" "No problem," replies the doctor. So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Then, sitting back on his Moped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car, all right! ... but I'll stick with my Moped!"



Just then the light changes, so the doctor decides to show the old man just what his car can do. He floors it, and within 30 seconds the speedometer reads 160 mph. Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly... WHOOOSSSHHH! Something whips by him going much faster!

Soul Food

Funny bone ticklers

A visiting evangelist began to shout, "The people of this church would be the first to go up in the rapture!" Before the congregation had a chance to rejoice, the evangelist gave his reason, "The dead in Christ shall rise first. I Thessalonians 4:16."

When Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York City, he asked a job applicant what he would do if ordered to disperse a mob. The man replied, "Pass around the hat, sir."

A young man was making his first jump from an airplane when he asked his instructor what to do if the parachute did not open. The instructor snapped back, "That is what I call jumping to a conclusion!"

A woman with a speeding ticket went before the judge in the courtroom. The judge asked her what she did as an occupation, to which she replied she was a schoolteacher. The judge said, "O a schoolteacher, well go sit down right there and write, 'I will not speed anymore' 500 times!"

A man with a speeding ticket went before the judge in the courtroom. The judge looked at him and said, "Don't I know you from some-

where?" The man answered, "I should think so, I'm you daughter's piano teacher." The judge shouted, "Thirty years!"

One Sunday morning, the Pastor said to the music minister, "I need you to make a slight change. This morning I am preaching on the sin of gossip and I need you to change one of the songs you have scheduled, namely, 'I Love to Tell the Story.'"

Patient: "Doctor, after 5 visits to you I'm not feeling well."

Doctor: "Look, I am doing all I can to make you younger."

Patient: "I wasn't particularly interested in getting any younger, I just want to continue growing older!"

A deacon was visiting his son in New York City during a garbage strike... Said the deacon, "Whenever I want to throw out the garbage, I wrap it up in wrapping paper and place it in a shopping bag. When I go some place, I just leave it in the car on the front seat with the window open, and it gets taken every time!"

Little Ronnie was just awakened from his sleep on the church pew and whispered to his dad if the preacher was finished yet. His Dad whispered back, "He has finished but he hasn't stopped."

"What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?" the doctor asks himself. He presses harder on the accelerator and takes the Ferrari up to 250 mph. Then, up ahead of him, he sees that it's the old man on the Moped!

Amazed that the Moped could pass his Ferrari, He gives it more gas and passes the Moped at 275 mph. He was feeling pretty good until he looked in his mirror and saw the old man gaining on him AGAIN! Astounded by the speed of this old guy, he floors the gas pedal and takes the

Ferrari all the way up to 320 mph!

Not ten seconds later, he sees the Moped bearing down on him again! The Ferrari is flat out and there's nothing he can do! Suddenly, the Moped plows into the back of his Ferrari, demolishing the rear end. The doctor stops and jumps out and unbelievably the old man is still alive.

He runs up to the banged-up old guy and says, "I'm a doctor... Is there anything I can do for you?" The old man whispers, "Unhook my suspenders from your side view mirror."

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones

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AUGUST Calendar

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Weekend Event: Aug 15-17 Victory's 19th Year Celebration - Special guest speaker: Rev Nancy Clark from New York, Fri 7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m at Victory Assembly of God, 321 Veazie St, Providence RI 02904 401-455-0060 www.victoryri.org

1 Friday

7 p.m. ~ Ground Zero Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant Bible Teaching. 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) Every Friday. Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

2 Saturday

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

7 p.m. Shawn Dennison & Friends ~ Christian Contemporary, The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

5 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

6 Wednesday

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

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 877-274-7312

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

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7 Thursday

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9 Saturday

4-8 p.m.- Adult Coffee House Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909; 401-780-8900

7 p.m. Dave Pettigrew & Friends ~ Christian Contemporary, www.indieheaven.com/artists/davepettigrew; The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

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10 Sunday

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14 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

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16 Saturday

10 a.m.- 1p.m. & 2p.m.- 5p.m. ~ Auditions for Treasured Heart Ministry Christmas 2008 "Vital Signs" at Harvest Family Church, 1400 Brayton Point Rd, Somerset MA. Please contact Kathy Donais at sissy52654@comcast.net or 508-673-5486, & or www.treasuredheartministry.com

