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For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

## ON THE WATERFRONT

*A Summer Family Event*

By Judith Ryder

The spate of dreary, rainy June days is behind us at last, and the halcyon, carefree days of summer are here once



The Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, Rhode Island

again. It's time to get outdoors with the family. Some families, due to the economic stringencies experienced by many, are having "staycations" this year. Instead of heading out of state to their usual vacation spots, they are staying close to home

and looking for fun things to do right here in beautiful Rhode Island.

Coming up in just a couple of weeks is a very special family event to be held at the elegant Aldrich Mansion on Warwick Neck, RI. The timing is perfect for a great end-of-summer family outing, and this waterfront location can't be beat. If you have never attended a party or wedding at the Aldrich Mansion, now is your chance for a free visit to the estate -- and this time you won't even have to dress up!

On Sunday, August 16, from 3:00 to 8:00 p. m.,

the National Organization for Marriage - RI Chapter (NOM-RI) is hosting an afternoon to celebrate the joys of marriage and family. Plans are being finalized for "Marriage

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## Fact or fiction: you decide

By Ralph Davis

"Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my!" chanted Dorothy and her friend the scarecrow as they ventured down the magical yellow brick road to Oz. They feared for the unseen, not even sure if a beast was ahead.

Orson Wells. 1938 *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast caused a panic of epic dimensions; all were relieved when it turned out to be a hoax. Multitudes enjoy horror movies, the scarier the better. Everyone knows, of course, that what happens is "not real"



Robert and Renée Perron (rear) with Caleb and Gabrielle

It seems that nowadays, the distinction between what is real and what is not can be difficult to determine. For example, what used to be considered sinful, objectionable to God, is only a "real" offense if we believe in a *real* God with *real* absolutes. If we do not, then we find another belief system that fulfills our current needs.

Because of the disregard for absolutes, the world has become "unreal," without a moral anchor. That said, the following statement is very real. There is a 100% chance that we will all die. Where we

will go after we die should be a very real concern. Sadly, although most of us experience a deep yearning to know our fate, many latch onto new fangled or far fetched theories and ideas to satisfy that curiosity.

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## "Let It Come!"

By Chuck Baldwin

During Patrick Henry's famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, he said the following:

"Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth and listen to the song of that siren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation? For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth, to know the worst and to provide for it."



Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death."

Later in his historic speech Henry said, "Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, Sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone. It is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, Sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable. And let it come! I repeat it, Sir, let it come!"

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## CHRISTIAN PIMPS

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

"Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise." -Sam Pascoe

"An enterprise. That's a business." After a few moments Martha, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand. I could not imagine what her question might be. I thought the little vignette was self-explanatory, and that I had performed it brilliantly. Nevertheless, I acknowledged Martha's raised hand, "Yes, Martha." She asked such a simple question, "A business? But isn't it supposed to be a body?" I could

not envision where this line of questioning was going, and the only response I could think of was, "Yes." She continued, "But when a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?" as told by David Ryser.



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I've been fighting for a long time the prompting of my inner man to take on this subject. Although I have chewed around the edges like I used to do as a child when I would break off the crust from a hot, home-made apple pie in attempt to appease my hunger without my mother finding out, I never really stuck my thumb into the middle of the pie.

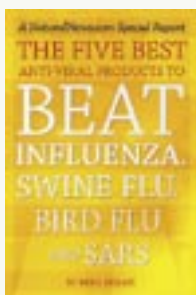
I have been a sellout. A pimp, if you will. Not on purpose. It is easy to justify our

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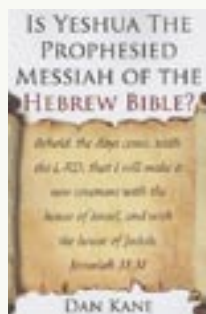
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# An Open Letter to Pastor Rick Warren

By Jan Markell - [www.olivetreviews.org](http://www.olivetreviews.org)

On July 5 the Washington Times online reported that Pastor Rick Warren told his Islamic audience, the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA,) that he envisions "a coalition of faith." Whether Pastor Warren knows this or not, this is just another term for the coming one-world religion outlined in Revelation 13. It is further outlined in Revelation 17. I have not taken on the issue of Rick Warren all that often, but after reading what the Washington Times had to say about his message to a group of spiritually lost Muslims, I feel I must address this in an open letter to who many say is the most influential pastor in America and some would say the world.

Pastor Warren, you pleaded with 8,000 Muslim listeners on Saturday, July 4, to work together to solve the world's greatest problems by cooperating in a series of interfaith projects. You said, "Muslims and Christians can work together for the common good without compromising my convictions or your convictions."

Pastor Warren, you needed to compromise the convictions of the Muslims in attendance. To just say that "My deepest faith is in Jesus Christ" was not enough to a thoroughly lost crowd. The hour is too late to withhold a gospel message without which they will face a Christless eternity, and you will be held accountable. The "world's greatest problems" will always be with us and the Bible says so in Matthew 26:11. Sin is at the root of them. I have to conclude you are more interested in ecumenical unity and solving AIDS, poverty, and other social issues. Last Saturday you were given a golden opportunity that 99.9% of American Christians could never get.

You said you were not interested in in-

terfaith dialogue, but you seize every opportunity to talk to all religions and you always leave out the gospel. You even address Jewish groups but you tell them how to grow a megasynagogue like your own church, Saddleback. In this "can't we all get along?" generation, you usually leave out the only good news left: There is salvation in Christ and Christ alone (Acts 4:12), and the hour is late, so make a conscious decision to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You told ISNA, "Talk is cheap but love is something we do together. We must do something to model what it is to live in peace, to live in harmony." Pastor Warren, you know your Bible better than that, don't you? The Bible says there will never be peace and harmony in this world until the Messiah rules from His theocratic kingdom. The U.N. spews the same kind of pagan "peace concepts." Aren't you above that? You would likely never suggest your Muslim audience pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), yet you push for foolish and hopeless ecumenical peace!

In your speech you included three suggestions: 1) Create a coalition to end religious stereotyping; 2) Work together to restore civility to American society; 3) Take a common stand against attacks on freedom



of religion and freedom of speech. There is civility in American society so why are you even suggesting there might not be? But you won't find much of it in Islamic society. Go see the film, The Stoning of Soraya M, the true story of what happens to a lot of innocent Muslim women. It's a lot more gross and bloody than any horror flick and this is reality, not fiction. The Muslims you addressed know all about this procedure. ISNA wants Sharia Law everywhere on earth! You missed a golden opportunity to challenge them to stand up to Islamic governments that perpetrate such atrocities.

Pastor Warren, you then went on to say the media was clueless as to what Christians and Muslims believe. They know very well what both faiths believe. They believe Christians are the new Taliban, and they press for hate crime legislation that will protect Muslims. You then said, "It's the truth that sets us free." Why did you take John 8:32 out of context? You twisted the very words of Jesus when you should have been proclaiming the words of Jesus.

The ISNA stated how impressed they were with your charitable work. What charitable work have they done? As terror expert Steve Emerson says, "ISNA has been an umbrella and a promoter of groups that have been involved in terrorism." Here again you could have challenged them, but

then you would not be invited back had you done so.

Joseph Farah says, "Suffice it to say the ISNA is no friend of Christianity or America." Yet in 2007, Rick Warren was one of many "evangelical leaders" who signed a document begging forgiveness from Muslims for all the evil deeds perpetrated against them by Christians. What evil deeds have true Christians committed against Muslims? Now, Pastor Warren, you've gone beyond pandering and are sounding like a fool along with all others who signed that document.

Even the secular Washington Times noted, "Mr. Warren was sparse in his mentions of Jesus and God." But since works and good deeds were stressed, this reinforced the belief of ISNA members that works will help them get to Heaven.

Pastor Warren, you stated you were committed to "the common good" and that you are commanded to "respect everybody." You don't want to deal with the verse that says we are to preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). It seems to me that you are more interested in marching hand-in-hand with other faiths down the winding road to the coming one-world religion.

There is literally a mini-revival going on with Muslims turning to faith in Jesus, particularly out of the U.S. It would have been nice, Pastor Warren, if you would have thought of that and tapped into it. We don't expect you to give altar calls at such meetings as this one. We do expect you to lift high the Name of the Prince of Peace who is coming again and who offers eternal life to all who ask, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30, Acts 16:31). Many just wanted some variation of that quoted among your many ecumenical statements and how to solve the world's problems -- impossible without God's help.

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# American Missionary Chris Legget martyred in Mauritania

By Aaron D. Taylor

Mauritania is a land of striking beauty. With sand dunes lined against the sky, Bedouins riding camels in the countryside, and flying beetles that look like they come straight from the abyss of the Apocalypse; Mauritania is a land of extremes—extreme beauty, extreme hospitality, and lately, extreme religion. As the world mourned the death of Michael Jackson, another man went not so quietly into the night, though largely unnoticed by mainstream media.

On Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, an American Christian worker named Chris Leggett was gunned down for the alleged “crime” of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. To give you an idea of what kind of man Chris Leggett was, the 39-year old native of Cleveland, Tennessee not only taught computer science in a low-class neighborhood in the capital city of Nouakchott, he also, according to the Cleveland Daily Banner, worked with the prison systems to train and equip women and young boys to re-enter society, directed a training center providing training in computer skills, sewing, and literacy, and oversaw a micro-loan program which fostered the growth of hundreds of small businesses.

Although the miniscule media coverage has been fairly straightforward, I was saddened to see some of the nasty comments on the Huffington Post when Ahmed Mohammed posted the Associated Press story on the site. Although a few of the comments unequivocally condemned Leggett’s murder for what it is, a cowardly act of violence motivated by extremists, far too many seemed to think that Leggett was somehow “asking for it” because of the nature of his work in a Muslim land, as if Chris Leggett somehow deserved to die because of his passion for sharing his faith.

One commenter wrote, “Well, you know, it is their country. You go walking around with arrogant disregard of their laws, you better be prepared to pay the consequences. Non-story.” Another commenter cut from the same cloth replied, “I agree. It doesn’t take much intelligence for non-military Americans to keep out of these countries. You not only go there at your own risk

- you ask for it.” My beef isn’t so much with the Huffington Post (who likely has little control over what people comment on the site), but to the people who made those nasty comments (there were some that were far worse) I would like to say feel free to criticize Christian missionaries working in Muslims lands, but I hope you realize that you’re criticizing from a position



Chris Leggett

of privilege. Many of you live in countries that allow you to choose your religious beliefs without fear of torture, imprisonment, or death. Hundreds of millions of Muslims live in countries that deny them that right. How do you know that out of the worlds’ roughly 1.2 billion Muslims, that some of them don’t want to hear another perspective?

Chris Leggett most likely wasn’t banging the Bible over anyone’s head, but I wouldn’t be surprised if a few curious Muslims quietly asked him about his religious

beliefs. After all, most Muslims I know—unlike most Westerners I know—like to discuss religion in every day conversation and enjoy hearing other people’s perspectives. If a few of these same Muslims through peaceful dialogue came to the conclusion that Chris’s beliefs were correct, where’s the crime in that? If Chris Leggett did break Mauritanian law, then it was an unjust law that he broke. Last time I checked, breaking unjust laws is called civil disobedience. Acts of civil disobedience have been crucial to every major advance in human rights.

As a matter of fact, there are hundreds of secret believers in Mauritania right now. Many of them have been abducted, tortured in horrific ways, and forced to name their fellow believers—while the Mauritanian government looks the other way. According to many persecution watchdogs, the persecution of Christians in Mauritania is particularly ferocious, but the same story can be found in countless other countries like Egypt, Alge-



Mauritania

ria, Morocco, Jordan, Syria, and Pakistan. It’s time that the decent people of the world wake up to the fact that roughly a billion people live under governments that don’t allow them the freedom to obey their conscience in choosing their religious beliefs. The right to choose one’s religion is the most basic of human rights. After all, why should human rights apply to everyone except for Muslims?

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Of course, Henry ended his stirring speech with the immortal words, “Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

Many people today (including the vast majority of my Christian brethren) are doing exactly what Patrick Henry said many were doing 234 years ago: they prefer to “shut [their] eyes against a painful truth.” Just as in 1775, many today, “having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not.”

Serious students of history, however, cannot mistake the similarities between the British Crown in 1775 and the federal government in Washington, D.C., today. In fact, I would argue that federal usurpations of State sovereignty, personal liberty, and constitutional government are far more egregious today than at any time during the reign of old King George III. Were America’s Founding Fathers alive today, they would have waged another war for independence years ago. Compared to the violations of liberty by the federal government in 2009, the abridgements of liberty

committed by the Crown in 1775 were miniscule. We should all hang our heads in shame that we have not already exerted our right and responsibility as free people to “throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for [our] future security” (Declaration of Independence, Paragraph 2). Were we as righteous as our forebears, we would have already done so.

If we were writing a Declaration of Independence today, in which we would “let Facts be submitted to a candid world,” the examples of federal abuse of power would be so multitudinous it would be difficult to contain them to a single document. The question is not, “Has the current federal government become tyrannical?” The question is, “How long will the States continue to tolerate it?”

For example, within the last couple of months, the States of Montana and Tennessee have each passed their own “Firearms Freedom Act.” Briefly stated, the bills provide that any firearms or ammunition that are manufactured, sold, and kept within the State are not subject to federal law or federal regulation. Clearly, Montana and Tennessee have the Second, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments to the U.S.

Constitution on their side.

