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Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. - 1 Peter 4:19

## A thorn in the flesh

By Michelle A. Couchon

*It's always been about the Addiction. Always. Addiction has defined my life. It has stolen from me, degraded me, controlled me, abused me, and attempted to kill me. It has determined the course of my life for most of my life. And although I have again gained victory through Christ, I must always be wary, for my Addiction lies in wait.*



Michelle and Sydney Couchon

I had built my foundation on the Lord...yes indeed; a rock solid foundation built upon my unshakable faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I had acquired the peace that Jesus speaks of... **"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding"**. After 20 years of living with the horrors of addiction,

living with those basest of emotions such as despair, loneliness, fear and hatred, after countless geographical cures, and after countless suicide attempts upon which would follow yet another psych ward, detox or rehab; after all the nightmares and the daydreams had played themselves out...I had at last found what I had sought. I had found a reason to live and the way by which to live it. I had found the way, the truth, and the life. I had found Jesus.

From that moment on my life began the most miraculous change I would ever know. For the first time in my life I could sleep through the night without waking to the high pitch of terror coursing through my veins. I no

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## Giving it all up for a New Life

By Ralph Davis

No matter what you are going through, or how impossible your situation may seem, our heavenly Father is in the wings. It does not matter what you have done in your life or if you even know Him at all, He beckons you with open arms. He knows you intimately; and sees you racing around aimlessly trying to run your life under your own power and always coming up short. As improbable as it may seem, no matter how out-of-control your situation may be, you can cry out and He will listen and will accept you just as you are. One example of His mercy and healing power is the new life that Jeffrey Mastrobuono has experienced since giving it all up to God.

Born in Providence, RI, Jeffrey's parents were successful business people operating the Penn Television and Furniture for sixty-five years. Jeffrey said that he had a "Very privileged upbringing." he always had everything that he needed. The family was Roman Catholic although they were mostly Christmas and Easter attendees.



Jeffrey Mastrobuono

Jeffrey attended the exclusive Moses Brown School in Providence where he was very unhappy. He was

awkward and heavy and frequently tormented by bullies. He began to feel as if he were gay. He did not like the thoughts,

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## HELP WANTED: Persons To Defend, Protect, And Celebrate Marriage

By Judith Ryder

*Help Wanted: Persons to Defend, Protect, and Celebrate Marriage. Position requires vision, hard work, and uncommon courage. No experience necessary. Qualifications: trustworthiness, thankfulness, love for and commitment to Marriage and the Family. Compensation commensurate with willingness to stand up and be counted. For the right persons, rewards immeasurable. Only serious inquirers need apply. Call ICU-INSIDE; ask to speak to God.*

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With unemployment currently holding at about 12% in Rhode Island, a growing number of people who have lost their jobs

are becoming so discouraged with the state of the economy -- not only Rhode Island's, but the nation's as a whole -- that they have even stopped searching the want-ads. Many



National Organization for Marriage at the Rhode Island State House Capitol on July 18th.

have begun reexamining their priorities in life. For some, marriage and the family have

come under extraordinary strain, and under such circumstances they are finding that the structures of marriage and family, which God instituted, have become an even greater

mainstay and comfort while they suffer the slings and arrows caused by these difficult

challenges. Nevertheless, it may be true that we have only seen the beginning of hard times. In fact, some day we may discover that, as we naively expected that nothing could ever threaten their existence, we took for granted marriage and the family, those basic institutions that have identified and undergirded us from the beginning of time.

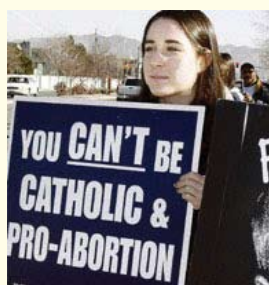
Unfortunately, marriage has come under serious and unrelenting attack in RI. For many years, beginning in the 1970's, a persistent and determined group of homosexual rights advocates have worked tirelessly to pass legislation affording comprehensive special rights to homosexuals, with a final goal of authorizing lesbians and gays to marry. In 1990, recognizing the culture slide that had already begun, a large group of mostly evangelicals and Catholics banded together to oppose comprehensive homosexual rights legislation, testifying against it every year until, in 1995, it finally passed. Subsequently, in 1997, the homosexuals also succeeded in overturning the RI Sodomy Statute.

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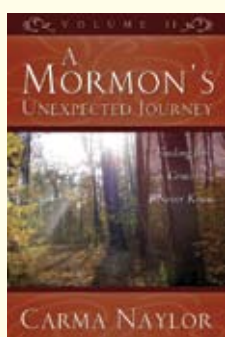
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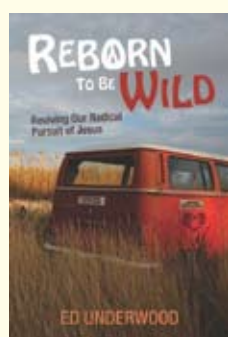


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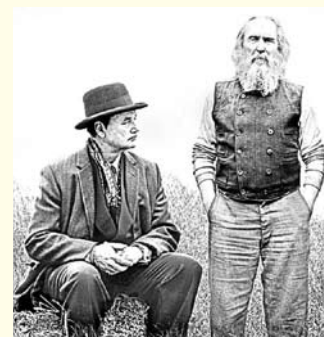
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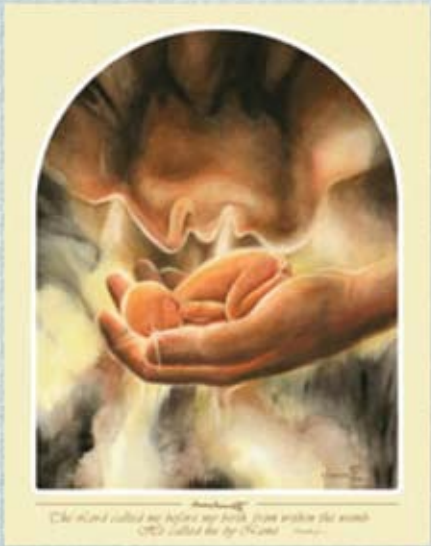
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longer spent my days hiding from the sun, for the sunshine had become my friend. Rather than dreading the future, I could greet the day with an erstwhile smile in joyful anticipation. My demons had been cast out; I had been set free.

And did I, for a single moment, believe that Addiction would ever again take me captive? No... although I knew it was *possible*... I did not think it likely. So *what happened?*

In AA it is called relapse; in Christian terms, backslidden. After nearly 12 years of victory, Addiction had at last gained the upper hand. The life I had so strenuously built for myself... a dream come true life filled with peace and security, faith and joy, health and happiness, love, family, and friends ... gone.

I can see clearly now where I went wrong, and the subsequent spiritual bombardment I endured once fallen into that weakened state.

It began slowly. I had moved to a different city, and in doing so had left many friends and contacts that were of great spiritual support to me. I had also left a church that I loved, and although I determined to find another immediately, it didn't quite work out that way. I left the AA meetings to which I had become accustomed, and although I had the best of intentions I never did resume my participation in the program. Little by little my defenses were weakened or altogether dissolved. Even so, I may have still been okay but for the tragedies that occurred... one upon another.

My husband and I were having a party at our home on the beach. My husband's parents were not able to make it, for my father-in-law had been having severe health problems and even then we were awaiting a diagnosis. My father was absent as well; he never did like those family gatherings. Allow me to point out that no daughter could have been closer to her father than I, and as for my father in law, I was nearly as close to him as I was my own father. I loved them both dearly, and I counted heavily upon their support in this crazy, unpredictable world.

At some point during the day I received a telephone call. My father had been taken by ambulance to the hospital and was undergoing emergency surgery. His large intestine had burst and flooded his blood stream with poison. But that wasn't the worst news; when the doctors opened him up they discovered his belly to be riddled with cancer, already progressed to stage three.

The following day we received word that my father-in-law had been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, and that his health was declining rapidly.

I refused to believe that death could enter into my world so easily. I prayed day and night for

a miracle...for two miracles. But as the weeks went by things went from bad to worse. And while I struggled with the reality of death, other bad things began to happen.

I can't say exactly when the financial catastrophe occurred except that it was during that six month period when both my fathers were very ill. Simply put, our monthly income had come to an abrupt stop. My husband Chris was working as a mortgage broker, and through the years we had become more and more financially stable. We owned a beautiful home on the beach, brand new cars, and all the luxuries we could want. The real estate market had dive-bombed. To say we weren't prepared would be a drastic understatement.

At first we believed the "dry spell" would quickly pass and that business would resume as normal, but in no time at all we were in the red. Although Chris tried to hang on, all effort was in vain. Late one night a tow truck



Michelle and Sydney during a recent visit to a beach.

arrived in our driveway and began hitching up my car; the repo man. I watched from the window with tears streaming down my face. Grim reality had at last set in, and I simply was not prepared to deal with it.

Rather than turn to God, I turned to that which I knew would offer me a temporary respite from the overwhelming fear that gripped me--alcohol. I chose to forget the horrors of addiction, and to remember only the sweet oblivion.

My father died in June of 2007. My father in law died nine days later. I seemed amazingly unaffected. I was not yet drinking on a daily basis, and so was able to attend the funerals sober. Not only did I attend sober, but I also managed to retain an inordinate amount of self control. It wasn't at all difficult to do. As I said, I was amazingly unaffected. I didn't shed a tear. It would in fact take me two and a half years

before I was able to cry at all.