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7 p.m. "Risen" Christian Blues, www.myspace.com/risenintothelight, The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

7p.m.- Eternal Perks Coffee House Christian concert Free admission, coffee, soda, popcorn, & desserts at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 1055 Randolph Rd, Middletown Ct 06457. 860-346-2641 for more info & direction GraceMiddletown.org

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27 Wednesday

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28 Thursday

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29 Friday

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To whom it may concern:

In October of 1999, during a routine checkup with my previous gynecologist, he discovered a suspicious looking mole on my upper left thigh. He immediately scheduled me to have it removed on November 12, 1999, at Kent Hospital in Warwick, RI. The pathology report came back positive for malignant melanoma.

He then sent me to a cancer surgeon, who performed further surgery on the area on November 29, 1999, at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, to remove lymph nodes for biopsy. Three lymph nodes were removed. One was positive and two were negative.

At this point the surgeon suggested that I have major exploratory surgery to check for cancer in other areas. I declined, and proceeded to Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA for a second opinion. Dana Farber concurred with the diagnosis, but with less invasive surgery, ie a larger incision (radical groin dissection) in the same area to remove more lymph nodes for biopsy.

I agreed to this surgery, and it was performed on January 14, 2000, at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Fourteen lymph nodes were removed. Once again, only one came back positive, and the remaining thirteen were negative.

Dana Farber then felt that further treatment was necessary. I told them that I would not go on chemotherapy. My belief is that chemo destroys the immune system. Therefore, it makes no sense to me how it helps. Actually, I think it makes matters worse. At any rate, they said the drug of choice was actually interferon. I did not like the odds that drug offered (15% success rate with nasty side effects), so I refused. I informed them that I would continue with them for follow up exams & tests, but would seek alternative medicine for treatment.

My Chiropractor referred me to Homeopath Tricia Feijo at Daniel Chapter One®...After a consultation appointment, I started taking the maximum dosage of 7 Herb™ Formula. I remained on this dosage until I got several clean tests results (x-rays & blood work) from Dana Farber. I then proceeded to reduce my 7 Herb Formula™ to a maintenance dosage. Tricia & Jim Feijo did not agree with my decision. They felt I should stay on the maximum dosage to be safe, but I was having financial problems, and could not afford the cost. In hindsight, I now believe they were right. I might have been able to avoid more surgery.

In September of 2001, Dana Farber received Cat Scan & Pet Scan results that indicated the cancer had come back, so I agreed to more surgery. This time the surgery was much more invasive. On November 6, 2001, at Brigham & Women's Hospital, a sizable area above my left thigh was opened up (deep groin dissection), and seven more lymph nodes were removed. Again, one came back positive, two were trace, and four were negative.

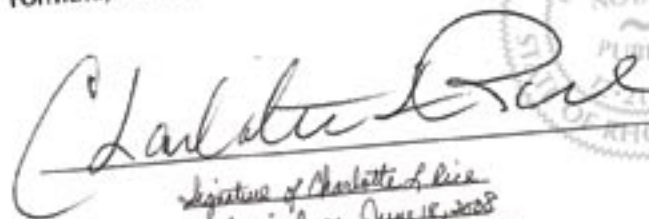
After this surgery, Dana Farber became much more aggressive in their approach. They said that the fact that the cancer had re-occurred in under two years, put me at a higher risk for the cancer to spread to other parts of my body. They had me going for checkups & testing once a month, and urged me to reconsider treatment. They got me so scared, that I finally decided to stop going to them, and let my primary care physician monitor me.

Please understand that Dana Farber is an excellent treatment center, and they were only doing their job. My health was their first priority at all times. I just could not cope with that level of anxiety.

So, I went back on the maximum dosage of the 7 Herb™ Formula, and left the checkups & testing to my primary care physician. She orders blood work and a chest x-ray on me every six months, and a mammogram once a year. I also go to my dermatologist every six months for a complete skin check.

Since I ceased going to Dana Farber in the spring of 2002, I have had no signs of any re-occurrence. My health has been exceptionally good, and I attribute this to the 7 Herb™ Formula, which I believe keeps my immune system running smoothly.

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