Of course, the Constitution doesn’t matter to the federal government. On July 16 of this year, BATFE Assistant Director Carson Carroll sent an “Open Letter” to all firearms dealers within the States of Tennessee and Montana, telling them in no uncertain terms, “Federal law supersedes the [Tennessee or Montana] Act, and all provi-

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sions of the Gun Control Act and the National Firearms Act, and their corresponding regulations, continue to apply.”

You see folks, in the minds of the politicians and bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., there is no such thing as constitutional government. There is no such thing as State autonomy. There is no such thing as balance of power. To the miscreants in Washington, D.C., there is only federal authority. To them, these States United are merely colony-subjects, who must bow to an omnipotent, ubiquitous federal power that knows no limits and no boundaries.

I hope and pray that the Tennessee and Montana governors, State legislatures, and State supreme courts will tell Mr. Carroll “where to go,” and will defend their State sovereignties “to the end.” And by the same token, I hope and pray that dozens more states will put teeth to their State Sovereignty resolutions and follow the examples of Montana and Tennessee.

Add to the continual usurpations of State sovereignty the fact that both the Republican and Democratic parties in Washington, D.C., have allowed our once-great free enterprise system to become a

giant socialist economy, and the outlook only gets bleaker. This is why Republicans in D.C. have no moral credibility in opposing President Barack Obama’s Marxist-style universal health care proposals. Under George W. Bush, the Republican Party expanded socialism in America like no administration in recent history. Now they are going to oppose the Democrat version of socialism? What a joke!

The only difference between the economic policies of the Democrats and Republicans in Washington, D.C., is Democrats want to tax-and-spend America into socialism for the benefit of the Welfare State, while Republicans want to borrow-and-spend America into socialism for the benefit of the Warfare State. Neither party wants to confine Washington, D.C., to the prescribed limits of the U.S. Constitution. And nei-

ther party in Washington, D.C., is willing to recognize the constitutional authority and autonomy of the States United.

Given the fact that both parties are hell-bent on destroying constitutional government, dismantling State sovereignty, and trampling individual liberties, it seems painfully obvious to me that a war for State independence is inevitable. Just exactly what that means is unknown at this point, but all of the elements and ingredients that existed in 1775 exist today. In fact, in view of the battle currently taking place between Nashville/Helena and Washington, D.C., the war has—for all intents and purposes—already begun. And unlike many of my Christian brethren who want to “shut [their] eyes against a painful truth,” I say with Patrick Henry, “Let it come! I repeat it, Sir, let it come!”

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Day”, which will have an unforgettable something for everyone. Christopher Plante, who heads up the RI Chapter of NOM, gives plenty of credit for the event to Scott Spear, a Christian attorney involved with the organization, and whose brainchild this was.

The highlight of “Marriage Day” will be an opportunity for husbands and wives desiring to renew their wedding vows to do so on the picturesque, waterfront grounds of one of the most popular, romantic wedding sites in all of Rhode Island. This will be followed by a **free** Ice Cream Social for everyone.

Children will love having a **free** Fun Fair Carnival right there on the grounds. They can look forward to enjoying large inflatable toys, a petting zoo, pony rides, face-painting, and popcorn/cotton candy booths.

The talented musicians of SOJOURN and the Worship Team from Christian Hill Community Church (Warwick, RI) will be performing live contemporary worship music. Maggie Gallagher, President of the National Organization for Marriage, will be a special guest speaking on the topic, “The Future of Marriage in America”.

There will be plenty of space to picnic for those who would prefer to bring their own food, but for those who might like to take a break from the duties of meal preparation for a day, the Aldrich Mansion will cater an

old-fashioned cookout. The traditional menu will include some old favorites: grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, boneless barbecued chicken, potato and macaroni salads, and for dessert, slices of juicy red watermelon. Tickets for the catered meal will be available at the event. Adults may purchase meal tickets for \$10, and children’s tickets will cost \$8.

In addition to all this, a raffle will be conducted for two coveted prizes especially attractive to the “staycationers” among us: a Second Honeymoon, and a Family Vacation Getaway. For a minimal investment of only \$5 per raffle ticket (to be sold at the event), you could be the fortunate winner of one of these fantastic prizes.

In short, this will be an event to remember, yet the cost for everything except the catered meal and raffle tickets, is..... absolutely NOTHING! That’s right, there’s not even any admission fee for spending the afternoon at one of the most beautiful waterfront locations in the whole state. The entire family is invited to enjoy a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship for no cost whatsoever.

So why is the National Organization for Marriage offering this exceptional opportunity?

For many years, now, the institution of marriage has been under relentless attack by those who would change its meaning to include marriages between two women or two men. In many states

the issue continues to rise to the fore, sometimes eventuating to the question of whether same-sex marriage should be allowed to be put on the ballot. In those cases when the voters have clearly voted NO, or even after repeated legislative losses, the question continues to be revisited by the State legislatures, often on an annual basis.

As the culture devolves and more and more TV programs, magazine articles, books, and plays consider the questions surrounding the idea of normalization of same-sex marriage, which just twenty-five years ago was totally unthinkable but has in recent years become a less unreasonable sounding proposal to some, the citizens find themselves being barraged and desensitized by this blitz of change-agent inspired discussions and portrayals. Certain media outlets actually employ censors to advise them as to how often and how to increase positive

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mention in their programming of homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and the related subjects of sexual orientation, adoption, and now transgender identity. Under such conditions, exacerbated by the increasing tendency of churches today to provide large doses of “entertainment” as opposed to serious Biblical instruction which Christians need in order to survive such an onslaught, many people have been caught napping. As these attacks on our Christian



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way of life continue with increasing intensity, all of a sudden Christians are starting to wake up and realize that their cherished institutions are not only threatened but under active assault.

Intending to make a statement that Rhode Islanders are ready to take a stand for marriage as God ordained it, NOM-RI hopes to reinforce the importance of marriage vows and the commitment behind them. Their goal is to honor and motivate renewed esteem for marriage, while underscoring the truth that Christians in Rhode Island cherish the institution of marriage strongly enough to defend it by taking a stand.

To this end, NOM-RI, which spends much of its time and energy defending traditional marriage on the Legislative front, wants to affirm and celebrate the institutions of marriage and the family as the essential, key building blocks of our society. They seek to recognize the enormous contributions made to the stability of communities by committed hus-

bands and wives, and to support them in their different yet equally important roles. As parents do the difficult work of rearing their children to be the next generation of responsible adults -- husbands and wives, mothers and fathers -- they need all the support they can get. And that is why NOM-RI has undertaken to celebrate the joys of marriage and family at this unique event on August 16. All who share their vision are most welcome to attend.

**For more information about times and events during Marriage Day, go to:**

[www.nomri.org/marriageday](http://www.nomri.org/marriageday).

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Genesis 1:27,28.*

**“Deconstructing an alleged right to redefine marriage”**

By **Michelle A. Cretella, MD** and **Arthur Goldberg, JD**

Support for same-sex marriage has three underlying premises. First, that homosexuality is innate and immutable. Second, that marriage is a basic human right amounting to no more than a contract between consenting adults. Lastly, no societal harm has come from legalized same-

sex marriage. Therefore, just as society now accepts interracial marriage, society must also accept same-sex marriage. The problem with this rationale, however, is that each premise is categorically false. Equality is not the issue. The claim by a sub-culture to possess the “right” to redefine marriage for the larger culture is.

As for the premises, first there is no “gay gene.” Homosexual attraction is not genetic like skin color. Numerous experts including Dr. Dean Hamer, the openly homosexual “gay gene” researcher and Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the Human Genome Project agree that homosexuality is not hard-wired by DNA. Avowed lesbian, Dr. Anne Fausto-Sterling, Professor of Developmental Biology and Women Studies at Brown University, summarized the situation well 8 years ago, “[Although the claim that homosexuality is genetic] provides a legal argument that is, at

the moment, actually having some sway in court, [f]or me, it’s a very shaky place. It’s bad science and bad politics.”

“Bad science” because persons of differing sexual orientation are genetically indistinguishable and sexual orientation can change. Fausto-Sterling herself is an example. She had been married prior to her committed same-sex relationship with playwright Paula Vogel. Regarding her experience of sexual plasticity Fausto-Sterling explains, “The women’s movement opened up the feminine in a way that was new to me, and so my involvement made possible my becoming a lesbian.”

Over 100 studies document change of homosexual orientation. Even Dr. Robert Spitzer, the father of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual, the “Bible of Psychiatry”, altered his lifetime view and now supports the right to re-orientation

therapy. In 2003 he published a study confirming that many dissatisfied homosexuals can make substantial long-term changes in their orientation.

As for the comparison to the battle for interracial marriage, this argument fails because lifting the ban against interracial marriage never changed the definition of marriage. Marriage remained the faithful union of one man and one woman; the foundation of the natural family. Race is not intrinsic to marriage; gender is. If there were a ban against a homosexual man from marrying a woman, or against a lesbian from marrying a man, that law would parallel the interracial ban and constitute unjust discrimination.

Falsely equating sexual orientation with skin color maliciously renders supporters of natural marriage equivalent to racists and avoids rational debate. As

the National Organization for Marriage’s (NOM) “gathering storm” campaign revealed, eliminating gender from the definition of marriage has already infringed upon physician, parent and religious rights. The greatest harm, however, is that same-sex marriage weakens the institution of marriage overall, and weakens the truism that children are best served by a mother and father.

This is not a “conservative scare tactic.” Many social radicals, Judith Stacey, Nan D. Hunter, Maria Bevacqua, David Chambers and the openly homosexual Yale Law professor William N. Eskridge, Jr. among them, have professed a desire to see natural marriage “die,” and champion same-sex marriage as the means to that end.

Legalizing same-sex marriage requires redefining marriage primarily according to sexual attraction. Consequently, any

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The *real* truth of the matter was given to us over two thousand years ago. This truth has been driven home by some churches and by individuals. That is, God has provided us with a clear path to an eternity with Him after we die. Most people have at least heard or read about this truth, some have embraced it but the hard-headed majorities have ignored it. Some of the resisters might have been soured by people trying to tell them the truth or by other means to persuade them.

A local filmmaker, Robert Perron, and his wife Renée decided to write a script and produce a movie about salvation and present it the way that, "I wish someone had presented it to me. Many people will not listen to someone speak to them about such matters," Bob said. They might, on the other hand, sit back and watch something that is done well. Then there are the multitudes of Christians who *do know the truth* but are too frightened or ill-equipped to speak up. Finally, there is a fresh alternative.

Bob has created a highly professional and riveting film titled, **Damnation or Salvation? How to Escape an Eternity in Hell.** Starting "In the beginning," the film takes the viewer, step by step, through God's sovereign plan for His children: Creation, the Fall of Man, the Giving of the Law, the Coming of the Messiah, Repentance, Spiritual Growth, and the Second Coming of Christ. Stressing the continuing importance of God's Law, the film also tells what lies in store for those who reject Christ's free gift of salvation.

**Damnation or Salvation? How to Escape an Eternity in Hell** is designed as an evangelistic tool, a clear, concise, and complete presentation of the gospel which can be given to family, friends, or anyone to whom you have previously shared the "Good News". Examples are the "interested unbeliever" (one who has heard the gospel, is interested, but has yet to come to Christ), the "false convert" (one who has "prayed the prayer", and "walked down the aisle", but continues to enjoy

his sin and demonstrates no obedience to Christ) and the "weaker brother," (one who already knows Christ, but has failed to grow in the Lord, or use his gifts and talents for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom).

Regarding the latter, Bob said that, "Unfortunately, many of our churches are filled with people just like these. The film serves as a reminder of what Christ has done for us and inspires us to live in obedience to Him. I like to think of this DVD as evangelism for the Church."

Bob was born in Tiverton, RI to parents who were Christian and raised him as such. He attended the same church with them throughout the years growing up. He described himself as a shy, quiet kid. He graduated from Tiverton High School in 1974 and began attending the (now defunct) Northeastern Bible College in New Jersey. He left after one year realizing that he was not yet prepared for college.

In 1977 he entered the United States Coast Guard and worked aboard small search and rescue boats. He was stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico and found the work to be exciting but scary. Being at sea on rough waters, "made a man out of me pretty quick," Bob said. It was there that Bob "backslid", he began to drink heavily and partied with his peers.

One night, while his pals were getting high, he wandered off. Bob said, "I left them and went further down the beach and sat down. I began thinking about all that my church and parents had taught me." Bob realized that he really did not enjoy what he was doing, "I was just doing it to be part of the crowd." He then called upon God "to remove all that from me, the wrong desires and habits, and God did, like a switch being thrown." It was on that beach that Bob threw up his hands and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Then, as one who loved drinking "hard liquor," he asked God to make him violently ill if he ever

touched another drop. Curious, he made the mistake of taking a drink and, one who could always drink excessively with no difficulty, did indeed become very sick!

Following the Coast Guard, He obtained a degree in Education from Barrington College. Still a single man, he learned from a friend that there were Universities in China that were seeking teachers to teach students who were studying to become English



**Robert and Renée Perron**

teachers. Expecting to stay there two years, he began work at the Xining Teachers College, Qinhai Province.