We lost our home later that year. I was by this time drinking on a daily basis and though I would sporadically attend AA meetings, my heart wasn't in it. The simple truth was I didn't want to get sober. I was not yet ready to face reality, for it seemed cruel, empty, and threatening. I was filled with anger toward the Lord for taking my fathers; and I was choked with resentment over the financial catastrophe that had befallen us. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't about the money—it was about the security. It was the security that I needed, that I *required*, in order to feel safe. Having been denied any sense of safety and *security* as a child, it was imperative to me as an adult.

I should have placed my faith in the Lord, for He tells us **"... take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."**

We decided to begin anew; a fresh, new start in a different state. We packed up everything we owned and began the 15 hour drive to Pennsylvania—me, Chris, our children CJ and Sydney, and my sister Anne, who was also mourning the loss of our father. We moved into a picture perfect house and tried to resume our lives.

Some might call this a geographical cure, they'd be right. It was exactly that. But at the time, none of us realized it, and even if we had, I cannot say that we would've cared, for we all seemed off in our own little world of grief and confusion.

Needless to say, the move turned out to be a disastrous decision. We lasted approximately six months before unanimously deciding to move back to RI. We sold most of our furniture and what we couldn't fit in our car we placed in storage. We could not afford to rent a truck, and we needed the money from the sale of our furniture in order to survive. None of us knew what the future would hold. We tossed the dice and hoped for the best.

From January to March of 2009 we were forced to reside in a rundown motel room in Westerly RI. The kids went back to school

in Narragansett while Chris and I attempted to straighten out our lives. This had to have been the most difficult period of all. I simply could not fathom the unbelievable changes my life had undergone in two short years--from a half million dollar home on the ocean to a sleazy motel room; from joyful sobriety to drunken despair. I suffered far more for my children, however, than I ever did for myself.

In early spring we received financial aid from Chris' family and were able to rent a three bedroom

h o m e — available for three months only, on the beach in Matunuck. I

***My mother committed suicide when I was six years old.***

tried again to clean up my act. I found a job and began once again going to AA meetings. We managed to stay afloat and attain a certain amount of functionality within the home. When the three months were up we moved back to Narragansett. It was a long way from the life we had known, but it was better than a motel room. I managed to stay sober for nearly four months, until the girl next door introduced me to an old friend...narcotics. How easy it was! Just a little bit and...euphoria! Everything was beautiful. No more worries. Once again I was off and running.

Once I began playing with the narcotics, things got a whole lot worse in a hurry. I had to have the drug every day, for without it I could not function; without it I fell into a deep depression.

My mother committed suicide when I was six years old. Forgiveness for her has been a long time coming, for I could not fathom how she could abandon her children...how she could abandon me, her daughter. I could not begin to grasp what drove her to do such a thing. And yet, the day I walked down to the beach with a pocketful of tranquilizers and a suicide plan, I began to understand. I sat on the end of a jetty with a bottle of water and the pills in hand and contemplated my life...contemplated my choices... and contemplated death.

*Death is so attractive* when depression takes hold. No more

fears, no more tears, no more pain; just blessed peace. I wanted it so badly I could taste it. And yet...I couldn't help but think of my own children, and of my daughter in particular, who was a mere 8 years old. I couldn't help but parallel the similarities. I would be doing to her what my own mother did to me...and she would feel as I had felt *all my life*: abandoned, unloved, different from everyone else. How could I be such a hypocrite? And because of that, I decided to give it *one more chance*. If I didn't succeed this time, I would then end my life.

That night my brother picked me up and brought me to Butler Hospital.

The desire to abstain from drugs and alcohol is at the root of success for any addict or alcoholic, for *without the desire to stop, it is impossible to stop*. And how, if one does not have the desire, can one attain the desire? There is only one way: *you have to ask God for it*. **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"**.

Daily I pray to the Lord for the desire to stay clean, and daily He grants my request. The days have turned into weeks and the weeks into months, and I remain abstinent only through the power of God. Letting go of the past--the regret, the sorrow and the anger—continues to be the most difficult obstacle of all. The tears come at times unexpectedly while anger and frustration can sometimes rule my day. Nevertheless I am learning to live each day alone and by itself, with neither regret for the past nor worry for the future. It's been eight months since I last felt the need to use drugs or alcohol, and although many days the line between depression and joy is very thin indeed, I turn to the Lord and His word for the strength I need...**But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before.**

Addiction, as wretched and horrifying as it is, now works in my favor. It is the thorn in my side that keeps me close to the Lord.

(Phil 4:7, Matt 6:31-32, Phil 4:13, Phil 3:13)

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# “Top Secret America”: The Rest Of The Story

By Chuck Baldwin

The Monday, July 19, 2010, edition of The Washington Post featured an investigative report entitled “Top Secret America,” with the subtitle, “A hidden world, growing beyond control.” The report begins, “The top-secret world the government created in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, has become so large, so unwieldy and so secretive that no one knows how much money it costs, how many people it employs, how many programs exist within it or exactly how many agencies do the same work.

“These are some of the findings of a two-year investigation by The Washington Post that discovered what amounts to an alternative geography of the United States, a Top Secret America hidden from public view and lacking in thorough oversight. After nine

years of unprecedented spending and growth, the result is that the system put in place to keep the United States safe is so massive that its effectiveness is impossible to determine.

“The investigation’s other findings include:

\*Some 1,271 government organizations and 1,931 private companies work on programs related

\*In Washington and the surrounding area, 33 building complexes for top-secret intelligence work are under construction or have been built since September 2001. Together they occupy the equivalent of almost three Pentagons or 22 U.S. Capitol buildings--about 17 million square feet of space.

\*Many security and intelligence agencies do the same work, creating redundancy and waste. For example, 51 federal organizations and military commands, operating in 15 U.S. cities, track the flow of money to and from terrorist networks.

\*Analysts who make sense of documents and conversations obtained by foreign and domestic spying share their judgment by publishing 50,000 intelligence reports each year--a volume so large that many are routinely ignored.”

On the surface, the Post report appears to be a valiant effort by a major mainstream newspaper (second in influence to only the New York Times) to expose widespread government abuse and chicanery. But don’t get too excited yet.

In Joel Skousen’s World Affairs Brief (July 23, 2010), Skousen writes, “The [Post] series has just enough tantalizing information to sell a lot of papers, but almost nothing that exposes the illicit side of US operations--a large portion

Some wonder why we bother to serve fresh buttered rolls with our stew. In fact, why even take the time to create a nourishing, tasty stew or soup loaded with vegetables and stock; like “Mother used to make?” Why buy fresh fruit when we can get donations of fruit rejected by markets? Why is the hot chocolate rich tasting and piping hot? Why iced cold water; why not room temp-out of the case? Why do we refuse coats or other items that are stained, torn or with broken zippers? Why do we spend time speaking with intoxicated people; those that are obviously under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Why do we sit and gag on their cigarette smoke, or their poor personal hygiene? Why do we endure their objectionable language?

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to counterterrorism, homeland security and intelligence in about 10,000 locations across the United States.

\*An estimated 854,000 people, nearly 1.5 times as many people as live in Washington, D.C., hold top-secret security clearances.

of which is involved in recruiting, training, and running covert agents--only a small portion of which are spying on real enemies. A lot of spying targets our allies and patriotic Americans who the government worries could someday provide a source of rebellion against the growing totalitarian state.”

Skousen further charges that there is a “dark side” to “each agency of [federal] law enforcement.” This “dark side” involves “a lot of compartmentalization, front activities, hidden budgets and false stories in order to keep honest government employees and agents from knowing what’s going on behind their backs.”

Skousen continues: “What few do get a glimpse into government’s dark side are warned off with threats, some subtle and some lethal--threats which send a chilling message to others to not ‘ask

too many questions.” Skousen then quotes the Post report as saying that since 9/11, the NSA (National Security Agency) has grown to where it now consumes “1.7 billion pieces of intercepted communications every 24 hours: emails, bulletin board postings, instant messages, IP addresses, phone numbers, telephone calls and cellular conversations.”

Concerning all those government organizations and private companies working on counterterrorism projects that the Post report refers to, Skousen writes, “Once again, the series tells us nothing about the substance of what they do, much of which is unsavory and illegal.”

Skousen goes on to say, “What [the Post report] won’t tell you is that almost a third of these [NSA] operations are dedicated to black operations against Americans and

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As soon as they had jumped those two hurdles, they began lobbying in earnest for the one item they had most desired from the beginning: same-sex marriage (which, up until then, they had strenuously denied -- to legislators -- was even in their sites.)

However, due to the composition of the RI Legislature all those years, certain legislators in high places exercised their considerable political prowess behind the scenes to prevent such a radical law from being passed. But recently, term limits and resignations have caused a far different scenario to emerge just in time for the new legislative session starting in January, 2011. The newly elected legislative leaders in both chambers openly favor

same-sex marriage, and cannot be expected to block it from coming to a vote. Governor Carcieri, who cannot run for reelection due to term limits, will no longer be around to veto any bill that passes. Moreover, nearly every candidate running for Governor has pledged to sign a same-sex marriage bill, should it pass. Having been desensitized over many years by the media (TV shows, magazine and newspaper articles, etc.), a number of people



Chris Plante, director of NOM-RI.

have dropped their former opposition to same-sex marriage and now characterize it as merely a “live and let live” issue. Many of the approximately one hundred evangelical churches who, in 1990, were eager and willing to come together in the Coalition to Preserve Traditional Marriage (CPTV) for the ad hoc purpose of defeating the homosexual rights agenda, have apparently stepped away from so-called “social issues” even though all issues are, ultimately, both social and moral, not to mention Biblical, most particularly the issue of same-sex marriage.