God had other plans for him. After teaching for only nine months, he became deathly ill. He received medical treatment in Hong Kong, and was "permitted" to leave and return back to the United States. He began attending the Baptist Temple Church in Fall River,

*The DVD, "Damnation or Salvation? How to Escape an Eternity in Hell" is a perfect tool for you.*

MA and it was there that he met Renée. They now attend Lakeville Christian Fellowship in Lakeville, MA. They were married in 1990, and have two children; Gabrielle (16) and Caleb (13) and live in Fall River. Bob is employed as a History and Bible teacher at Aquidneck Island Christian Academy in Portsmouth, RI.

Renée was born in Stoughton, MA. She said that she was twelve-years-old when she asked God to take away anything in her that was not pleasing to Him; accepting and professing her faith in Jesus Christ. She went to college for commu-

nications and subsequently worked for three separate television stations, first news editing and then master control operator. Renée left the communications field soon after Gabrielle was born to home school the kids.

Aside from home schooling, Bob and Renée develop and run the business together. Renée said that God did a good job matching them up. She has a lot of experience in communications and video while Bob has "the gift," she said, "of being very creative and artistic." It is "so exciting to produce something which honors God. We want God to use us and our productions to glorify Him."

The well mannered and attentive kids were instrumental in creating the DVD also. Caleb is very talented at special effects, sound effects and the like. Gabrielle assisted in the research and helped with the writing and is an excellent proofreader. She, in fact, has written a book which she hopes to self-publish. They would like to do more Christian based projects and are now working on a film about church history.

Bob and Renée said that some pastors and others have suggested that they "soften" the cover; the image of a person suffering in eternal flames is not pleasing to the eye. They believe that

the cover is appropriate and that it is "not a hard DVD, but very loving" and one that does not let people "off the hook." Looking at this unhappy and messed up world in which we live, Bob and Renée correctly assert that there "is not much time left" which was the major motivation for doing the movie.

Thus, the real truth; the crux of the matter is that God loves us all. He wants us to repent of our sinful ways, accept and have faith in His Son Jesus Christ and to alert others to their need to accept His love and Lordship. He is ever

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patient yet His Word clearly tells that the world as we know it will come to an end and that those who do not accept His Son will perish, eternally damned and banned from His Heaven. You cannot change the channel or walk out of the theatre, this is not science fiction, this is real. If you have not already accepted Jesus Christ do it *now*. Purchase this DVD to help you understand the need and solidify your decision. If you are already a "saved" Christian, yet weak in your understanding or ability to inform others of their need for Christ, then "**Damnation or Salvation? How to Escape an Eternity in Hell**" is a perfect tool for you. Purchase one for each friend or family member who has been resistant to you in the past. This is an extremely well done and convincing presentation!

The DVD is 60 minutes in length and includes an additional 15 minutes of bonus features, which explains and expands on points made in the film. Affordably priced at \$9.95, further discounts are available for individuals and churches who would like to purchase in larger quantities. To order the DVD, or inquire about bulk purchases, visit [www.mightyfortressproductions.com](http://www.mightyfortressproductions.com). To schedule a showing in your church, contact Mr. Perron at [info@mightyfortressproductions.com](mailto:info@mightyfortressproductions.com) or write to Mighty Fortress Productions, PO Box 135, Tiverton, RI 02878.

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and all combinations of marital unions become defensible. The coexistence of multiple forms of marriage such as polygamy, polyandry, group and intergenerational marriages will eliminate any meaningful shared definition of marriage. Without a substantial shared public meaning, the institution of marriage – and its attendant benefits – will die.

Scandinavian advocates for legalized polygamy used same-sex marriage laws as their wedge and succeeded in achieving their goal. The same scenario is now developing in Canada. Same-sex marriage has also been associated with

increased rates of cohabitation, out of wedlock births and decreased natural marriage rates. Similarly, David Blankenhorn, author of *The Future of Marriage*, has analyzed data from 35 countries revealing that support for marriage is weakest in those nations where support for same-sex marriage is strongest.

This is concerning because natural marriage is the most pro-child institution we have. Anything that contributes to decreased rates of

natural marriage harms children. The nonpartisan research center Child Trends found that compared to all other family forms children fare best when reared in families headed by their biological parents in a low-conflict marriage.

Legislators and justices will do well to heed the findings of J.D. Unwin, British anthropologist and author of *Sex and Culture*. After studying 86 societies spanning 5,000 years of history he found a distinct correlation between increasing sexual freedom and social decline. Unwin postulated that when social regulations forbid indiscriminate satisfaction of sexual impulses, the sublimated sexual impulses are channeled into a "social energy" that builds society. Conversely, he found no instance in which a society retained its creative energy after abandoning monogamous male-female relationships.

The primary societal purpose of the

institution of marriage is to bind a man to his biological children and their mother in order to raise the next generation. Defending natural marriage is not bigotry.

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# National News

## Tennessee Ends Planned Parenthood Funding

(EP News)--Tennessee lawmakers have decided about \$1.1 million normally allocated for Planned Parenthood will now go to local health organizations. Both houses of the Legislature overwhelmingly approved House Bill 1756, proposed by Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey and Sen. Jack Johnson, R-Brentwood, which removes a clause in existing law naming Planned Parenthood as the primary provider of family-planning services in the state. The bill also adds language giving priority for funding to local community health centers. Planned Parenthood would be eligible for some of the money, but only after local organizations' needs are filled. Passage of the bill caps a successful session for pro-life legislation in Tennessee. Lawmakers also passed SJR 127, a constitutional amendment restoring informed consent, a 48-hour waiting period and regulation of abortion clinics in the state.

## Frank Brings Back Wider-Ranging ENDA

(EP News)--U.S. Rep. Barney Frank is taking another shot at passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) – complete with special protections for the transgendered. The bill – H.R. 2981 – has been changed from the “gay-only” version the House passed in 2007 to include language banning job discrimination based on “gender identity” as well as sexual orientation. Frank told the “Washington Blade” that prospects for passing a wider-ranging ENDA have improved significantly since 2007, when he and other House Democratic leaders said the measure would be defeated if a gender-identity clause were kept in the bill. “Things have gotten better,” Frank told the newspaper. “The transgender community is lobbying hard.”

## NEA Votes to Undermine Marriage

(EP News)--The National Education Association (NEA) has passed an action item that amounts to an endorsement of same-sex marriage — as well as a call to

oppose national laws protecting one man, one woman marriage. Jeralee Smith, founder of the NEA Conservative Educators Caucus, explained that the resolution will not stop at just endorsing gay unions. “It advances the cause of the homosexual agenda to a pretty strong degree in that they are now committed to put their political muscle in gear to go after the legislation that defines marriage as between a man and a woman,” Smith said.

## Public Support for Sotomayor Drops

(EP News)--A new poll shows that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor is falling out of favor with the American public, a development that may be tied to the current high court's reversal of one of her decisions. The Rasmussen Reports survey found that 37 percent believe Sotomayor should be confirmed while 39 percent disagree. Those numbers contrast from two weeks ago, when 42 percent were in favor of confirmation, and 34 percent were in opposition. The latest poll was taken two nights after a controversial ruling Sotomayor took part in as a judge on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was overturned by the Supreme Court. In that decision, Sotomayor was part of a three-judge panel that rejected claims of New Haven firefighters who said they were not getting promotions because they were white.

## Porn Makes Its Way to iPhone

(EP News)--It appears family advocates may have to speak up if they want to permanently keep pornography off the hottest mobile communications device on the market – Apple's iPhone. Pornographic images have been available through one of the phone's many applications – colloquially known as “apps.” The app in question is called “Hottest Girls,” costs \$2 and is billed as including “2200+ images of topless, sexy babes and nude models.” Pro-family groups were particularly dismayed at this move since Apple had previously prohibited pornographic content from its apps store.

## Episcopal Church Votes to Lift Ban on Gay Bishops

(EP News)--Leaders at the Episcopal Church's tri-annual convention voted overwhelmingly to pass a resolution that

opens “any ordained ministry” to homosexuals. The move lifts a moratorium on ordaining gay- or lesbian-identified bishops that the church passed three years ago.

Biblically orthodox Anglicans, many of whom are part of the newly-formed Anglican Church of North America, decried the move as heretical.

“It appears that the Episcopal Church is determined to move its own agenda forward despite calls from various senior levels to respect the order and discipline of the church,” said Rev. Canon Julian Dobbs, canon missionary for

## 9/11 Families, First Responders and Survivors Gather at City Hall to Endorse New Official 9/11 Investigation in NYC

By Staff

New York – Outside City Hall today relatives of 9/11 victims, first responders and survivors of the September 11th attacks gathered to endorse a November ballot initiative to establish a new 9/11 investigation under the auspices of the city government of New York. Support on the street is high, the group says, and polls indicate a majority of New Yorkers wants a new investigation.

On June 24, the group leading the ballot initiative, the New York City Coalition for Accountability Now (NYC CAN) filed a petition containing 52,000 signatures with the office of the City Clerk. The official filing initiated a 60-day period specified in Section 37 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law in which the City Council is asked to review the petition and approve its placement on the upcoming November ballot.

Since this milestone filing, the group has gathered an additional 15,000 signatures and received

several endorsements from prominent leaders. Renowned whistleblower and former FBI agent Coleen Rowley, who TIME magazine selected as one of three “Persons of the Year” in 2002, endorsed a new investigation yesterday, as reported by RAWSTORY and Huffington Post. Bill Doyle, who lost his son Joseph, has been an outspoken leader of an active community of relatives of the 9/11 victims and he too released a statement endorsing a new inquiry in New York. Christine O'Neill, widow of FBI agent John O'Neill, killed in the towers, has signed an online statement of support as well.

Manny Badillo, who lost his uncle Thomas, and who serves NYC CAN as Director of Outreach, said in an opening statement “Thomas Keane and Lee Hamilton, the Chairmen of the 9/11 Commission, after issuing their report, both admitted that the Commission was unsuccessful. In their own words, the Commission was ‘Set Up To Fail’.” Sen. Cleland called it a national scandal.

Badillo was joined by 9/11 victim family members Donna Marsh O'Connor and Bob McIlvaine, First Responder Edith Beaujon, and survivors Janette MacKinlay and William Rodriguez, all members of the NYC CAN Executive Council, who also made impassioned statements of support. Eileen Coles, an US Air Force Desert Storm veteran and former intelligence officer, stated, “Our only way forward to restore our national honor is to answer the questions and demand accountability. This will not happen without a truly impartial and scientific examination of the evidence.”

NYC CAN is non-partisan organization comprised of 9/11 Families, First Responders, Survivors and proud, concerned citizens committed to bringing about an independent, impartial investigation into the events of September 11. For more info: <http://www.nyccan.org>

## Obama Makes Big Policy Promises to Gays

By Gary Schneeberger

(EP News)--President Barack Obama opened the White House to hundreds of gay activists in early July, promising them that by the time he leaves office they would “have pretty good feelings” about his administration.

During an event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of what gay activists consider the launch of their political movement – several nights of violent riots in and around a New York gay bar – Obama rattled off several policies he plans to implement to please his homosexual constituency.

“I want you to know that I expect and hope to be judged not by words, not by promises I've made, but by the promises my administration keeps,” he said. “We've been in office six months now. I suspect that by the time this administration is over ... you guys will have pretty good feelings about the Obama administration.”

Among those promises the president is pursuing, he said: Overturning the federal Defense of Marriage Act, passing a law to mandate health-care and other benefits to homosexual domestic partners, repealing “don't ask, don't tell” and even “rescinding the discriminatory ban on entry to the United States based on HIV status.”

the Convocation of Anglicans in North America.

“The Episcopal Church is determined to move further away from a traditional and a clearly Biblical position of Christian marriage, which affirms that marriage is a life-long relationship between one man and one woman.”

Tom Minnery, Focus on the Family Action's senior vice president of government and public policy, noted Obama also talked about passing a “hate-crimes” bill. “That bill, which we've been battling for years successfully, has sinister language in it,” Minnery explained. “This time, there will be language in the final form that has implications for pastors who want to preach on passages that deal with homosexuality, such as Romans 1.”

It is conceivable, Minnery explained, that pastors could become parties to criminal prosecution if someone who has heard a pastor's message then goes out and commits a crime. “Obviously, we are not in favor of anybody committing a violent crime against anybody for any reason,” he said. “But if it's a crime against a homosexual, an attorney could trace the inducement for the crime back to a sermon, then a pastor might be implicated in that crime. That is sinister. That directly violates the First Amendment. Churches ought to be free to preach the Gospel.”

Many pundits saw the White House fete as Obama's effort to placate critics in the gay community who have expressed frustration – more loudly in recent weeks -- that he's not acted quickly enough to implement pro-gay policies. The president tried to cool those concerns. “There are unjust laws to overturn

and unfair practices to step,” he said. “And though we've made progress, there are still citizens, perhaps neighbors or even family members and loved ones, who still hold fast to worn arguments and old attitudes, who fail to see your families like their families.”

“It's not for me to tell you to be patient,” he added, “any more than it was for others to counsel patience to African-Americans who were petitioning for equal rights a century ago.”

Ironically, no less a civil rights icon – and unabashed liberal – as Jesse Jackson has said there is no comparison between blacks' struggle for equality and the agenda being pursued by homosexual activists, famously saying in 2004 that “gays were never called three-fifths human in the Constitution.”

Jeff Johnston, gender issues analyst for Focus on the Family, said there's another important distinction. “Homosexuality is not at all like an ethnic or racial issue -- no one is ‘born gay,’ and men and women with same-sex attractions can change,” Johnston explained. “My own story of coming out of homosexuality is similar to hundreds and thousands of other men and women. We've been successful in reorienting our behavior, attractions and identity.”

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## British Medical Association conference debates whether doctors should pray with their patients

By Michael Ireland

LIVERPOOL, UK (ANS) -- A Christian doctor says she is disappointed her colleagues haven't backed her call to allow medical staff to offer prayers to patients, according to a broadcast story on London's Premier Radio. Premier Radio reports that doctors in the United Kingdom have demanded National Health Service staff be given a right to discuss spiritual issues with patients as well as being allowed to offer to pray for them.

Medics told the British Medical Association conference in Liverpool that staff should not be disciplined as long as they handle the issue sensitively. However, according to the radio station report, atheists said it was wrong to mix religion and health care and

the British Medical Association agreed in their favor. The BMA serves as a union to those in the medical profession.

Premier Radio reports that the BMA decided that if a patient asks for spiritual advice then there was no problem, but doctors should never make the offer. Dr Bernadette Birtwhistle says she thought more of her colleagues would agree with spiritual care. She said: "I am disappointed. I knew there was a minority that was very vociferous against anything to do with spiritual care at all, but I didn't think it was the majority."

Terry Sanderson, President of the National Secular Society, said he is pleased with BMA's decision. He said: "We don't think that that's their job and we think it could

lead to difficulties for people who are not receptive to that approach. We have seen in several disciplinary cases recently that there are such people and it does result in complaints."

Premier Radio says the doctors who brought the issue before the BMA said recent cases where health workers had got into trouble were making people fearful.

The Department of Health issued a statement about the decision which says: "The guide strives to raise awareness of key issues patients and staff face from the diverse range of religions and beliefs that are now common within the UK. It encourages consultation and assessment of the needs of those served. The guide was widely consulted on with patients staff an interests groups."

## British Bishop paints gloomy picture of the Church of England

By Michael Ireland

NEWCASTLE, UK (ANS) -- In the UK almost half of the population consider themselves part of the Church of England, while seven in ten described themselves as Christian in the last census.

Now a British Bishop is painting a gloomy picture of the future of the Church of England. The Church of England bishop is claiming 'Christian Britain is dead' and warned the CofE could become extinct in the next thirty years. The Rt Revd Paul Richardson, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, said unless some of his colleagues get hold of the situation the Church will die out, according to a story broadcast on London's Premier Radio.

Richardson believes declining church attendance and the rise in multiculturalism means the next generation will not grow up in

a Christian society. He told the radio station: "At this rate it is hard to see the Church surviving for more than 30 years though few of its leaders are prepared to face that possibility." Richardson also warned leaders must face up to this challenge and recognize that the disestablishment of the Church is inevitable.

Premier Radio said the General Synod, the Church's parliament, will next month consider proposals to cut the number of bishops and senior clergy amid fears over finances. The radio station says the Bishop's comments will further stir the questions over the future of the Church. He said the Church had lost more than one in ten of its regular worshippers between 1996 and 2006, with a fall from more than one million to 880,000.

Bishop Graham Cray is in charge

of finding new ways of worship for the Church. He says there are positive stories, which shows there's still life out there yet. He said: "There is a whole strategy about planting congregations amongst people who have no contact with a church and no history with a church and until Christians start involving themselves with them, no desire for church.

"My confidence is that the gospel still has power to win people and transform communities in Britain. Any church that involves themselves will see people come to faith and communities transformed."

Cray said it was not the job of the Church to keep questioning the role of the CofE and not to keep looking at whether it is growing or declining, but to get on with spreading the Gospel

## Indian Home Minister Says 'Sorry' To Orissa State Christian Riot Victims

By Jacob Philip

ORISSA, INDIA (ANS) -- Indian Home Minister, P. Chidambaram, who has been on a two-day visit to the troubled Orissa, has told Christian riot victims there that he was "sorry" for what had occurred. According to news released by the Global Council of Indian Christians on their website www.persecution.in, many churches in Orissa were burnt and thousands of Christians, mainly tribal, had to flee their villages after being targeted by Hindus in the wake of the killing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, a Hindu radical group (VHP) leader Swami Lakshmanand Saraswati by Maoists last year in Orissa.

The news source also added that Kandhamal, a place in Orissa State, had witnessed the killing of 38 Christians during the communal violence and the survivors have been living in different relief camps for nearly 10 months.

The news source reported that, while appealing to displaced Christians to return to their villages, Chidambaram said, "I am sorry for what happened. Those who have done this will be punished. Please go back to your villages and start your life once again. I came here to look at your conditions. The central and Orissa governments will do everything to remove your difficulties.

"You must be confident that you are safe...wrongdoers will be punished. There is a need for all sections of society to live together." The website also reported that he told the victims that the government would give them "full protection."

According to the news site, the Home Minister was accompanied during his visit to all the relief camps in the area, by senior state police officers, which included the Director General of Police and also district civil officials.

## Quarry linked to Temple Mount found in Jerusalem

By Michael Ireland

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL (ANS) -- A quarry has been found in Jerusalem with historic significance. The Israel Antiquities Authority announced on Monday (July 6) the discovery of a quarry used to produce many of the stones which were used to build the outer retaining walls of the Temple Mount complex during King Herod's building of the Second Temple over 2,000 years ago.

According to a news report from the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ), the quarry, discovered during preparations for a building site on Shmuel Hanevi street in central Jerusalem, covers one dunam (approx. a quarter acre) and contain stones up to 2 meters high, indicating that they were used for large building projects, of which King Herod famously built several, including the Second Temple.

## World News

### Women Bible College Students Shake the Dust Off

By Gospel for Asia

SOUTH ASIA (ANS) -- Four Bible college students were driven out of a village for sharing the love of Christ. This village was likened to Sodom and Gomorrah for its sinful, rebellious lifestyle. Children strolled the streets with alcohol in their hands. Youths were getting married to whomever they chose no matter the age or whether it was legal or not. The name of Jesus Christ was obliterated and not welcomed.

Sarasa Sengupta, Malati Dutta, Tejal Bose and Juhi Mukopadhyay searched the streets of the village looking for a place to call home. The four women just began their required one-year internship on the field, and this was the village where they wanted to start their ministry. But because of their Christian faith, the villagers looked down on them and offered no help in finding accommodations.

It wasn't until after much prayer that they managed to find a small room in a house belonging to a widow.

Despite the opposition, their ministry started well. The Lord enabled the women to share with a variety of people in the area. They went door-to-door distributing tracts and sharing the Word of God. They prayed for the sick, healing many through their prayers. With time, a small fellowship of 13 believers developed.

The success of their ministry

became a threat to the local villagers who were staunch followers of a false religion. They took notice of the women's devotion and persistence in reaching out to the lost people in the village and plotted ways to chase them away.

Every evening, the local youth would begin their taunts. They'd call the women foul names and throw stones at them. Sometimes, the young boys would climb up the walls of their home to scare them. Every move the women made was scrutinized.

The women put up with each disturbance, trusting the Lord for protection. Then one evening, one of the women noticed a boy trying to peep in through the wall as her fellow roommate was getting ready to bathe. That was the last straw for the women. They left the village and headed to Gospel for Asia's state office to ask for advice.

The state leaders decided it was in the best interest of the women to leave that village behind and begin again in a more secure area where they wouldn't be compromised.

The village still needs strong witnesses. Please pray for the remaining believers, who were brought to the Lord by the four women, that they will live their life for His glory and develop a deep-rooted relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray also for wisdom as GFA leaders determine who should be assigned to continue the ministry in this village.

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# Health

## H1N1 resembles 1918 Flu Virus: WHO Recommends Vaccines Use Live (Attenuated) Influenza

by Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, NaturalNews Editor

(NaturalNews) Two shocking bits of news about the H1N1 swine flu virus emerged this week. The first is that the widely-circulating swine flu virus may be a lot more dangerous than people have so far been told: It appears to resemble the 1918 pandemic virus in the fact that it is capable of embedding itself deep in lung tissue and causing deadly infections. This is very different from the more common "seasonal flu" which does not replicate in the lungs.

Explaining this concept, lead researcher Yoshihiro Kawaoka of the University of Wisconsin wrote in the journal *Nature*: "When we conducted the experiments in ferrets and monkeys, the seasonal virus did not replicate in the lungs... The H1N1 virus replicates significantly better in the lungs."

As Reuters reports, Kawaoka also added, "There is a misunderstanding about this virus... There is clear evidence the virus is different than seasonal influenza."

The 1918 influenza pandemic killed at least 40 million people globally (and probably many more). Also remember: That was a time when obesity was extremely rare. Today, obesity is alarmingly common among first-world nations, and obesity is now suspected of making a person highly susceptible to swine flu fatalities.

**World Health Organization gets aggressive with vaccination recommendations**

**Meanwhile, the World Health Organization -- always a trusty friend of Big Pharma -- has announced that swine flu is "unstoppable" and is now direct-**

**ing all the nations of the world to vaccinate their citizens against the H1N1 influenza strain. This is essentially an order for global mandatory vaccinations.**

And yet, at the same time the WHO is recommending mass global vaccinations against the swine flu, it also states on its own website that such vaccines have never been proven safe. In its own words:

[Emphasis added] "Since new technologies are involved in the production of some pandemic vaccines, which have not yet been extensively evaluated for their safety in certain population groups, it is very important to implement post-marketing surveillance of the highest possible quality. In addition, rapid sharing of the results of immunogenicity and post-marketing safety and effectiveness studies among the international community will be essential for allowing countries to make necessary adjustments to their vaccination policies."

In other words: **Use the people as guinea pigs and see who dies first!**

It's not difficult to decode the WHO's language in this case. The vaccines aren't safe, so they're recommending that people given the vaccines be watched closely to see what happens (who dies).

And just to make sure more people die, the WHO is also recommending such vaccines use "live attenuated influenza."

As stated on the WHO's website:

"In view of the anticipated limited vaccine availability at global level and the potential need to protect against "drifted" strains of virus, SAGE recommended that promoting production and use of vaccines such as those that are formulated with oil-in-water adjuvants and live attenuated influenza vaccines was important."

**Inject yourself with live attenuated influenza!**

**What, exactly, is "live attenuated influenza?" It means live viruses that have been weakened, but may still pose a danger to human health.**

Big Pharma, of course, is more than happy to comply with this order... they're getting paid billions to make the live influenza vaccines, after all. Notably, Baxter Pharmaceuticals

## Ignoring the Disclaimers of Hell

By Bill Wilson

America has become such a drug related and dependent nation. Nearly two billion dollars a year is spent on advertising various drugs on television. You can rarely view a television show without being introduced to the latest drug whether to improve the sexual experience, birth control, thicken eyelashes, prevent going to the bathroom, growing hair, getting rid of unwanted hair, and the list goes on and on. About half of the time in these commercials is spent with some fast talking person disclaiming everything that the drug does. For example, there is a drug that gives you longer, fuller eyelashes so you no longer suffer from "hypotrichosis."

Hypotrichosis is "another name for having inadequate or not enough eyelashes." Of course, every young woman wants to have thicker, fuller eyelashes. And, as the commercial depicts, every woman should want such eyelashes. And the first warning is that women should locate a doctor who "may be more likely to know about this FDA-approved treat-

ment. Your doctor will evaluate your medical history to determine if you're a good candidate" for this drug. "If you have an eye infection, broken or irritated upper eyelid skin, or if you are using products for elevated intraocular pressure, talk to your doctor." These drugs always gain legitimacy by getting the approval of "doctor" who is selling--prescribing--the drug.

And then the viewer is hit with the common side effects, which include itching sensation in the eyes and/or eye redness; eye irritation, dryness of the eyes, redness of the eyelids, and skin darkening or hyperpigmentation--which is reversible after discontinuation of the product. In addition, the disclaimer says, "patients should be advised about the potential for increased brown iris pigmentation which is likely to be permanent." These are just some of the disclaimers on television for only one product. Other products disclaim a whole lot more, including "sudden death." But people ignore the warnings and rush to buy the products because the government and their doctor says they're safe.

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These commercials are indicative of heart condition. In their hearts, people want the result of these drugs so bad that they will ignore or risk the consequences of the warnings for the temporal physical relief. Matthew 4:8, 9 says, "Again, the devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus replied, "Get thee hence, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thy serve." But unlike Jesus, how many ignore the disclaimers of hell for the temporal rewards?



**of the people will then be carrying live "attenuated" swine flu genetic materials in their blood, creating the perfect opportunity for further recombining with seasonal flu.**

Global mandatory swine flu vaccinations will, in fact, create a population of infected swine flu carriers. Some of them will die in the 48 hours following the injections. Most will manage to survive the shots and go on to become carriers of

swine flu genetic material. With their immune systems weakened by vaccine chemicals and processed, nutrient-depleted junk foods, they will serve as walking incubation vessels for the next sweeping strain of influenza.

And no matter what happens, Big Pharma makes money! The more people die, the more power the government is able to grab through vaccine mandates, forced quarantines, declarations of Martial Law and other similar measures. A pandemic is the perfect opportunity to destroy whatever remaining freedoms the American people still cling to.

My advice? Be prepared to protect yourself from the coming wave of **gunpoint medicine** (forced vaccinations). Both your health and your freedoms may soon be at stake. Keep reading NaturalNews and other reliable health news for more information on how to protect yourself from not only swine flu (which is easy), but also your own government's ill-conceived swine flu vaccination mandates (more difficult).

As this situation unfolds through the fall of 2009, we'll provide more information about what you can do to protect your health freedoms from the global pharmaceutical machine that wants to inject you with "live attenuated influenza."