Enter the National Organization for Marriage-RI (NOM-RI). Part of the national non-profit organization formed in 2007 with headquarters in Washington, D. C., NOM-RI is directed by native Rhode Islander Christopher C. Plante, of Warwick. Chris came to faith at Quidnesset Baptist Church in North Kingstown, majored in history at King’s College, NY, and is married to Cynthia. They have three children: Sarah Grace, Stephen, and Joshua, ages 12, 10, and 7. For seventeen years, Chris amassed experience working with children and families in multiple venues including classroom education and varied ministries. For four years Chris and Cynthia were

SIM missionaries in Ethiopia. Prior to becoming Director of NOM-RI, Chris was the Executive Director of Heritage of RI, an abstinence-until-marriage educational program for teenagers and their families, funded by a federal grant. He has studied at Covenant Theological Seminary, and is a ruling elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Providence.

Uniquely qualified to lead the fight at the RI State House and elsewhere to defend traditional “one man/one woman” marriage from its determined detractors, Chris is first and foremost possessed of courage as well as commitment to his own marriage and family. His career and Christian credentials equip him to fight the good fight, and are essential to his ability to

remain unwavering and strong despite numerous attacks against the work which he and his group do. Recently his credentials were tested and found not wanting at a Rally for Marriage on Sunday, July 18. The Rally was held in Providence on the city side of the State House. It constituted the fourth stop on the Summer for Marriage Tour 2010 during which a NOM RV is making stops at Marriage Rallies between Bangor, ME and St. Louis, MO before returning in August to Washington, D. C.

July 18th dawned hot and humid, but a beautiful breeze lifted the spirits of the estimated 200 to 250 attendees gathered on the patio in front of the State House steps and under the branches of sev-

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other Western governments who need to be surveilled in order to control them and keep them from resisting the agenda of the New World Order. Much expense is allocated to spying on the unsavory private behavior of Congressmen, and even State officials--building compromising dossiers on people who influence the political process so they can be coerced into compliance when necessary."

Skousen also chides the Post report for failing "to show how connected certain companies are to the mercenary contractor explosion that is growing into a force that will eventually be used to threaten individual liberties at home. The Powers That Be don't need to hire foreign armies to clamp down on American dissidents. They are training hundreds of thousands of mercenary Americans to do it and using foreign wars to sort out who is ruthless enough or unprincipled enough to take orders without questions--similar to the way the Nazis sorted and selected those who would form the Brownshirt and SS brigades."

In short, while claiming to expose the federal government's "hidden world," the Post report actually does little to uncover the illegal and dark activities that Washington employs against the US citizenry,

and by so doing serves more to cover up this sinister activity. Even so, do you not find it more than a little interesting just how few media sources did anything to pick up the Post report? Did you read any of this in your local paper? Did you see anything of this on CNN or Fox News? Come on, folks! You are aware that most of the media outlets (including network television) in this country obtain the vast majority of their "news" from The New York Times and

destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter. From the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence. I must confess that I do apprehend some danger. I fear that they may place too implicit a confidence in their public servants and fail properly to scrutinize their conduct; that in this way they may be made the dupes of designing men and become the instruments of their own undoing."

separate branches. They expected the three branches to compete against each other and to hold each other in check and balance against governmental abuse. And this is also why the individual states each maintained their own sovereignty and independence when creating the central government in 1787, because, at the end of the day, it is going to be the states that form the final fortress for freedom.

For all intents and purposes, the three branches of the federal government have done nothing to prevent the massive expansion of unconstitutional governance by Washington, D.C. The passage of the Seventeenth Amendment was the beginning of the end, as far as separated power was concerned. Neither has it made much difference which political party was in power in DC. The unlawful expansion of federal power has continued under both. This means that there are only two remaining protections against absolute federal tyranny: 1) strong, independent, and defiant State governments,

and, 2) a determined and fully armed citizenry.

The Washington Post report (for all its failures) should serve to remind the American people of just how vulnerable we are (and have always been) to totalitarian government, how fragile liberty and freedom are, and how necessary it is that we remain eternally vigilant to resist the machinations of power-mad Machiavellians in Washington, D.C.



The Washington Post, are you not? So, how convenient is it that this report (such as it is) was virtually ignored?

As I've said in speaking engagements--both large and small--all over America, We have more to fear from Washington, D.C., than from Tehran or Baghdad, or from any other foreign entity. America's founders understood this and tried to warn the American people accordingly. For example, Daniel Webster warned, "There is no nation on earth powerful enough to accomplish our overthrow. Our

The protection of the people from the totalitarian tendencies of their own central government in Washington, D.C., is why the framers of the Constitution included the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment was never about duck hunting or target shooting; it was all about the American citizenry being prepared to defend itself against its own federal government. The founders' distrust of the central government is why they attempted to divide the power and authority of government into three

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wanted a girlfriend, but found himself attracted to the same sex. He began to act upon his homosexual urges in the fourth grade.

He was the victim of physical abuse doled out by an older brother. For four years he was regularly beaten by this sibling. Then, at age ten he was brutally gang-raped by kids in his neighborhood. One can imagine the utter despair that Jeffrey felt during these years.

Jeffrey always had a strong work ethic. He did not, however, have a desire to work at the family business. So at age fifteen he began working at the former Outlet Department Store in downtown Providence. This was, Jeffrey said, "A big turning point in my life." He discovered that he had a natural gift at retail, selling men's furnishings, shoes and more. He was so successful that, at age sixteen, his sales commission was about \$26,000 which was quite a sum back then!

He had little interest in alcohol or drugs, that is, until at age 26 his brother began selling cocaine. It was always made available to him but he kept refusing until one day he decided to give it a try. This was the beginning of the end of the successful life that he had been leading. For almost twenty years, cocaine, in any form, was his god. He sold his car, his furniture, even his clothes to buy drugs. One of his many scams to obtain money to support his habit was to rent televisions and then sell them. His parents remained supportive, even as he entered some of the most expensive and well known treatment centers to no avail. Jeffrey said that he stopped counting at 120 different detox and treatment

centers he had tried!

Jeffrey had no thoughts of God at all. His minimal exposure to the Catholic Church did not create much God consciousness in him. He had only two forces driving him, cocaine and a series of homosexual relationships. Jeffrey said, "I had burned all of my bridges. I was broke; I owned nothing, was in debt and I was about to be evicted from my Section VIII apartment, I was desperate." One day Jeffrey overheard a woman in his housing complex speaking about how a church had provided her with some money. Of course the money went to support her habit. Jeffrey jumped at the idea, believing that churches might be a source of quick cash to buy more drugs. After all, there was nobody else to ask for help. He was desperate, he needed drugs and he needed to pay the rent.

Jeffrey called at least twenty churches and kept coming up dry. To each he told a similar story; he created a story about having prostate cancer and how he was about to be evicted. One church offered him \$20.00, all the rest were only

interested in helping those within their ranks.

When Jeffrey called yet another number he was surprised. The church was the New Life Worship Center in Smithfield, RI. Associate Pastor Ron Termale took the call and instead of a brush-off, Pastor Ron patiently listened to his sob story. Part of what Jeffrey was asking for was a TV, not to sell, but to watch. Then Pastor Ron asked, "Do you mind if I pray for you?"

***Because of his addictions, Jeffrey said he felt "too dirty and ashamed" to get on a church van.***

Jeffrey was puzzled, "This man does not even know me." Prayer? He was not looking for God. In fact, he had just 'freebased' (smoked cocaine) the night before and only wanted more.

Then, When Pastor Ron began to pray for him, Jeffrey began

to weep. "Nobody ever cared enough to just pray for me." He told Jeffrey that his life "needed an overhaul. He needed Jesus." He encouraged Jeffrey to come to church just one time and let them pray for him and get to know him. Then he would get his TV.

Jeffrey said that he had no transportation; he was told that they would pick him up. He found himself weeping again. Because of his addictions, Jeffrey said he felt "too dirty and ashamed" to get on a church van. Ed Bartlett was the van driver and his genuine warmth was reassuring. Thinking back, Jeffrey affirms that in NO

WAY did our adversary, Satan, want him to get in the van! Satan wanted him to stay just as he was, broken and addicted.

When he entered the church he immediately realized that there was something different, something special going on. Strangers were smiling at him and introducing themselves. There was a peace about them, and he did not feel like he was being judged. Wistfully he wished he could feel and look like them. He noticed the youth in the church and how passionately they prayed. He was startled by the people raising their hands glorifying our heavenly Father. He left without a TV, told it was still in storage, and he

would have to come again to get it. Jeffrey returned a second time, and then a third, hoping to obtain the elusive TV.

Pastor Ron remembers initial phone call from Jeffrey quite well. He knew that Jeffrey had fabricated the story. Thinking back, he speaks of the irony of a man begging for a TV when he came from a family that sold TV's. He remembers the third service that Jeffrey attended, the one where he came forth to the altar. Jeffrey said that he was surrounded by loving people praying for him and beseeching the Lord to free him of his addictions. Pastor Ron saw the profuse sweating, and the tears. Jeffrey made the decision

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# National News

## AFA announces nationwide boycott of The Home Depot

(EP News)--The American Family Association has called for a nationwide boycott of The Home Depot because of its support for the radical homosexual agenda, and in particular for exposing young children to homosexual behavior.

Despite extensive communication between AFA and The Home Depot, HD officials remain unmoved and resolved to continue allowing their affiliates to sponsor as many pro-gay, pro-transsexual events as they'd like.

Home Depot spokesman Stephen Holmes said, "At the end of the day

here, we're not going to...forbid our associates to be involved in these pride festivals in any way."

Said AFA president Tim Wildmon, "The Home Depot, through any number of its affiliates, has given its money and its name to gay pride parades and festivals. We've appealed to them to stay neutral in the culture wars, but they are determined to keep using their influence to push the normalization of homosexual behavior. Everyone of these pride events pushes the recognition of homosexual marriage, so The Home Depot has clearly chosen sides on that issue."

Information the AFA has gathered (found at [BoycottTheHomeDepot.com](http://BoycottTheHomeDepot.com)) is particularly damaging. Posted there is a picture of young children holding Home Depot cups with flags in them. The flags, handed out to these children by homosexual activists, contain information about how to get to a website that bills itself as "the men's social group for men who

have sex with men."

A mother who attended the Maine Pride festival sponsored by The Home Depot wrote on the Maine Pride Facebook page that a number of women exposed themselves to her young children, all of whom were under the age of 10.

Holmes said, speaking for The Home Depot, "The bottom line is, it (remaining neutral) just runs counter to our inclusive culture...and that's where we stand."

Says Wildmon, "Apparently their definition of inclusion involves exposing

young children to displays of sexually explicit conduct and helping children find websites that tell them how to have homosexual sex. It's astonishing and appalling that The Home Depot would defend its sponsorship of events like this. The problem for The Home Depot is that when it comes to shopping for home improvement products, America's moms and dads have a lot of alternatives. We're calling on all American families to exercise their freedom of choice by boycotting The Home Depot until it agrees to stay neutral in the culture wars. It's no longer 'The Home Depot,' it's now 'The Homosexual Depot.'"

Wildmon added: "Once America's families recognize that, they're going to buy their doors and light fixtures and lawnmowers someplace else. Pro-family Americans don't want their shopping dollars used to expose their children to homosexuality, but that's exactly what's happening when they spend money at The Home Depot."

## Catholic Pelosi Receives Planned Parenthood Award

By John Jalsevac

(LifeSiteNews.com) – U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a self-professed devout Catholic, received an award from abortion giant Planned Parenthood at a reception recently. The award was given in recognition of her efforts in passing the federal health care legislation, and, in particular, for her help in ensuring that the Stupak abortion funding ban was not inserted in the bill.

A spokesperson for Planned Parenthood confirmed with LifeSiteNews.com that Pelosi received the Champion for Women's Health award, which recognizes "efforts to support women and their reproductive health." Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), and Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) will also receive the award.

While Pelosi and the Obama administration have repeatedly claimed that the health care law would not fund abortion, pro-life groups have warned that such claims are clearly contradicted by the facts. They have also warned that the last-minute Executive Order (EO) issued by Obama in exchange for the votes of the few remaining "pro-life" Democrats led by Bart Stupak does little more

than "reiterate" what is already in the bill.

Immediately after the bill was passed in March Richards issued a statement dismissing the EO as a "symbolic" gesture, and announcing that "monumental progress" had been made in strengthening "women's health."

"The award is Planned Parenthood's way of saying thank you for elevating the abortion machine, Planned Parenthood, to a level of government funding never before imagined, through the passage of the government health care takeover pushed so relentlessly by Pelosi," said Rita Diller, National Director of American Life League's STOPP Planned Parenthood project.

"And she did it all while mocking God, claiming to be a devout Roman Catholic. Pelosi's final award will await her at the end of her life, when the blood of millions of innocent babies will rise up from the ground to testify against her."

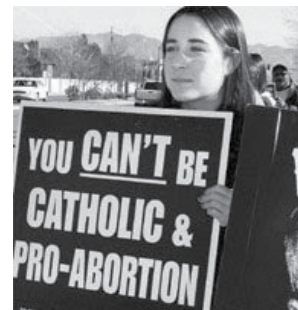
Ironically, at the very height of

the health care debate, even as the U.S. bishops were stepping up their efforts against the bill and its abortion funding, Pelosi publicly invoked one of the most prominent Catholic saints – St. Joseph, who is also revered by Catholics as "patron" of the unborn – to help pass the health care bill.

"Today is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker," Pelosi told reporters on Capitol Hill in March. "It's a day where we remember and pray to St. Joseph to benefit the workers of America, and that's exactly what our health care bill will do."

"Nancy Pelosi has proven herself time and time again an enemy of the preborn, an enemy of human rights and an enemy of women's health," said Diller. "When she accepted this award from Planned Parenthood for her commitment to abortion

rights, Pelosi also became accepted moral culpability for her bigoted denial of basic human rights and the murder of millions of human beings. We will continue to pray for Rep. Pelosi while we oppose her murderous actions every step of the way."



## Massachusetts Court Rules Defense of Marriage Act Unconstitutional

By LC.org

Boston, MA - Recently Massachusetts federal judge Joseph Tauro ruled against a section of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which defines marriage for federal purposes as a union between one man and one woman.

In *Gill v. Office of Personnel Management*, Judge Tauro ruled that Section 3 of DOMA violates the Equal Protection Clause under the Fifth Amendment. In *Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Health and Human Services*, Judge Tauro ruled that DOMA's definition of marriage violates the Tenth Amendment rights of states to be sovereign, and the U.S. Constitution's Spending Clause. However, DOMA does not prohibit states from defining marriage. DOMA states that for federal purposes, marriage is between one man and one woman. Thus, federal benefits provided to spouses in marriage apply only to opposite sex, not same-sex, unions. Judge Tauro found the law "irrational." Judge Tauro did not rule on a separate section of DOMA, which provides that one state is not required to adopt a sister state's same-sex marriage. The Gill case was brought by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders and the other case by the Massachusetts Attorney General. The case was defended by the U.S. Department of Justice, which will likely appeal the case but has not stated its position on a possible appeal.

Mathew D. Staver, Founder of Liberty Counsel and Dean of Liberty University School of Law, commented: "Every court until now that has considered the fed-

eral Defense of Marriage Act has found it to be constitutional. The federal government can rationally conclude that marriage between one man and one woman is superior to same-sex unions. Indeed, history and common sense show

that marriage between a man and a woman has a procreative component absent from same-sex unions. Moreover, children do best when raised by a mom and a dad. Same-sex unions permanently deprive children from experiencing male and female parenthood. This activist decision must be appealed, and when appealed, I am confident it will be reversed."

## NEA celebrates 'drag queen' teachers

By Bill Bumpas

(OneNewsNow) - The National Education Association (NEA) continues to alienate more and more of its conservative constituents as the organization showed its liberal leanings at its 2010 national convention.

At this year's meeting in New Orleans, the largest professional organization and labor union in the U.S. recognized a new caucus: the NEA Drag Queen Caucus.

"They already have had the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, [and] Transgender Caucus and apparently felt that the drag queens needed their own caucus," explains Finn Laursen, executive director of Christian Educators Association International (CEAI).

"America, I think, needs to respond and to realize what the National Education Association stands for; they're not hiding it. It's appalling to many of our conservative Christian educators who, in their own lives, could not support this kind of thing but find that their dues are being used to support just those kinds of thing," he adds.

Laursen also tells OneNewsNow there was a movement this year to see the NEA's pro-abortion stance

changed to a more neutral position, but that effort failed. "The organization and its delegates were just unwilling to step back and take no position on abortion," he laments. "They're going to continue their pro-abortion stance."

The CEAI executive director shares that every year following the NEA convention, he sees a spike in interest towards his organization from people looking for an alternative. He says that after this year's event, his organization "even had to put in an extra phone line and bring in extra staff just to answer the phones."

Here are the results from a related poll of 9561 people who were asked, "What would be the most effective response of educators who disagree with the NEA's courting of cross-dressers and homosexuals within its ranks?"

3.16% said they should reassure parents they oppose the liberal inclinations of the NEA.

2.65% said they should lobby for less political correctness in the NEA. 94.2% said they should drop their membership - and tell the NEA why. For more info about the CEAI visit [www.ceai.org](http://www.ceai.org)

## Rhode Island Governor Vetoes Expansion of Hate Crimes

(EP News)--Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri vetoed a bill June 30 designed to expand the state's definition of a hate crime to include "gender identity" and "gender expression." The governor said the state's existing law already addresses actions "motivated by racial, religious, sexual orientation, gender and disability prejudice;" therefore, the measure was not required. Caleb H. Price, an analyst for CitizenLink, commended Carcieri for seeing beyond politics and for understanding the long-term implications not only for marriage, but also for those struggling with gender confusion. "Those who struggle with gender confusion," Price said, "deserve our compassion and understanding – not laws that cement them into an identity which denies biological and objective reality." Gov. Carcieri's term ends in January 2011.