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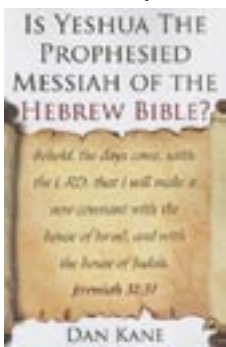
## Author Presents Clarity to a Misunderstood Messiah

By Staff

Author Dan Kane addresses the identity of the Jewish Messiah in his new book, "Is Yeshua the Prophesied Messiah of the Hebrew Bible?" (WinePress, 2009).

"The Jewish people have never been presented with an accurate description of biblical Christianity. The Yeshua many rejected is not the Yeshua of the New Testament, but the Jesus of the cults. My book presents a clear picture of the Jewish Messiah as described by the Jewish authors

of the promised second covenant." Kane's book targets questions such as: Who was Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth? What is the relationship between the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Bible? Where do the Talmud and other historical writings fit into the equation? Why did observant Jews use blood sacrifices for atonement and why did they stop?



Kane notes that the Christian Bible, like the Hebrew Bible, was written by HaShem-worshipping Jews. He furthermore posits that the promised new covenant welcomes both Jews and Gentiles.

Misinformation regarding the Messiah runs deep and can be traced back to the origins of the Roman Catholic Church.

Many long-held messianic proph-

ecies documented in the Hebrew Bible, what Christians call the Old Testament, were changed by the rabbis in response to the rapid spread of Christianity.

"In short, they began to reinterpret many prophecies long recognized by Jews and Christians alike as messianic. However, I want them to be able to conclude from reading the book that the prophesied Mashiach (Messiah) of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) is

the same 'anointed one' recorded by the Jewish authors of the New Testament and His Hebrew name is Yeshua (Jesus in Greek)."

Born and raised in Kentucky, Dan Kane is a Registered Professional Nuclear Engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy and author of "For Our Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Friends" (Pleasant Word, 2008). Dan, a former Catholic turned believer, is passionate about introducing others to the Jesus of the New Testament.

## Boston's Masterson strives to make positive impact

By Joshua Cooley

**BOSTON (BP)**--Justin Masterson doesn't drink. "Never seen anything good from it," he'll tell you. But he has no problem going to the local watering hole with some buddies. And if he's in the right mood, he might even get a little crazy.

"You might see me in the bar with my friends," he said. "I won't be drinking, but I might be dancing on the bar. I'll be the sober one there. It's that genuineness that's lost."

Ladies and gentlemen -- and Christian traditionalists whose eyebrows are now arched -- meet Justin Masterson, the Boston Red Sox's 24-year-old rising star whose deliciously dichotomous nature is as intriguing as his slingshot right arm. He's a free-wheeling spirit with conservative values. He's a preacher's kid who is neither a goody-two-shoes nor an angry rebel. He's young but bald. He's rich and talented, but relatable and humble.

And that genuineness he mentioned? Good heavens, if Masterson isn't genuine, the world is flat.

Masterson's candor is equally disarming and refreshing. Ask him a question, and you might get a five-minute stream of consciousness. Take, for instance, the following sample, which came at the end of a 450-word answer to the simple query, "So, tell me about your successful 2008 season" -- a response that also included recollections of playing Ken Griffey Jr. on Super Nintendo and a reference to Charles Barkley's infamous "I'm not paid to be a role model" quote:

"It's amazing how just a few smiles and conversations (with fans) and being genuine with people -- they appreciate that so much," Masterson said near the end of his mini-discourse. "And some will try to take advantage of you. I can see how some players put up a guard. It's nice to see some of these guys with their guards down. We have the same struggles as the person working a regular 9-to-5 job and the guy driving the trash truck."

OK, so maybe major league stars can't quite relate to the struggles of the local sanitation department worker. But if anyone can convince you otherwise, it's

probably Masterson. His boyish charm, goofy wit and unshakable spiritual convictions are enough to make you wonder how a guy like him plays the same game as steroid cheats, narcissistic millionaires, et al.

"He's well-liked," said Mark Masterson, his father. "People know him and like him. But he's got his quirky side."

The Red Sox certainly like their promising youngster, whose talents are as striking as his cleanliness haven dome (which he has sported since he first donned the razor in high school for a Mr. Clean Halloween outfit). A 2006 draft pick, he quickly impressed the Red Sox brass and made his major league debut on April 24, 2008 -- an impressive spot start (six innings, two hits, one run) in place of starter Daisuke Matsuzaka, who was scratched due to illness.

After flip-flopping between the majors and minors a couple times over the next few months, he returned to Boston for good in late July. For the season, he went 4-3 with a 3.67 ERA in nine starts and 2-2 with a 2.36 ERA in 27 relief appearances over the final 2 \_ months.

His most memorable moments came in the postseason, where Boston lost to upstart Tampa Bay in the American League Championship Series. Masterson, though, did his part, setting a franchise record with nine playoff appearances while going 1-0 with a 1.86 ERA in relief. His win in Game 5 of the ALCS (he pitched a scoreless ninth) made him the seventh-youngest Red Sox pitcher ever to win a postseason game. The last player to do so at a younger age? Oh, some guy in 1916 named Babe Ruth.

"I was pitching in almost every playoff game," Masterson said. "It was almost too much to think about during the season. For lack of a better word, it was magical."

Having started this season in the big leagues, Masterson has avoided a sophomore slump. In

27 games -- including six as a fill-in starter when Matsuzaka went down with a shoulder injury in late April -- he has gone 3-3 with a 4.98 ERA. Prior to his last appearance on July 11 (his worst of the season, in which he gave up five runs in only one-third of an inning), his ERA stood at 4.31.

At 6 feet, 6 inches and 250 pounds, he has the classic build of a dominating pitcher. His three-fifths arm angle produces a nasty bite on his pitches, which include a wicked, mid-90s sinker, a slider and a circle change.



Justin Masterson

It's all heady stuff for a humble Midwestern kid who used to be known as the fat catcher who could hit in grade school. Masterson, the only Jamaican-born player in major league history, was born in Kingston, the island's capital, where his father was an academic dean and professor at the Jamaican Theological Seminary. The following year, Mark moved the family back to Indiana, where they were originally from. Four years later, when Justin was 5, they settled down in Beavercreek, Ohio, where Mark has been the pastor of Creekside Community Church, a small congregation of about 70 people.

Justin and his two siblings enjoyed a supportive Christian home and all eventually placed their faith in Christ -- Justin doing so early on at a church camp. The truth of the gospel, he said, really started to sink in during his early teenage years. His father's godly example was a catalyst.

"I've watched my dad and through it all, whether it's been struggles in the church or troubles in

life, he has always gotten up for work," Justin said. "He hasn't shoved the Bible down my throat, but we were always in church and he rejoiced when we were old enough to make our own decisions."

By high school, Masterson's body was growing like a weed. He went from being the backup point guard during his freshman year to the starting center as a sophomore. But by his junior year, baseball became his sole focus and his skills started attracting major league scouts to Beavercreek, creating a buzz that the quaint eastern suburb of Dayton hadn't seen before.

"It was an interesting experience," Mark Masterson recalled. "It was fun. We just loved it. We kept pinching ourselves, like, 'Wow, they're coming to see our son?'"

Justin opted to play at Bethel College, a small NAIA school in Mishawaka, Ind., where he met his wife, Meryl. But after meeting a player from San Diego State in the Cape Cod League the summer before his junior year, he transferred to the Aztecs' program, where he put up mediocre numbers (6-7, 4.81 ERA in 17 starts) in his only season there. Still, the Red Sox liked what they saw of him in Cape Cod and drafted him in the second round.

Now, Masterson is using his major league platform to spread the gospel. He faithfully attends the team's Baseball Chapel services

and is outspoken with his faith.

"He's not an in-your-face person," Mark Masterson said. "He's low-key, available to talk. They know where he stands. I'm not sure who he's been able to talk to, but he's had some good conversations since he's been with the team."

Last February, Masterson shared his testimony as part of a year-long 200th anniversary celebration at Park Street Church in Boston, and in April, he gave a brief devotional prior to the Celtics' first-round playoff game against the Bulls.

"My motto is to positively impact people's lives," he said. "I've gotten numerous random letters saying how I've been able to positively affect their lives. I'm the same person today that I was then. I thank the Lord for that."

Are more October heroics in store this season for Masterson? It's certainly possible. At the All-Star break, the Red Sox sat atop the American League East at 54-34. As with most topics you ask him about, he shoots straight here, too.

"Always with this team, our goal is to win a World Series," Masterson said. "I think that's what the guys do -- we keep our differences aside and work hard to achieve that. For me, I want to build on last year, give quality innings and when I'm out there, give the team a chance to win. You can't ask for much more than that."

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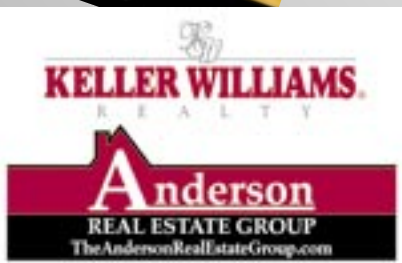
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## Malcolm Smith coming to R.I.

By D. Harry Callahan

Malcolm Smith, self-described evangelist to the evangelized, will be the featured speaker at a day-long program Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I.

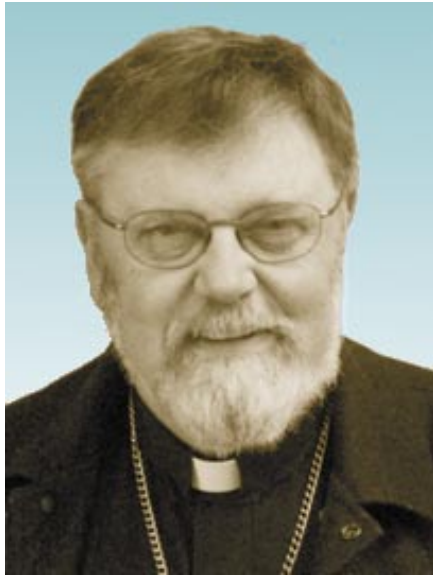
The event will mark the only New England presentation by Mr. Smith for the rest of 2009.

“Malcolm presents the story of the gospel in a personal way—personal to himself and to the listener,” according to Brian Barber of Grafton, Mass., long-time member of the Westerly church who brought about the Rhode Island appearance by Mr. Smith after participating in a program conducted at the Smith home base in San Antonio, TX.

Operating from his Zoe Community of the Holy Spirit in San Antonio, Mr. Smith offers his approach to ministry in a series of Modules, that present Bible study

material in an educational - course fashion, Mr. Barber said.

“He’s seen by many as one of the greatest Bible scholars of the past century, and he has been guiding



people into the covenant love of God for over 50 years.” “He is considered a revolutionary teacher for anyone hungry for more than just religion,” he added.

“William Paul Young, author of the recent New York Times bestseller ‘The Shack’ has called Malcolm Smith one of the speakers who influenced his creative inspiration,” Mr. Barber noted.

The August 22 program in Westerly will start at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts and will continue through the remainder of the day. It will be open to the public and no admission will be charged at the church located at 120 Main Street downtown.

Biographical information states that Malcolm Smith was born in London, England, around the start of World War II and his childhood was highlighted by memories of bomb shelters, burned-out buildings and an air of wartime fear. He came to faith in Jesus Christ in his early teens and soon began preaching to audiences that eventually extended around the world.

After a stint as a church pastor in New York City, where he was tested by the demands of inner-city street life, he extended his work to becoming a teacher and leader

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He presently resides in Bandera, TX, with his wife Nancy who he says joins him with her ministry of prayer and healing gifts of the Spirit. They conduct retreats and a non-residential Bible school at the Zoe Ranch while not traveling around the country conducting retreats and meetings in churches and for organizations of all denominations.

For those with small children, child care will be made available for those attending the Aug. 22 appearance by Mr. Smith in Westerly. The complete schedule

for that day includes presentations at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., a mid-day luncheon, presentations at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., communion and a question-and-answer period at about 5 p.m..

Additional information can be obtained at www.zoechs.org and www.pawcatucksdb.org. Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church is part of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the United States and Canada. “Seventh Day Baptists generally vary from other Baptist denominations in the fact that they observe a Saturday rather than a Sunday Sabbath, Mr. Barber added.

## Memorial Baptist Church gets new pastor

Memorial Baptist Church (MBC), 340 Central Avenue, Seekonk, MA, is pleased to announce that the congregation has elected The Reverend Delphin Demosthenes as its new pastor. The election took place Sunday, June 28, 2009.

Born in Haiti and raised in New Rochelle, New York, Pastor Del earned a Masters of Social Work from New York University, a Masters of Divinity from Yale University, and a B.A. in Biblical

Studies from Nyack College. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1999. He served as a ministerial



Pastor Del, his wife Dr. Françoise Hamlin and their son Elijah

intern at the Community Baptist Church in New Haven, CT

from 1999-2000, as an affiliated minister at the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport, CT from 2002-2004, as pastor at the French Speaking Church of New Rochelle, NY from 2000-2008 and, most recently, as minister-in-residence at the First Baptist Church in America in Providence, RI from 2008-2009. Pastor Del is also a licensed psychotherapist. His wife, Dr. Françoise Hamlin, is an assistant professor at Brown University, and they have a 19-month-old son, Elijah.

Pastor Del has been serving as interim pastor at Memorial Baptist Church for the past 6 months, and he says he has received an overwhelming welcome from the church members and the community. A word from the pastor: “I am thrilled to be a permanent part of this community. My wife and I felt the warmth and support of this church from the beginning, and the members have a genuine love for God and each

other. I look forward to building on work already started and forging new projects and paths -- not only continuing the internal work running the church and ministering to the members, but also extending the reach of the church into the larger Seekonk/Attleboro/Pawtucket communities. I wish to open up MBC even more to be a place of refuge for the wider community – a spiritual sanctuary, but a social and communal refuge when needed also. In the few months I have been here, I have initiated various support groups (utilizing and blending my social work and pastoral training) that I hope will expand. There is a thriving soup kitchen program, social network, youth group and musical offerings. Through such projects and others in the works, the goal is to expand and redefine the relevancy of the church in the

community so that all can know and benefit from God’s grace and blessings.”

Memorial Baptist Church is associated with the American Baptist Churches, USA; the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island; and the Attleboro Area Council of Churches.

**A word from the pastor:**  
*“I am thrilled to be a permanent part of this community.”*

Pastor Del will be officially installed as pastor at MBC during a celebration service planned for September, details to follow. Weekly services at MBC are held at 9:30 AM each Sunday. For more information, please email SeekonkMBC@verizon.net or call 508-761-5142. All are welcome!

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lack of courage when confronted with difficult issues. I try to faithfully deliver the mail as the Lord hands it to me, but I have been negligent by eating the crust out of fear of spoiling the pie.

You see, I have pulled my punches. I have softened the blow. I have spanked with a newspaper when they deserved a belt. I have sold out on the Truth. I have not called a spade a spade. I have nibbled at the crust when I should have been hammering the pie. I have taken the be-nice approach and have listened to the "touch not God's anointed" Pslam 105:13-15 mentality. I have prostituted the Truth. For that I am sorry.

Oh, my intentions were good. I had hoped that as I exposed the "unfruitful works of darkness" Ephesians 5:11 that the churches would eventually awaken and begin to push back against the enemy. After ten years of trying to awaken "The Church" to the problem I have finally mustered the courage to say what I have known all along. "The Church" IS the problem. It has become a pimp, selling the works of "the body" for personal satisfaction.



Most of the pulpits are filled by "hirelings" John 10:12(more on that in a future commentary), men and women who stand in the pulpit without a calling, without an anointing, and without courage. They are man pleasers, living off of "the Body" as they sell it out for their own whims and pleasures. Greedy Dogs, Isaiah called them. Blind watchmen...loving to sleep...leading the flock astray.

Not all of the churches. If you are a pastor and have read this far then I am probably not talking about you. I have met many courageous men who boldly live out the command to "lead them out." You know who you are. You are the one's who have been criticized, belittled, and called names by the "pimp in the pulpit" at the big church downtown.

You see, to him, the church is a business...an enterprise...a social club totally dependant on butts and bucks. It is a place to make business contacts, network with others in the community, and soothe one's conscience through weekly attendance and philanthropy. It is no different from a whore house where a woman's body is sold for

the pleasure of another. Love-less intercourse is prostitution. Most church goers love the service that Jesus provides (membership has its privileges) but don't really know the Jesus who provides it.

I'll be honest. I've been afraid to say some of these things for fear of alienating even more pastors. I was afraid that my harshness might alienate those "frozen chosen" pastors and eliminate opportunities to "minister" to their congregations. That's where I have pimped-out my call. The pastors are not the answer, they are the problem.

Instead of cleaning out Congress perhaps we should start by cleaning out the pulpit. Judgment begins first in the house of God. 1Peter 4: 17 America is a reflection of the churches and the churches are a reflection of the pulpits. It is time to "throw the bums out"...even if they do hide behind the "touch not my anointed." When a football team is under-performing who gets the boot? Yep, the coach.

Allow me to be frank as I cut to the chase. Pick up your family and get out of the mausoleum you are attending and find a place that serves the Lord. I couldn't care less how many generations your family

has been a member, how many pews your family has donated, and how many of your friends attend. Sitting on your butt every Sunday is not serving the Lord, it is the Lord serving you. The feel-good Gospel is a fraud. Jesus taught self-sacrifice not self-fulfillment. "Greater love has no man than this than he would lay down his life for his friends..." Love demands sacrifice. What have you sacrificed for your faith? You are engaging in Spiritual welfare...living off of the efforts of others.

Start fighting back by no longer giving them your money. Don't allow them to hit you over the head with the "bring all of the tithes into the storehouse" Malachi 3:10 hammer without asking yourself some very important questions.

What is a storehouse and what is its purpose? What does the Scripture mean by "meat in my house" and who is the meat for? Are there families in your "church" who are losing their homes? Is that not who the "meat in the house" was stored up for or were the storehouse funds used for a new parking lot?

Is the purpose of the tithe (by the way, my wife and I believe in tithing) to pay senior pastors, associate pastors, youth ministers, worship leaders, and secretaries to do "ministry?" Can't you "tith" different places? Did the New Testament church teach the concept of "professional" Christians or were the elders of the church also tent-makers? Does "meat in my house" mean bigger buildings, paved parking lots, and padded pews? Is your "church" experiencing a budget crunch right now because they have eaten the meat that should have been placed in the storehouse? I know, "let them eat blacktop."

Is storehouse money supposed to be spent on the already converted or on seeking and saving that which is lost? What percent of your church's budget go to "missions"... as if that is a separate job...in comparison to utilities, paper, salaries, and operating expenses?

Don't stop giving, just change where you give. Find a ministry that is using the money to reach out to the community and send your tithe there. Remember, it is the "Lord's house" into which your finances are to be offered....not some social club to which your tithe is nothing more than monthly dues. It is time you asked yourself if the Spirit still dwells in your church.



My wife and I have spent the last few weeks reading the book of Acts in our morning devotionals. You should do the same. They spread the Gospel around the world at great personal peril and sacrifice. The self-serving American-Church is a pathetic step-child to Christianity's founding fathers.

Most churches love money, chase money, compromise over money. A pastor in New York was just fired from his \$600,000 salary! The national average for pastors is \$84,426! No wonder they won't speak against sin! Why not include those wealthy homosexuals in the

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People have asked me to start a church. I tell them that they are nuts. Truth empties churches, it doesn't fill them. My friend Flip Benham says guys like me would be the Dr. Kervorkian of church growth. What man of God would want to wipe noses when he could fight evil? No thanks. At least on the streets I can recognize the enemy.

"And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses." Mathew 11: 7,8 Yep, the pimps are the ones wearing the nice clothes. Funny isn't it? The pimps in the pulpits accuse street preachers of being undignified.

What did Jesus say about the ultimate street preacher John the Baptist? "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John

the Baptist."

Take the time to read what Jesus had to say to the religious pimps of His day! Matthew 23

Next week we're heading to do ministry work on the streets of Las Vegas. That's right, we are Christian street-walkers. Help send us or help a local ministry in your area not afraid to tell the truth. The black-top parking lot can wait. Whatever you give we will use to reach the lost. YOU are my congregation...You probably won't find me speaking in any churches anytime soon....

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# Entertainment

## Did Michael Jackson repent, accept Christ?

(WorldNetDaily) Gospel superstar Andrae Crouch and his twin sister, Sandra, confirm meeting with Michael Jackson and praying and singing with him weeks before his death.

Jackson, raised as a member of the Jehovah's Witness sect and reportedly a convert to Islam last



Michael Jackson as a child (left) and as an adult

year, sought out the Crouches for inspiration for his upcoming tour, for which he was unprepared, according to a report in Assist News Service.

But while some blogs have reported that meeting led to a spiritual conversion by Jackson, the Crouches say they are not certain.

"Not sure where that came from," said Sandra Crouch on her Facebook page. "We loved and respected Michael and will continue to pray for his family. All the extra is not from us."

A spokesman for the Crouches had this to add: "Andrae and Sandra did in fact visit with Michael Jackson two times, once at the recording studio, and once at his home in the last two months, as recently as three weeks ago, asking for prayer concerning the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and how he could make his music more 'spiritual.' So Andrae and Sandra explained to him about the anointing and about Jesus. He wanted to know what makes your hands go up, and makes you 'come

out of yourself,' and what gives a 'spirituality' to the music? He then requested to hear his favorite song that he loves and wanted them to sing to him, so they ... joined hands and sang together, and he said, 'It was beautiful.' He first heard it in New York, and loved it and wanted it on tape. He had the engineer tape the song sang to him by Andrae and Sandra. He definitely had an encounter with them."

Was there evidence of a conversion?

The Crouch spokesman said: "He did NOT reject Jesus or the prayer when (we) prayed, and gladly joined in prayer. He usu-

ally doesn't touch anybody, but he touched them, and held their hands in a circle as they sang and prayed. There was NO actual 'sinners prayer' however, but they did talk and pray about Jesus and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.



Andrae Crouch and his twin sister, Sandra

They also told him, 'Michael, we consider you as our son,' and he said, 'Yes, yes, yes' and gave him his latest music on a CD, and he told him, 'Andrae I trust you with this,' and gave him CDs of 2 songs ... unpublished, beautiful music."

Over the years, Embassy Music's talent search has helped launch artists and songwriters in various musical genres. Two of Embassy's

## Imagine

By David R. Reagan

In 2004, *Rolling Stone* magazine voted John Lennon's song, *Imagine*, the third greatest song of all times. Former president Jimmy Carter observed that "in many countries around the world... you hear John Lennon's song, 'Imagine,' used almost equally with national anthems."

### Behind "Imagine"

In the book, *Lennon in America*, by Geoffrey Giuliano, Lennon is quoted as saying that the song is "an anti-religious, anti-nationalist, anti-conventional, anti-capitalist song, but because it's sugar-coated, it's accepted." Lennon also described the song as "virtually the Communist Manifesto."

Lennon's characterization of the song is very accurate. It begins with an atheistic rejection of God: "Imagine there's no heaven / It's easy if you try / No hell below us / Above us only sky / Imagine all the people / Living for today."

Having dispensed with God, Lennon then proceeds to wash his hands of religion and nationalism: "Imagine there's no countries / It isn't hard to do / Nothing to kill or die for / And no religion too / Imagine all the people / Living life in peace."

Lennon concludes the song with an attack on capitalism and an affirmation of the socialist-communist ideal: "Imagine no possessions / I wonder if you can / No need for greed or hunger / A brotherhood of man / Imagine all the people / Sharing all the world."

Understandably, the chorus of



John Lennon

the song calls for a one world government: "You may say I'm a dreamer / But I'm not the only one / I hope someday you'll join us / And the world will live as one."

### Lennon's Despair

Lennon wrote this song in 1971. Two years later, he wrote a remarkable letter to the Christian evangelist, Oral Roberts. The letter was prompted by the fact that Lennon's cousin had asked Roberts to pray for John and Yoko, and he had agreed to do so. Lennon's letter was handwritten and rambling. In it he revealed that the philosophy expressed in his famous song had left him empty, fearful and suicidal:

*Rev. Roberts: This is ex-Beatle, John Lennon. I've been wanting to write you, but I guess I didn't really want to face reality. I never do this, this is why I take drugs. Reality frightens me and paranoias me. True, I have a lot of money... but basically, I'm afraid to face the problems of life. Let me begin to say, I regret that I said the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. I don't even like myself anymore - guilt.*

Lennon proceeded to tell Roberts

his life story. He emphasized his unhappy childhood. He told about his mom dying when he was an infant and how his father deserted him at age 3, leaving him to be raised by an aunt. He talked about how he wanted to kill his father after he became successful and his dad came to him and requested money. He mentioned a song that he and Paul McCartney had written called, "Money Can't Buy Me Love," and he said he had discovered the truth of that statement.

He ended the letter with a cry of despair:

*"I want happiness. I don't want to keep up with drugs... Explain to me what Christianity can do for me. Is it phoney? Can He love me? I want out of Hell."*

He then added a P.S. that read:

*"I am, I hate to say, under the influence of pills now. I can't stop. I only wish I could thank you for caring."*

Lennon had already expressed his despair publicly in 1968 in his song, "I'm So Tired." It was written at the height of the Beatles' popularity, creativity and wealth. In the song, Lennon expressed the emptiness of his "successful" and wealthy life with these words: "I'd give you everything I've got for a little peace of mind."

The best response to Lennon's despair can be found in Philippians 4:6-7:

*"Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

## NATIONAL TALENT COMPETITION ANNOUNCES FINAL DEADLINE FOR ARTISTS AND SONGWRITERS

(Nashville, TN) - Embassy Music has announced a deadline of August 7 for artists and songwriters to register for the 15th Annual Ultimate Talent Search competition. The event will be held September 5, 2009 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

Over the years, Embassy Music's talent search has helped launch artists and songwriters in various musical genres. Two of Embassy's

recent talent search finalists are quickly gaining national attention. Robert Mauti is currently in the final 10 in the "Gospel Dream" competition being broadcast weekly into 45 million homes by *Gospel Music Channel*. Mauti's new self-titled debut was produced by two-time Dove Award winner, Kene Bell. Mauti's project features John Katina (lead singer for The Katinas) and Dove Award-winning vocal sensation, Rachel Lampa. Mauti is also a member of the popular multi-cultural Soul Choir, and has sung backup for Amy Grant, Point of Grace, Bill Gaither, Matt Redman, and Chris Tomlin.