## Massachusetts Gambling Bill Stalls

(EP News)--A Massachusetts casino bill aimed at "alleviating economic hardship" has been delayed multiple times in the Senate after taking just two days to gain approval from the House. Bill Thompson, gambling expert at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said the legalization of gambling often leads to negative economic consequences. "We can expect that the Boston community will experience a doubling of the compulsive gambling rate," he said. "The problem gamblers – through bad debts, through stealing, through missing work and quitting jobs – cost society about \$10,000 a year, per compulsive gambler."

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## Every Month in Europe Many Iranians Are Becoming Christians and Are Being Baptized

By Dan Wooding

**Hanover, Germany (ANS)** -- The Farsi Christian News Network (FCNN) -- [www.fcnn.com](http://www.fcnn.com) -- is reporting that many Iranians who have fled to Europe to escape the persecution of their homeland, have become Christians.

According to reports received by FCNN, a reliable German news agency, *DW*, in a recent report, disclosed the 40 Iranians who reside in Germany have recently converted and been baptized as Christians in the city of Hanover.

"These baptismal ceremonies were conducted in both Farsi and German," said the story.



A recent baptism of a new Iranian believer in Europe

The report also adds that every month tens of Iranians refugees and residents in Ger-

many officially convert to Christianity, "but," it continued, "this incident in Hanover is the first of its kind where a large group have together converted and been baptized as Christians."

FCNN reports that the pastor of the church in the city of Hanover who conducted these ceremonies disclosed that many of these people had come from various cities in Germany to participate in these ceremonies.

Hans Jorgen Kutzner is the Protestant pastor who is personally responsible for prayers and shepherding of more than 1,000 Iranians all over Germany. He is responsible, on behalf of the Protestant church, to oversee the matters related to the welfare of Iranians

residents in Germany.

He said that he has personally baptized dozens of people in the past, adding, "These people come from a country that appears to be very religious and there is no separation between religion and politics."

He further added, "Many of these people suffered the brutal and oppressive hand of Islam in their country. Anyone who has experienced such dictatorial oppression seeks to be freed from it at the first available opportunity."

According to this Hanover pastor, the number of conversions and requests for water baptism by Iranians has been on "a significant increase since the presidential elections and the widespread protests that followed it in 2009."

He went on to say that the issue is not just a matter of a change of religion. "Even people who choose not to convert are offered help and assistance. The issue is more about humanity," he said. It has been reported that most of these new believers are men between the ages of 25-45, but not all are men.

## World News

### Jewish masses lay claim to the Temple Mount

By Israel Today

More than 10,000 Israeli Jews gathered at the foot of Jerusalem's Temple Mount recently to remind their own government and the international community that the biblical holy site belongs to them. Israel National News reports that those gathered recited a "pledge of allegiance" to a Jewish Temple Mount where one day a temple to the God of Israel will again stand.



ascend the Temple Mount freely. Muslim authorities currently control the Temple Mount, and foreign non-Jewish visitors are allowed to ascend the plateau with little or no trouble. But Jewish visitors are regularly turned away by police if there is any fear of a violent Muslim reaction to their presence.

Jews and Christians both are forbidden to pray atop the Temple Mount or to carry Bibles into the compound. Numerous

times, Muslim authorities at the site have chased down and driven off Jews and Christians spotted saying silent prayers.

Speakers at the event decried the fact that today pretty much everyone except Jews are allowed to

### Christians Narrowly Escape Flying Bullets in Pakistan

By Dan Wooding

**Rawalpindi, Pakistan (ANS)** -- Compass Direct News (CDN) is reporting that suspected Islamic extremists fired bullets into the car of a Christian evangelist with impunity last month, while in another Punjab Province town stray gunfire led to two Christians being falsely accused of murder.

"Following a youth revival in Essa Nagri, near Faisalabad, the Rev. Kamran Pervaiz was in the passenger seat of a Toyota Corolla returning to Faisalabad with his team on June 25 when 12 armed men tried to stop their car, the pastor said. The rear window suddenly broke to pieces as bullets pierced the car," said the CDN story.

"The driver turned into a field and turned off the engine, and the assailants sped past. Pervaiz said they were targeted because of their involvement in the Christian revival meeting; Muslim groups had warned the Christians to abort the meeting after banners and posters were displayed across Essa Nagri."

The story went on to say at at Ghulam Muhammad Abad police station in Faisalabad, Acting Superintendent Shabir Muhammad declined to register a First Information Report on the attack due to pressure from local Muslim groups, he said. "I am trying to register the FIR, but the things are out of my control at higher levels," Muhammad told Compass.

CDN also said that in Gujrat, by contrast, police soon arrested two young Christian men after shots

fired into the air by a drunken man killed a neighbor. Saleem Masih, 22, and John Masih, 23, were "falsely accused of robbery as well as murder, a later police investigation found, and they were released."

Their employer, Chaudhry Ashraf Gondal, had become inebriated along with friend Chaudhry Farhan on June 18, and Farhan fired gunshots into the air for fun, killing Malik Sajid, said senior superintendent of police operations officer Raon Irfan. "Ashraf bribed the SHO to arrest someone else and file charges of robbery and murder," Irfan said. For more information, go to [www.compass-direct.org](http://www.compass-direct.org)

### Argentina First Latin American Country to Legalize Same-Sex Marriage, Adoption

(EP News)--Argentina is the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage and gay adoption. Despite efforts by the Catholic Church and faith communities, the country's Senate on July 14 approved the measure 33-27. "The legalization of same-sex marriage in Argentina sets a very negative precedent for Latin American nations," said Yuri Mantilla, director of international government affairs for CitizenLink. "The decision deconstructs one of the most important historical foundations of any nation, which is marriage as the union between a man and a woman."

### Eight Christians Killed in Nigerian Muslim Attacks

By Jeremy Reynolds

**Washington D.C. (ANS)** -- A human rights organization has learned that last weekend Muslims attacked Christian villages and killed at least eight Christians in Kaduna and Plateau States of Northern Nigeria.

International Christian Concern (ICC) reported in a news release that on the night of July 3, several Muslims attacked Kizachi village in Kaduna State and killed five Christians, including a primary school teacher and mother of six children. The Muslims also burned down five Christian homes. Nigerian sources told ICC that the police had stopped protecting the village on July 2 after the government failed to pay their salaries.

In the second attack, on the night of July 4, 2010 ICC reported that Muslims armed with guns and machetes invaded Ganawuri community, near Jos. Three Christians are feared dead. ICC said a spokesperson of the Nigerian military's Special Task Force (STF), Lt. Col. Kingsley Umoh, said the attackers were suspected herdsmen from neighboring communities of Kaduna State.

ICC said according to Umoh, STF received an emergency call. Upon response, a fire fight ensued with the attackers. One of the attackers received gunshot wounds and six were arrested. Those arrested have since been handed over to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) of the state police command for further investigations.

This latest violence, ICC said, came on the heels of a March 7 jihad attack against Christians in Jos in which over 500 mainly women and children were murdered. It is estimated that many more thousands of Christians have been killed in northern Nigeria since the introduction of Sharia law in 2001.

Jonathan Racho, ICC's Regional Manager for Africa, said in a news release, "We are outraged by the latest killings of Christians in northern Nigeria. Once again, Nigerian officials have failed to provide needed security for the citizens of Kaduna and Plateau States. We urge Nigerian authorities to quickly bring all the per-

petrators of the attacks to justice and fully investigate the lapse in security."

ICC is a Washington-DC based human rights organization that exists to help persecuted Christians worldwide. For more information go to [www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org)

### Another church attacked in Kyrgyzstan's capital city

By Dan Wooding

**Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (ANS)** -- More than a week after a church break-in which left one woman seriously injured, it is now being reported that another church in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan has been the subject of a similar crime.

"Witnesses say four men entered the church, severely beat a local woman, and stole money and equipment," said Jed Courley, pastor of the first church that was attacked.

Courley, a missionary with Calvary Chapel, told the ASSIST News Service, "Valya, the woman from my church that was robbed over a week ago, has recently been released from the hospital.

"Other than the memory and scars from the brutal events of that night, she is expected to make a full recovery. However, as was expected, there have been no phone calls or updates from the police."

Courley went on to say, "In spite of these recent events, the first of several planned mission trips to the city of Osh in the south has been scheduled for the week of July 26th."

Osh is the epicenter of the ethnic battles which took place shortly over a month ago leaving up to 2000 people dead and hundreds of thousands without homes.

The teams from the church in Bishkek will be distributing tons of food products such as flour, oil, macaroni, rice, as well as clothes and toiletries.

Entire street blocks have been destroyed by fire, one report estimating that the destruction covers fifteen percent of the city. Kuban, a pastor from Osh, reports that as people are returning, the only choice they have is to take up residence among their burned out homes.

Courley went on to say, "There are still reports of international aid being siphoned off by criminal groups and sold to the needy at high prices. As a result of this corruption, the mission teams from Bishkek will be distributing these much needed products directly into the hands of those who are suffering.

"Please pray for the believers in Kyrgyzstan, Valya as she continues to recover from her injuries, and this first of many upcoming mission trips to Osh. As people are now finishing a period of 40 days

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# Pharmacists give themselves cancer from dispensing toxic chemotherapy chemicals

By Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, NaturalNews Editor

(NaturalNews) One of the side effects of chemotherapy is, ironically, cancer. The cancer doctors don't say much about it, but it's printed right on the chemo drug warning labels (in small print, of course). If you go into a cancer treatment clinic with one type of cancer, and you allow yourself to be injected with chemotherapy chemicals, you will often develop a second type of cancer as a result. Your oncologist will often claim to have successfully treated your first cancer even while you develop a second or third cancer directly caused by the chemo used to treat the original cancer.

During all this, the pharmacists are peddling these toxic chemotherapy chemicals to their customers as if they were medicine (which they aren't). While preparing these toxic chemical prescriptions, it turns out that pharmacists are exposing themselves to cancer-causing chemotherapy agents in the process. And because of that, pharmacists are giving themselves cancer... and they're dying from it.

## Why pharmacists are dying of cancer

People who live in glass houses should never throw stones, they say. And you might similarly say that pharmacists who deal in poison shouldn't be surprised to one day discover they are killing themselves with it.

Chemotherapy drugs are extremely toxic to the human body, and they are readily absorbed through the skin. The very idea that they are even used in modern medicine is almost laughable if it weren't so downright disturbing and sad that hundreds of thousands of people are killed each year around the world by chemotherapy drugs.

Now you can add pharmacists to that statistic. For decades, they simply looked the other way, pretending they were playing a valuable role in our system of "modern" medicine, not admitting they were actually doling out chemicals that killed people. Now, the sobering truth has struck them hard: They are in the business of death, and it is killing them off, one by one.

The *Seattle Times* now reports the story of Sue Crump, a veteran pharmacist of two decades who spent much of her time dispensing

chemotherapy drugs. Sue died last September of pancreatic cancer, and one of her dying wishes was that the truth would be told about how her on-the-job exposure to chemotherapy chemicals contributed to her own cancer.

## Secondhand chemo

The Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA), it turns out, does not regulate workplace exposure to toxic, cancer-causing chemotherapy chemicals. At first glance, that seems surprising, since OSHA regulates workplace exposure to far less harmful chemicals. Why not chemo?

The answer is because the toxicity of chemotherapy has long been ignored by virtually everyone in medicine and the federal government. It has always been assumed harmless or even "safe" just because it's used as a kind of far-fetched "medicine" to treat cancer. This, despite the fact that chemotherapy is a derivative of the mustard gas used against enemy soldiers in World War I. Truthfully, chemotherapy has more in common with chemical weapons than any legitimate medicine.

So today, while workers are protected from secondhand smoke in offices across the country, pharmacists are still being exposed every single day to toxic, cancer-causing chemicals that OSHA seems to just ignore. The agency has only issued one citation in the last decade to a hospital for inadequate safety handling of toxic chemotherapy drugs.

As the *Seattle Times* reports, "A just-completed study from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) -- 10 years in the making and the largest to date -- confirms that chemo continues to contaminate the work spaces where it's used and in some cases is still being found in the urine of those who handle it..."

That same article goes on to report more pharmacists, veterinarians and nurses who are dead or dying from chemotherapy exposure:

- Bruce Harrison of St. Louis (cancer in his 50's, now dead)
- Karen Lewis of Baltimore (cancer in her 50's, still living)
- Brett Cordes of Scottsdale, Arizona (cancer at age 35, still living)
- Sally Giles of Vancouver, B.C. (cancer in her 40's, now dead)

## The great contradiction in cancer treatments

As the *Seattle Times* reports:

"Danish epidemiologists used cancer-registry data from the 1940s through the late 1980s to first report a significantly increased risk of leukemia among oncology nurses and, later, physicians. Last year, another Danish study of more than 92,000 nurses found an elevated risk for breast, thyroid, nervous-system and brain cancers."

The story goes on to report how new safety rules are being put in

***If these chemicals are so dangerous to the doctors, nurses and pharmacists dispensing them, how can they be considered "safe enough" to inject into patients who are already dying from cancer?***

place across the industry to protect pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses and doctors from toxic chemotherapy chemicals. But even the *Seattle Times*, which deserves credit for running this story, misses the bigger point: If these chemicals are so dangerous to the doctors, nurses and pharmacists dispensing them, how can they be considered "safe enough" to inject into patients who are already dying from cancer?

It's a serious question. After all, if nurses can become violently ill after merely *spilling* chemotherapy chemicals on themselves (it's true), then what effect do you suppose these chemicals have when *injected* into patients?

The cancer industry, though, has never stopped injecting patients long enough to ask the commonsense question: Why are we in the business of dispensing poison in the first place? Poison, after all, isn't medicine. Not when dispensed in its full potency, anyway.

The whole idea of "safety" in the cancer industry is to find new ways to protect the health care workers from the extremely dangerous chemicals they're still injecting into the bodies of patients. Something is clearly wrong with this picture... if health care workers need to be protected from this stuff, why not protect the patients from it, too?

## Nobody ever died from handling herbs

In contrast to all this, consider the truthful observation that no naturopath ever died from handling medicinal herbs, homeopathy remedies or nutritional supple-

ments. These natural therapies are good for patients, and as a bonus, you don't have to wear a chemical suit to handle them.

Furthermore, medicinal herbs, supplements and natural remedies *don't cause cancer*. They support and protect the immune system rather than destroy it. So they make patients healthier and more resilient rather than weaker and fragile.

But herbs, supplements and natural remedies don't earn much money for the cancer industry. Only the highly-toxic patented chemotherapy drugs bring in the big bucks. So that's what they deal in -- *poison for the patients*.

And when you deal in poison, some of it always splashes back onto you.

## Chemotherapy doesn't work

Beyond this whole issue of pharmacists and health care workers dying from exposure to secondhand chemotherapy, there's the issue of whether chemotherapy actually works in the first place. Scientifically speaking, if you take a good, hard look at what the published studies actually say, chemotherapy is only effective at treating less than two percent of the cancers that exist. And that two percent does not include breast cancer or prostate cancer.

therapy doesn't work at anything other than *causing cancer* -- and it accomplishes that indiscriminately, damaging any person it comes into contact with. Merely touching chemotherapy chemicals is dangerous for your health.

So if you're considering chemotherapy for yourself, think about this long and hard: If chemotherapy is so dangerous that it's giving the pharmacists cancer just from touching it, why on earth would you want to inject it into your body?

This is not an idle question. It is perhaps the most important question of all for someone considering conventional cancer treatment using chemotherapy. The question is essentially this: If chemotherapy *causes* cancer, how can it *treat* cancer?

Treating cancer with chemotherapy is like treating alcoholism with vodka. It's like treating heart disease with cheese, or like treating diabetes with high-fructose corn syrup. Cancer cannot be cured by the very thing that causes it.

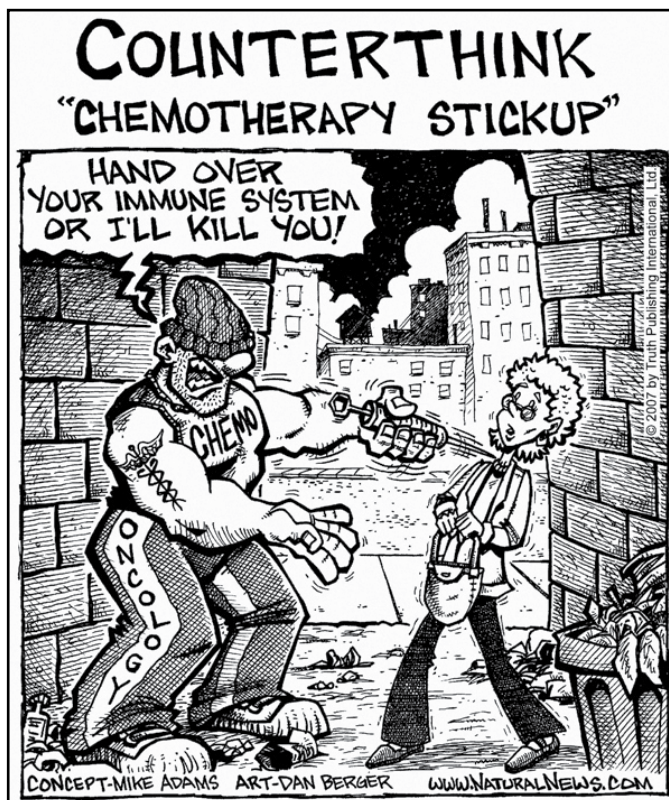
And to those who deal in poison, watch out for the cause-and-effect laws of biology. If you deal in chemotherapy chemicals, don't be surprised if you get cancer one day. If you deal in chemical pesticides, don't be surprised if you get Alzheimer's. If you're a dentist installing mercury fillings in the mouths of clients, don't be surprised if one day you just go stark raving mad (because mercury causes insanity, and dentists breathe in mercury vapor thrown into the air from their drills).

If you work around chemicals, they will eventually impact your health, and never in a good way. There's a sow and reap element in all this, too: If you spend your life dishing out chemotherapy drugs as a pharmacist, you have a lot to answer for. You have been an *enabler* of a very real *chemical holocaust* against the

people. Don't be surprised if that holocaust turns against you one day. Cause and effect is a universal law that cannot be escaped.

And if you're a cancer patient, I urge you to think twice about the toxicity of anything you might allow in your body. If you are trying to HEAL your body, why would you allow yourself to be poisoned with a chemical that causes cancer?