Through their artist development program, Embassy Music helped Leeland land a publishing deal with EMI and a record deal with the Provident Label Group. In addition to sharing the front cover of

"We've seen enormous successes these past few years," says Embassy Music president Darwin Moody. "We're very excited to see the wonderful doors that have opened recently for Brandon and Robert. We're also looking forward to hearing the new talent during Labor Day Weekend."

The Embassy Music Ultimate Talent Search offers open competition for both artists and songwriters and will award separate prizes for the winners of those two categories. Winners will have the opportunity to perform for industry professionals at a New Artist Showcase as well as be awarded artist development and songwriting mentoring sessions.



Brandon Green



Robert Mauti

Another Embassy Music prodigy, Brandon Green, went on to place in the top 50 of "American Idol" and is currently in the top 10 pairings on the new season of the "Can You Duet?" tv show, broadcast on CMT (Country Music Television). One of the upcoming episodes will feature the song "Loving You," which Green and Mauti co-wrote.

Leeland was discovered at the age of fourteen at the Embassy Music Ultimate Talent Search and Semi-

*CCM Magazine* with Michael W. Smith and helping write several of the songs on his *Stand* CD, Leeland toured with Third Day and completed a 36-city tour with Grammy Award-winning artist Casting Crowns. Leeland went on to achieve a Grammy nomination in 2009 for Best Pop Contemporary Gospel Album for his work on *Opposite Way* as well as numerous Dove Award nominations.

Embassy Music specializes in discovering and developing new artists and songwriters. The Ultimate Talent Search has opened doors for artists and songwriters to connect with managers, booking agents, publishers, and radio promoters as well as recording contracts with labels such as Gotee, Virgin and Provident. For more information, visit: [www.EmbassyMusic.com](http://www.EmbassyMusic.com).

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## Dear Editor,

I was just reading "The Good Life" when I noticed that a lot of your articles had to do with gay and lesbians. My question to you is what is wrong with people who prefer the same sex? I myself am a heterosexual I have a fiancé whom I love with all of my heart who is a male, I just think God loves all of his children no matter what their sexual preference is. I think that he is the only one who can judge, therefore I find that your articles are biased and feel that you owe the gay community an apology especially since most of them believe in God I don't think that anyone should be punished for who they love. After all, the bible was not written by god but by followers. I feel that everyone is entitled to Love no matter who they get it from.

Sincerely,  
Jessica

## Dear Jessica,

Thanks for writing about your concerns, we always encourage positive dialogue between open minded individuals. As for "what is wrong with people who prefer the same sex?" just like you and I, we were all born into original sin. Homosexuality, like lying, stealing or gluttony, is behavior which God has told us is wrong. Does this mean that He doesn't love the individual participating in these activities? No, most certainly not. He loves all of us, which is why He gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever would believe in Him, might have eternal life. John 3:16 However, if we believe in Him, shouldn't we love Him as he first loved us? Jesus said "If you love me, keep my commands." John 14:15 Can there be any better way to show our love for him?

The only question which we must ask than is: would God ask us to keep His commands if he hadn't made them known to us? You see, acting upon our feelings alone can lead to many mistakes in life since most people have varying feelings about any given subject, based primarily upon their upbringing and environmental effects. A serial killer or child molester may act upon their feelings not really thinking they are doing anything wrong. Unless we have a firm foundation upon which to build our lives we can often act upon or be motivated by our feelings which often lead down the wrong road. 2Tim 2:19

Although many people want to believe that the bible was only written by followers of God, choosing instead to pick out which scriptures to accept or reject, 2 Tim 3:16 teaches the opposite, that all scripture has been inspired by God.

As for the "Good News Today" owing an apology to homosexuals, I believe that anyone who does not inform a sinner of the Truth is incapable of loving Christ or a sinner as they should. Luke 14:26, 27

Romans 1 should answer any

## Editorials / Commentary / Letters to the Editor

### Bread and circuses: America's cult of celebrity

By Ken Connor

**WASHINGTON (BP)**--Two weeks ago, in the midst of President Obama's efforts to push unprecedented expansions of federal regulatory authority through Congress, North Korea's bellicose threats of nuclear annihilation and the Iranian regime's brutal campaign to suppress political dissent, the American public's attention was focused elsewhere.

On June 25, 2009, the nation plunged into mourning upon learning of the tragic deaths of Michael Jackson -- inimitable King of Pop -- and Hollywood's original "angel," Farah Fawcett. In the time it took for a commercial break, the coverage of the Iranian protests, the debates about "cap and trade" and health care reform and the diplomatic efforts to recover two American journalists being detained in a North Korean prison all but disappeared. They were eclipsed by footage of distraught fans, video montages, musical tributes, celebrity elegies and speculation about how the Obama administration might respond.

This lopsided allocation of media attention and public focus is an ominous indicator of how shallow and superficial we've become as a nation. It calls into question whether a nation fixated on entertainment possesses the maturity, discipline, judgment and civic virtue necessary to preserve freedom in an increasingly hostile world.

While the deaths of two pop-culture icons are certainly newsworthy, the amount of news coverage devoted to America's celebrity obsession is grossly out of proportion in light of the weighty issues confronting our country at this hour. Have we become so shallow, so superficial, so celebrity-obsessed that

questions that you may have regarding why we have published the articles that we have about homosexuality. We do not discriminate in any way shape or form against them or any other sinners. If you read the paper regularly you will see that we call upon believers and unbelievers alike to cease any behavior which go against Gods word.

As for God alone being able to judge, yes He will one day judge us all and accept or reject our entrance into Heaven based upon what we did with His son Jesus. In the meantime those of us who call ourselves Christian ought to be busy about the work of the kingdom, sharing the gospel message and, making disciples, otherwise we would all be walking around doing whatever we think is right or wrong in our own eyes, rather than instructing each other in the ways of righteousness.

This is exactly why our world is in it's current state, many people would rather turn their backs on

Michael Jackson's death is more upsetting, more real to us, than images of democratic protesters bleeding in the streets of Tehran -- that participating in the shameful exploitation of Jon and Kate Gosselin's crumbling marriage on TLC is more important than watching congressional debates about the future of our health care system on C-SPAN?

In the introductory chapter of his book, "The Roots of American Order," Russell Kirk discusses the concept of order and how it relates to the success or failure of any society. According to Kirk, "[the civil social] order signifies the performance of certain duties and the enjoyment of certain rights in a community." He suggests that "a disordered existence is a confused and miserable existence. If a society falls into general disorder, many of its members will cease to exist at all. And if the members of a society are disordered in spirit, the outward order of the commonwealth cannot endure."

American society appears to be suffering that sort of disordered spirit. One can't help but wonder if we have lost our capacity for serious engagement with the world around us -- and thus our ability to engage with society in a dutiful and conscientious manner. We are increasingly drawn to digital or virtual venues that allow us to escape the humdrum realities of everyday life in exchange for a fantasy world that titillates our senses and tickles our funny bones. In the process, we are losing the ability to distinguish between the important and the inconsequential in our society.

Who has time to follow the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor when the American public is busy keeping up with the Kardashians? Who wants to hear the depressing

details of starvation and poverty plaguing the Third World when we can watch wannabe celebrities starve themselves for money on the latest season of Survivor?

Is it any wonder that only 22 percent of people polled can name the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, while 66 percent can name at least one celebrity judge on American Idol, or that more people can name all five members of the Simpson family than can name the five freedoms protected under the First Amendment?

This misdirection of energy and attention cannot be without negative consequences for the future of American society. Much as Rome's downfall was precipitated by her rejection of the fundamental social, spiritual and cultural components that made her a mighty empire, America's preoccupation with "bread and circuses" to the exclusion of more important matters portends a bleak future for our republic.

Who is responsible for this unfortunate phenomenon? Many blame the media for our obsession with entertainment. After all, the media bigwigs -- the proverbial wizards behind the curtain -- decide what to broadcast and what to leave on the cutting room floor. Are these behemoth corporations, in their quest for ratings, feeding America's baser instincts? Are they exploiting our prurient nature in order to make a quick buck?

Even if that is the case, the American people are still left holding the bag of responsibility. We choose what media to consume, which websites to visit, which books to read; we choose how to allocate our time and attention. We are the ones who find reality TV and celebrity culture more entertaining, more fun, less boring and less hard, than the real world.

past year as we continue to pray at the state house. As this year's session is for all intense purposes coming to a close I wish to thank all of those who have been praying for our elected officials and our state. At the close of this session our state finalized the 2009-2010 budget and will be working with a huge budget deficit. Please pray that God's wisdom will override what man has established in regards to our budget. Please praise our God for once again allowing the same sex marriage issue to not be presented on the floor of our legislature. This battle is far from over and as it stands RI is the only Northeast state that has not legalized same sex marriage or civil unions. Please continue to petition our God with your prayers for this issue. And lastly, prostitution is still legal in our state. Please pray in agreement with me that at next year's session this ungodly act will become illegal.

Since this year's session is now closed we will resume our praying at the state house in September.

But reality TV is not reality and the truth is that many celebrities' lives are plagued by drug abuse, domestic scandals and professional failure. From Elvis and Marilyn Monroe, to Anna Nicole and Heath Ledger, the lifestyles of the rich and famous often end in desolation and despair. Yet our society has deified these individuals and glamorized the lives they portray, leading more and more Americans to feel that the only kind of life worth living is a life lived in front of the camera.

The price paid for this delusion is that our society is increasingly losing its ability to celebrate what English philosopher and Christian apologist G. K. Chesterton called "the really human things" -- those things required for a just society to endure. And as our spirits become more vacant, more disordered and more obsessed with titillating drivel, we run the risk of suffering the same decline as our forebears in the Roman republic.

As Kirk noted, "The late Roman world, then, was a culture spiritually impoverished and disordered, lacking a common core of belief. It has been called a dead world: a time in which the old Roman virtues had been lost by the mass of men.... It was a world spiritually and intellectually bored. Mankind can endure anything but boredom. Because men could not order their own despairing souls, the order of the commonwealth could not be saved."

We Americans must ask ourselves whether we are prepared to suffer the fate of our Roman forebears, or whether we are wise and disciplined enough to learn from their mistakes and make the changes necessary to get this great nation back on the right track.

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## Glad tidings,

I wanted to give you an update of things happening in our government. God has been faithful this

bad behavior than confront it, all in the guise of being politically correct or tolerant. If you read through the bible you will not find any teaching that supports such a notion. Instead the entire bible from beginning to end is a book of instructions and examples of how we ought to live our lives in light of knowing and interacting with our Creator, who loves us all very much.

Our only response and evidence of our love for Him, can be to accept His Word or reject it. If we love Him, we will keep His commands.

God bless you in your search for the Truth,

Larry Lepore - Editor

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# Inspiration

## Butterfly Morning

By Judy Zwirblis – Dartmouth, MA

The flowers swayed back and forth as if music was in the air. It was mid-July and the summer heat was lingering over my garden. I had planted a package of wild seeds that spring, not knowing what would turn up. I was pleasantly surprised as they blossomed into a mixed display of color and kind. Although small, it was a most lovely garden. The red, violet and orange colors brought the tiny visitors that day to taste their fragrant drink.

David who was just five years old was playing catch with his older brother, Jay, as was custom. Noticing the butterflies, David



stopped playing to get a glimpse of them. There were about a dozen that morning hovering over the sweet treats. But one small Painted Lady, a species we studied that spring,

was resting on the driftwood that was strategically placed near the flowerbed. David slowly walked over to get a closer look. One of the wings was damaged and he saw that it was struggling to fly. It remained there slowly opening and closing its wings. Jay kept watch while David ran in the house to get me so I could do something to comfort her. We got a small bowl of sugar water hoping this would strengthen her. We set the bowl down and watched with amazement as she climbed on the rim and intuitively put her proboscis in the water. She sipped the cool drink staying on the bowl for quite a long time.

David was so excited! He loved animals and I'd have to say his fearless and patient approach towards them was wonderful to watch. After a few minutes, David slowly touched her wing and to our surprise she didn't move a bit. She seemed to want his hand where it hurt. He looked at me with serious

conviction and said, "Let's pray." I quickly recalled a Bible verse, 1 Peter 2:24, which was my response to anyone who needed healing. So quietly, as David placed his finger on her wing, we whispered, "Thank you dear Lord for your beautiful butterfly, we know that you love your creatures and we pray that this wing be healed in Jesus name. Amen." One of my fondest memories of both my boys was to witness their simple and pure faith. Afterward, I went inside to finish my housework while David continued playing ball with Jay.

As we went about the business of the day, we thought that the butterfly would be gone by evening. Still concerned though, David decided to take one last look before he went to bed. She was gone. We both assumed that her strength was renewed. These thoughts made David very happy and he went to sleep with blessed assurance.

In the morning, David rushed downstairs telling me to look out the window. As I hurried towards the bay window overlooking the garden, I beheld the most glorious sight ever to adorn my backyard. It looked like a moving Monet painting of orange impressions. Hundreds of butterflies, all Painted Ladies, were basking and floating everywhere. The once green grass was now an orange carpet! To our amazement there they were, fluttering over the yard and around our garden. We ran out to see what was going on. There were so many gently floating about or sitting still, basking in the sun. It seemed that they were waiting for the boys and me to come out and play. When they saw us they



flung about and around us gently landing on our cheeks as if to kiss us hello. We embraced their sweet greetings. The soft summer breeze seemed to carry them where they wanted to go. Like a whirlwind of leaves in autumn, they surrounded

us moving slowly as if they were inviting us to dance with them. I felt we had walked into a picture book fairy tale. We reveled in this

## In the face of a storm

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the

electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. Another and another flash of lightning fol-

lowed quickly and with each, the little girl would look up at the streak of light and smile.