Don't let some cancer doctor talk you into chemotherapy using fear tactics. The next time he insists that you take some chemotherapy, ask him to drink some first. If your oncologist isn't willing to drink chemotherapy in front of you to prove it's safe, why on earth would you agree to have it injected in your body?



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## Cards' Wainwright looks to Christ for purpose in life

By Tim Ellsworth

JUPITER, Fla. (BP)—One ... two ... three ... As the pastor stepped to the pulpit, a young Adam Wainwright began counting. 74 ... 75 ... 76 ... The preaching continued, and so did the counting inside Wainwright's head. 328 ... 329 ... 330 ...

"As long as he kept talking, I would keep counting," Wainwright said. "There were times when I got up almost to 1,000, which is really embarrassing. I'm so competitive, and I was so lost at the time, that going to church was a game. That was the only way that I could make myself sit through it without complaining and whining and fussing, was to make a game of it. So I made it a counting game."

That competitive fire may not have been appropriate for the setting, as Wainwright now ashamedly admits, but it has served him well atop the mound. Over the past few years, the St. Louis Cardinals' Wainwright has become one of the game's most dominant pitchers. He won 19 games in 2009 and finished third in Cy Young ballot-

ing in the National League.

So far in 2010, he's second in the league with 13 wins and a sparkling 2.11 ERA, good enough to earn a spot on his first All-Star Game roster. He still competes fiercely on the diamond, but now

Wainwright has a different attitude when it comes to attending church and hearing the Bible preached.

Wainwright grew up in a single-parent home in Brunswick, Ga., where his mom made sure he went to church every Sunday. He heard the word of God preached year after year, but it didn't sink in.

"I hated going to church," he said. "I didn't let anybody know that, but it was the most boring thing in the world to me."

His counting games during the sermon continued until middle school. He then started attending regular Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings, primarily because of his friends and the pretty girls who went.

"High school came, and I started to get farther and farther removed

from the Christian way," Wainwright said. "I grew up going to Vacation Bible School. I could tell you about the Bible and all the parables and the stories and all that. But to me, at the time, it was really a history book and not something that was talking about a messiah."

The Atlanta Braves drafted Wainwright in the first round of the 2000 amateur draft, and in rookie ball his first roommate was Blaine Boyer, now a relief pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. In Boyer, Wainwright found someone who was a committed Christian and who lived a godly lifestyle. Wainwright took notice, and began talking to Boyer about why his life was different.

Boyer told Wainwright about the change that Jesus Christ had made in him, and though Wainwright admits that he was interested to hear Boyer's story, he wasn't willing to make that commitment to Christ himself.

About that time agents began calling Wainwright, offering their services. Wainwright was drawn to Steve Hammond, an agent from a smaller firm, but someone that Wainwright thought was a good fit for him. Hammond, also a Christian, signed Boyer as a client as well, and the two of them began tag-teaming Wainwright in their witnessing to him.

"They knew I had questions," Wainwright said. "I was coming

to them all the time with questions about eternity and how do you know you're right, how do you know Christianity is the way and not Buddhism or Islam or any of these other ones."

The two convinced Wainwright to attend a conference sponsored by Pro Athletes Outreach in 2002. They told him he could leave anytime if he didn't like it. "OK fine, I'll do it," Wainwright thought. "I might leave, but I'm going."

The headline speaker for the conference was Joe Stowell, former president of Moody Bible Institute and now president of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. Wainwright remembers hearing Stowell talk about the relationship side of Christianity. That was something he never remembered hearing about before.

"The message had probably been given to me a lot of times before, but my ears weren't ready to hear it," Wainwright said. "At this particular time at PAO, my ears were finally ready to listen." On the second day of the conference, Wainwright repented of his sins and trusted in Jesus Christ for his salvation.

A year later, the Braves traded him to the Cardinals. He debuted with the team in 2005, and in 2006 took over as the team's closer late in the season and during the playoffs. He struck out Brandon Inge of the Detroit Tigers for the final out in

the 2006 World Series.

Wainwright moved into the St. Louis rotation the following year, and has been an anchor for the Cardinals ever since. His success has allowed him to earn a healthy living, which he acknowledges can be a potential pitfall for a Christian.

"Doing what we do, the reality of the money that we're able to make and the obstacles we're faced with—temptation-wise—are tremendous," Wainwright said. "We're given a platform that's unlike many others. We're also given more temptation that probably most others. The money side of it, Jesus said that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to get into heaven."

That's why Wainwright said it's important for him to stay focused on Christ as his ultimate meaning and purpose in life.

"Without God, without Jesus in our life, it's always going to be empty," he said. "We're always going to be striving to get to that next plateau, and then when we get to the top plateau, there's nothing there."

"With Jesus in our life, he says no matter what we do, whether we fail or have the most success, he's going to love us the same. That message, to me, is so huge for this lifestyle we're in."



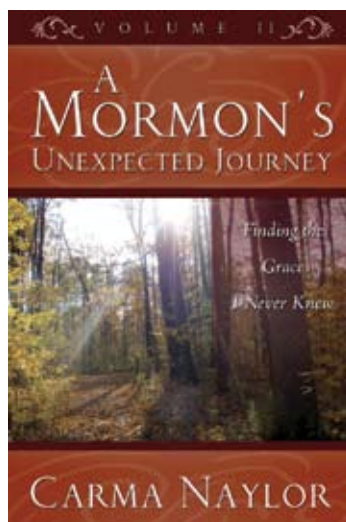
St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright made his first All-Star Game appearance this year.

## In Search of Truth in Mormon Doctrine -- One Woman's Quest

ENUMCLAW, Wash Expecting to be a faithful, lifelong Latter-day Saint, Carma Naylor was surprised when she discovered serious inconsistencies in Mormon doctrine. She questioned her own motives -- how could this precious family heritage be false? The story of Carma's initial quest for truth was published in 2006. The "rest of the story" of her difficult journey from deeply entrenched Mormonism to sincere Christianity

is now available in "A Mormon's Unexpected Journey, Volume II, Finding the Grace I Never Knew."

From a long line of Mormon pioneers, Carma Naylor learned Mormonism well from church and her father. Because of his powerful, spiritual experiences she hung on his every word. She eventually gained her own testimony of the Book of Mormon. Carma ful-



filled a mission to New Zealand, attended BYU, married in the Salt Lake Temple, and attended the temple for nineteen years. Her wish to help a Jewish friend find the truth from the Bible compelled her to question those beliefs and she found that Christianity -- not Mormonism -- had the answers.

This dynamic, personal story is also a powerful study tool that compares Mormon doctrine with biblical Christianity through real-life dialogues and specific references

## Books

to LDS scriptures and the Holy Bible. Mrs. Naylor also reveals details of secret Mormon ceremonies in an attempt to free those held captive by those beliefs that they might find true freedom in Christ.

Pastor Chuck Smith, Founder, Calvary Chapel Movement, says Carma's book is "...a must read for any who have wondered what Mormonism is all about."

## Why Has the Jesus Movement Stopped Moving

*A Radically Revolutionized Call to Revival*

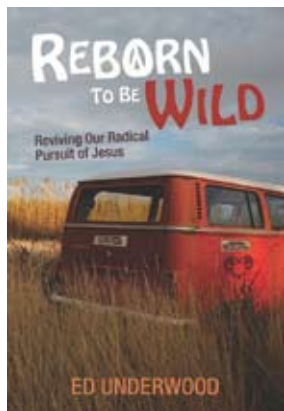
Dallas, Texas - Ed Underwood wants the world to know that God is calling His people to revival in radical and revolutionary ways. Underwood believes Christians are being called to lay down the things that steal their focus from Christ and commit to a revival spirit that harkens back to the Jesus Movement of the 60s. *Reborn to Be Wild: Reviving Our Radical Pursuit of Jesus* presents a unique and compelling challenge to Christians who want to obey the call of Christ and reach the world with the message of the gospel.

Underwood trusted Christ during the early part of the movement, and he feels that the passion and boldness accompanying that period of radical outreach has become ensnared within the abundance of today's mega-culture. Underwood

believes that there are millions from the 60s and 70s embedded in today's church congregations who are now alarmed at the growing irrelevancy of their lives and their churches. Underwood wants believers old and young to steep their lives in the Word of God and find out what Jesus wants them to do for Him. He is convinced that by doing this one thing God's people will feel compelled to sacrificially lay down their lives and once again reach out to the world with the love and unity that reflects Christ's radically transforming power.