When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her 'What are you doing?' The child answered, 'I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.'

## BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES! MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

For the Beautiful Butterflies activity you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, number four coffee filters, scissors, chenille wires, paper plates, washable colored markers, a spray bottle with water, newspaper and a recording of "Bullfrogs and Butterflies, they've both been born again" if available.

Ask your students to use their Bibles and concordances to discover Bible passages regarding new life and stories of people whose lives have been changed spiritually. Allow time for each child to share his or her findings.

Play the song Bullfrogs and But-

terflies if available, and then ask your class members to turn to John 3:1-17 and ask for volunteers to each read one verse until the entire passage has been read. Discuss how we need to be born twice, first physically and then spiritually. Re-read John 3:16 and tell your young people that God wants to be their friend, and that they can know Him personally. Jesus came to teach us how to know God personally and to die on the cross for our sins. We simply need to ask Jesus to forgive our sins, come into their hearts and make us members of His family. That's what it means to be born spiritually.

Place newspaper on the table to protect it and give each child a

coffee filter. Instruct the young people to cut the filter into the shape of butterfly wings, keeping the center intact. (For younger children you may wish to pre-cut the wings or give them a model to trace.) Have your students color the wings on both sides using lots of colors. Take a chenille wire and wrap in around the inner body once and curl the two ends at the top to create the antennae. Place the butterflies on plates and gently mist them with the spray bottle until the colors run to create beautiful wings!

Encourage your students to share their beautiful works of art to their parents, guardians or grandparents.

moment hoping to somehow capture this joy.

Most of the butterflies left that first day with only a few remaining near the flowers. That single one that stayed with David lingered for three days. As the flowers died and the end of summer was near, I couldn't stop thinking about that morning. Miracles are for everyone, no matter what size, no matter where, even in my garden on that butterfly morning.

### Discussion Time

Before finishing the story pursue some of the questions mentioned as well as the following: Do you recall a time when a kind deed made an impact? Does anyone

have a true animal story that shows animals displaying virtue?

So many questions passed through my mind but at last one pervading thought remained; it was God speaking to us through His creation. I believe they were thanking David for the comfort of his hand, the power in his speech, and the understanding of his heart. Perhaps the butterflies spoke to each other about the prayer that can save and heal. Science tells us butterflies do communicate with each other. Charity is rewarded in extraordinary ways and taking time to observe beauty brings sublime joy. That one small act involving compassion produces effects we cannot comprehend. Miracles are for everyone, no matter what size, no matter where, even in my garden on that butterfly morning.

## TASTE MY JESUS

At the University of Chicago Divinity School each year they have what is called "Baptist Day." On this day each one is to bring a lunch to be eaten outdoors in a grassy picnic area. Every "Baptist Day" the school would invite one of the greatest minds to lecture in the theological education center.

One year they invited Dr. Paul Tillich. Dr. Tillich spoke for two and one-half hours proving that the resurrection of Jesus was false. He quoted scholar after scholar and book after book. He concluded that since there was no such thing as the historical resurrection the religious tradition of the church was groundless, emo-

tional mumbo-jumbo, because it was based on a relationship with a risen Jesus, who, in fact never rose from the dead in any literal sense. He then asked if there were any questions.

After about 30 seconds, an old, dark skinned preacher with a head of short-cropped, woolly white hair stood up in the back of the auditorium. "Docta Tillich, I got one question," he said as all eyes turned toward him. He reached into his sack lunch and pulled out an apple and began eating it. "Docta Tillich.. CRUNCH, MUNCH "My question is a simple question,"... CRUNCH, MUNCH... "Now, I ain't never read them books you read." CRUNCH, MUNCH.. "and I can't recite the Scriptures in the original Greek"...CRUNCH, MUNCH... "I don't know nothin' about Niebuhr and Heidegger"...CRUNCH,

MUNCH...He finished the apple. "All I wanna know is: This apple I just ate, . . . . was it bitter or sweet?"

Dr. Tillich paused for a moment and answered in exemplary scholarly fashion: "I cannot possibly answer that question, for I haven't tasted your apple." The white-haired preacher dropped the core of his apple into his crumpled paper bag, looked up at Dr. Tillich and said calmly, "Neither have you tasted my Jesus."

The 1,000 plus in attendance could not contain themselves. The auditorium erupted with applause and cheers.

Have you tasted Jesus? Jesus has risen... and He's coming back one day... "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. If

you have, rejoice in the hope of the resurrection that your faith in Him brings." Psalm 34:8! If you haven't won't you taste and see for yourself today? Say a prayer like this:

*Jesus, please forgive me for denying your very existence. I*

*know that you died for my sin, that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. I want to know your will for my life. Amen*

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## Keeping the Ten Commandments

Harold and Jane was not a very religious couple but tried their best; they only went to church once a year. As they were leaving the church, the minister said, "Harold, it sure would be nice to see you and Jane here more than once a year" "I know," replied Harold, "We're very busy people, leading active lives but at least we keep the Ten Commandments" "That's great," the minister said. "I'm glad to hear that you keep the Commandments." "Yes, we sure do" Harold said proudly, "Jane keeps six of them and I keep the other four".

## Church Bulletin Bloopers

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nielson's sermons.

## Step Forward

A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service. After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation. For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married. "Will those wanting to get married please step to the front?" he requested. Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.

## No Excuses

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2. They will have steel helmets for those who say, 'The roof will cave in if I ever came to church.'
3. Blankets will be furnished for those who say it is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.
4. There will be hearing aids for those who say, 'The pastor speaks too softly,' and cotton for those who say, 'He preaches too

loudly.'

5. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
6. Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
7. There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.
8. ...And golf clubs will be available for practice swings.

## You Must Believe

It was summer and a drought threatened the crops throughout the region. One hot and dry Sunday, the village parson told his congregation, "There isn't anything that will save us except to pray for rain. Go home, pray, believe, and come back next Sunday ready to thank God for the rain he will

send." The people did as they were told and returned to church the following Sunday. But as soon as the parson saw them, he was furious. "We can't worship today. You do not yet believe," he said. "But," they protested, "we prayed, and we do believe." "Believe?" he responded. "Then where are your umbrellas?"

## Who Reads Newspapers?

- The Wall Street Journal** is read by the people who run the country.
- The New York Times** is read by people who think they run the country.
- The Washington Post** is read by people who think they ought to run the country.
- USA Today** is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't understand The Washington Post.
- The Los Angeles Times** is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time.
- The Boston Globe** is read by people whose parents used to run the country.
- The New York Daily News** is

## TYPOGLYCEMIA

Don't stop reading this because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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 (Gen 2:15, 3:17-19; 2 Thess 3:10)  
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 (Colossians 3:23-24)  
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 (James 1:5)  
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 (1 Corinthians 12)  
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Wouldn't you love to watch the owner of this house shoveling snow?

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- The San Francisco Chronicle** is read by people who aren't sure there is a country, or that a country is a good idea in the first place.
- The Miami Herald** is read by people who are running another country.
- The Chicago Tribune** is read by people who live in the Midwest, which readers of the other newspapers don't think is part of the country.
- The Good News Today** is read by people who know the Truth and don't care who runs the country, God is in control.

# Soul Food

## Just Thinking

### Try This

Put down your house number, double it, add 5, multiply 50, add your age, add 365, subtract 615. Your house number should be on your left and your age should follow to your right.



## Role reversal

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed:

*'Dear Lord: I go to work every day and put in 8 hours while my wife merely stays at home. I want her to know what I go through. So, please allow her body to switch with mine for a day.'*

God, in his infinite wisdom, granted the man's wish. The next morning, sure enough, the man awoke as a woman... He arose, cooked breakfast for his mate, awakened the kids, set out their school clothes, fed them breakfast, packed their lunches, drove them to school, came home and picked up the dry cleaning, took it to the cleaners and stopped at the bank to make a deposit, went grocery shopping, then drove home to put away the groceries, paid the bills and balanced the check book.

He cleaned the cat's litter box and bathed the dog. Then, it was already 1 P.M. And

he hurried to make the beds, do the laundry, vacuum, dust, and sweep and mop the kitchen floor. Ran to the school to pick up the kids and got into an argument with them on the way home. Set out milk and cookies and got the kids organized to do their homework. Then, set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing. At 4:30 he began peeling potatoes and washing vegetables for salad, breaded the pork chops and

## Parking Solution

A pastor of a two church parish had to drive about 4 miles every Sunday morning from the 9:30 service at one church to the 11 o'clock at the other. He would often find the parking lot of the second church full, and be forced to park down the road and race to the church on foot to arrive on time. The problem was finally solved when he selected a parking spot near the side door of the church and posted a sign that read, "You park - You preach."

## They?

How often we hear, "They say" - "They think" - "They know" - Did you ever stop to think, "Who are these people called THEY?"

snapped fresh beans for supper.

After supper, he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, folded laundry, bathed the kids, and put them to bed. At 9 P.M. He was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren't finished, he went to bed where he was expected to make love, which he managed to get through without complaint.

The next morning, he awoke and immediately knelt by the bed and said: -

*Lord, I don't know what I was thinking. I was so wrong to envy my wife's being able to stay home all day. Please, Oh! Please, let us trade back... Amen!*

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, replied: 'My son, I feel you have learned your lesson and I will be happy to change things back to the way they were. You'll just have to wait nine months, though. You got pregnant last night.'

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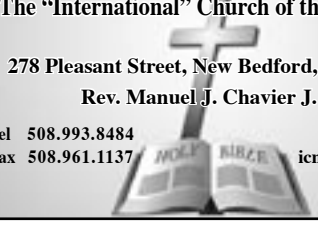
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# AUGUST Calendar

## August Highlights

**August 1 • 8:00pm ~ Ocean State Summer Pops Orchestra** hosted by New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway in Swansea, MA. This community outreach concert is free. For more information contact Derwood Lesh at 508-324-4500, or visit at [www.nhcc.ws](http://www.nhcc.ws)

**August 3-7 • 6-8:30p.m. ~Vacation Bible School** "Crocodile Dock" is the theme for the Vacation Bible School Woodlawn Baptist Church, 337 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket. Children 4 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. To register your children call (401)-724-6390.

**August 7 • 6 p.m. ~ The Summer Lawn Series, In concert: "Steadfast"** evening of worship music. 6pm - Hotdogs & hamburgers served, concert begins at 7:00. Bring lawn chairs or blanket. **Free will offering to benefit United In Faith : Outdoor Festival of Christian Music Sept 5.** The Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry. For more info 401-499-3918

**August 9 • 5p.m. ~ Woodlawn Baptist Church in Pawtucket will present Teen Challenge's Brockton Mens' Choir and the Providence Ladies Choir** in an outdoor concert. Concert will be preceded by a cookout on the church lawn at 5:00 p.m. 337 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket. For further information call (401)-724-6390

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**7p.m. ~ "4 A Cross".** The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 [www.theupperroomri.org](http://www.theupperroomri.org)

### 2 Sunday

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### 4 Tuesday

**10 a.m. ~ Women's Bible Study,** meets every Tuesday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. or [nhcc.ws](http://nhcc.ws) (508)-324-4500

**7p.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

**7p.m. Arise - A 12 Step Program** every Tuesday at North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Avenue, N Providence, RI 401-353-8330

**7p.m. ~ Celebrate Recovery** every Tuesday. (Behind the Church) International Church of the Nazarene 278 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA.

### 5 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

**7p.m.~ Family Night every Wed at The Orchard Church,** light supper at 6:30pm followed by classes for all ages. Childcare provided. Elevator Accessible. 180 Oaklawn Ave Cranston RI 02920. 401-942-4616. [orchardri.org](http://orchardri.org)

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### 6 Thursday

**7p.m. "Consumed Youth" ~** Teens are challenged to change, impact & share the gospel of Jesus Christ, every thurs at North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Avenue, N Providence, RI 401-353-0670, Ext 17

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

### 7 Friday

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

**7:30 p.m. ~ Damascus Road Coffeehouse presents Lisa Boisclair & Ray Tierney.** Free admission & Refreshments. Dartmouth Bible Church 52 Morton Ave Dartmouth, MA 774-451-3286 or [damascusroadcoffeehouse.com](http://damascusroadcoffeehouse.com)

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### 8 Saturday

**7p.m. ~ "Shawn Dennison & Raised In Glory".** The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 [www.theupperroomri.org](http://www.theupperroomri.org)

**12-2p.m. ~ Matthew 25 Ministry ~ Food pantry/clothing/furnishings** at Cathedral of Life. 401-780-1860 . 1860 Westminister St, Providence, RI.

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### 13 Thursday

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

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**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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### 15 Saturday

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

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

### 22 Saturday

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

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### 23 Sunday

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

### 27 Thursday

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

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### 28 Friday

**7-9 p.m. Mens Covenant Meeting ~** at Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly. 1860 Westminister St. Providence, RI. Last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900

### 29 Saturday

**12-2p.m. ~ Matthew 25 Ministry ~ Food pantry/clothing/furnishings** at Cathedral of Life. 1860 Westminister Ave, Providence, RI .401-780-1860

**7p.m. "Live It Up Band"** The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 [www.theupperroomri.org](http://www.theupperroomri.org)

### 30 Sunday

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

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