*Reborn to Be Wild* will guide both individuals and small groups to take an in-depth look into their lives and enable them to determine

what has sidetracked their passion for following Jesus. Whether it's church activities, relationships, or theology, Underwood suggests that there are many lies that believers have accepted as truth, and, as a result, they have lost their passion for living lives devoted to serving Jesus. His latest book takes a close and honest look at the reasons an entire generation of spiritual revolutionaries have settled for political safety and the shelter of the suburbs. *Reborn to Be Wild* is calling the radical believers who started the revival of the 60s back to the fire that once burned within their hearts. His book is the call encouraging these believers and others desiring revival to rekindle that fire and renew their passion to



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eral shade trees. Patriotic music such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" wafted over the family-friendly crowd, many of whom were buying white t-shirts proclaiming "Don't Mess with Marriage", donning pins reading "Marriage: One Man, One Woman"; and signing up to receive e-mail notices of upcoming events. In addition to State Capitol Police, several security people were easily identifiable by their bright yellow t-shirts. The Rally opened a few minutes past 2:00 when Chris Plante welcomed the crowd with an encouraging quote from G. K. Chesterton about how ordinary people can alter the destiny of nations. Plante warned that although marriage from time immemorial has undergirded our society, it has come under serious attack in RI, and by next year, the term "marriage" may have been redefined. He said that our votes in November hold the key. Later, in a telephone interview, he said that the one thing which will cause us to lose the battle is if Christians are apathetic. If Christians will not stand up, we are in trouble. He cited Family Research Council figures showing that only 50% of evangelicals are registered to vote, and of those, only 50% actually do vote. He stressed the importance of Christians being good stewards of the blessings they have received.

Chris then introduced Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, the founder and president of Ruth Institute, who has been on the faculties of

George Mason and Yale Universities. A writer for several publications, she stated that her mission is to make marriage "cool". She explained that marriage can be defended through reason by using both evidence and facts. People of all different faiths support traditional marriage, and we can all learn the case for marriage. She said that homosexual advocates' whole argument is: "It's not fair. They're being mean to us. We need equality." She listed four big disadvantages and problems brought

on by the arguments for same-sex marriage:

Same-sex marriage will undermine principle. Biology is the basic way we determine parenthood, to attach children to parents and parents to each other. The State simply records the natural reality.

Adoption exists to deal with exceptions to its basic rule. It exists to give children the parents they need, not to give adults what they want.

Not every married couple has children, but every child has parents. Every child deserves a relationship with his or her parents. This brings justice to the child. Same-sex marriage will redefine marriage. The "other" partner has no connec-

tion whatever to the child.

Lesbian custody cases typically involve two ladies, one of which has a baby. When they break up, the other woman wants custody rights, even though she is unrelated to the child either by birth or adoption -- in other words, she is a "non-parent". But to solve this problem, they propose that the whole definition of parenthood must be changed.

At approximately 2:20 p. m., a cacophonous cadre of 132 gays and lesbians organized by Queer Action RI and wearing red t-shirts, arrived on the scene by snaking single-file down the street adjacent to the State House property. Shouting slogans through bullhorns, shaking plastic containers of rocks, carrying signs, and waving rainbow flags, they proceeded to the foot of the hill and began march-

ing, now in a phalanx, towards the rear of the crowd which was facing the State House. They continued threateningly up the brick pathway, doing their best to drown out

Dr. Morse's remarks. The speaker announced, "We have company", and attempted to go on with her speech. All but shouted down by the late arrivals, she continued valiantly, cheered on by the enthusiastic crowd. Only a squad

car, quickly placed at right angles to the brick walk, prevented the obstructionists from marching right up into the crowd. After regrouping, they circled around the crowd and stood on the State House steps behind the speakers but now in front of the crowd. From this vantage point they could harass the speakers, try to silence them, and intimidate individuals. Some filtered into the crowd; one was overheard asking a small child, "Is your mommy raising you to be a good bigot?" Another mocked overweight folks saying, "Gluttony is a sin, too." A third demonstrator took aim at a Pentecostal minister who was praying in tongues off to one side, and made fun of his faith



**Dr. Morse listed 4 problems with same sex marriage.**



**Gay rights protestors.**



**Pastor Jay Stirneman and other praying.**



**NOM President, Brian Brown speaks while protestors scream in his face.**

"They don't want to allow us to speak. Our rights are being abridged. This is the face of toler-

ance", Brown said. He explained that the Marriage Tour is needed since people are being harassed just because they believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. Some say we shouldn't be allowed to speak in downtown Providence, Brown pointed out. He reminded his audience that Christians in Rome said "no" to the gladiators; when William Wilberforce stood up to oppose the slave trade he, too, was mocked and belittled, yet after he died the slave trade was abolished. Likewise, despite being ridiculed and mocked, they stood up out of a love for truth. What happened in the end? Slavery was abolished. Brown said all this is an attempt to marginalize and attack our people and is a perfect example of those who demand tolerance demonstrating intolerance to others. He asked, "Do we have the right to peaceably assemble at our own rallies? Yes. But they don't believe we have the civil rights given us by God. We need to unite an army of marriage supporters across the country. Disrupters have shown their colors by their actions. But we must respond to hatred with love. They believe we are bigots. We must say we disagree with them while acting civilly."

[During Brian Brown's speech, gays rushed the podium to try to shout him down. They surrounded the podium and screamed in his face within twelve inches of the microphone. Eventually five State Police officers,

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to submit his life to the Lord Jesus Christ and he was baptized by immersion that very night.

ATV surfaced, and it was given to him by Steve Sawyer and his wife Janet. This was the beginning of a lasting relationship with them. Steve has a similar background to Jeffrey's, so he could easily relate to him. Jeffrey said that Steve is his best friend now and he "leads by example." He and Janet refuse to let up on their caring for him. Like other members in the church, if he does not show up, they call to find out why and lead him back.

Jeffrey said that he did some "back-sliding" during the first six months, getting high once in a while. Even so, the church never stopped loving and encouraging him. They refused to let him slide too much, following up with him and keeping him busy. He became involved in the food pantry, landscaping and snow shoveling and other tasks. The church, Jeffrey said, aims to keep new people in the middle of things, not allowing them to stray, continually discipling and ministering to them. Jeffrey refers to this love as "Jesus Intensive Care!"

Today Jeffrey is the successful owner, President and Designer of *Accessorize Your Space*. He said that he differs from other furniture stores in that he does not

charge the typical 300% markup. Also, most stores offer only "common" furniture choices. He offers unique pieces with happy, vibrant colors and textures. Most of what he offers has never been seen in the New England region. As you would expect from a store that prominently displays the sign: "Jesus Loves You" both on his window and inside, he also offers a kind word, an unabashed love for Jesus and has an intense interest in telling people about Him!



**Jeffrey Mastrobuono**

Jeffrey had no role in his "recovery" from his addiction. He attributes it all to the Lord. He ridicules the idea that he was "born a homosexual" and says it is about as silly as saying he was "born a drug addict." He

became a new person, and now has a good life as a result of our heavenly Father reaching out to him through an obedient church that was willing to do a tough job, tenaciously reining him in and not letting go.

Just imagine if each and every church did not judge but instead welcomed any seeker and had a goal of leading people to Christ and attempted to keep them in the flock. What if each Bible-believing, saved person, tossed out a life preserver to anyone in need. What if we all were willing to go the extra mile for anyone in need? We would be doing our jobs and in doing so changing lives and adding to the numbers

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called by Capitol Police to the scene from a bad accident in Hope Valley, successfully backed them off. Chris Plante says that although written permits for use of the State House property are no longer either required or issued, Capitol Police had been alerted ten days in advance about NOM-RI's rally, and had even been warned about the crescendo of ugliness being expressed on the gays' blogs as they planned the "mother of all demonstrations" to retaliate against those at NOM-RI's rally.]



**Rhode Island Christian attorney and NOM-RI board member, Scott Spear**

The next speaker was Scott Spear, a Board Member of NOM-RI and a Christian attorney who practices law in Providence. Spear declared that this is a time for duty. Marketing

same-sex marriage as "equality" masks the real issue: "Is it right or is it wrong?" He cited Religious Principles, Moral Principles, and Public Policy to make his point. All major religions say it is wrong. Billions agree. Opponents of same-sex marriage must organize and stand united. Putting aside for the moment consideration of religious tenets, Spear urged the crowd to consider Moral Principles and Natural Law, which cannot be changed, repealed, or amended. Natural Law will always be there. Quoting Jefferson's "We hold these truths to be self evident.... endowed by

our Creator," Spear commented that if ever there was a self-evident truth, it is that marriage is for one man and one woman. Our world is governed by Natural Law and it

of those living eternally with God in heaven! The folks at the New Life Worship Center are, indeed, "Fishers of Men!"

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cannot be discarded. For the sake of equality and fairness, we must not ignore Natural Law.

As for Public Policy, Spear asked, "Will same-sex marriage make us a better people? At one time, marriage was considered an exclusive place for appropriate sexual expression between a man and a woman. Since the floodgates have opened to indiscriminate sex, are we better off? Is adultery good? Has adultery made society a better place? In past times, children were mostly born into marriages, but not now. Are births out of wedlock good for us? Marriage has been devalued." Spear ended with a quote from Abraham Lincoln's Cooperstown Address in which he said, "Let us have faith that right makes right."

Chris Plante returned to the microphone to reiterate that everyone should make sure to vote in November as well as help get out the vote for candidates who will support marriage between one man and one woman. He then introduced the last speaker, Reverend John Codega, a member of the NOM-RI Advisory Board and priest at St. Brendan Church in East Providence, who would give the benediction.

Father Codega brought word that Bishop Tobin "personally supports marriage". Father Codega urged all to support their own (religious) leaders as they take on the fight

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# Entertainment

## GET LOW

By Nancy Lovell

**NEW YORK CITY** - This July 30, **GET LOW**, an Oscar-worthy movie starring Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Bill Murray, and Lucas Black—executive-produced by Robert Duvall—opens in theaters in New York and Los Angeles before rolling out in wide release. Based on a true event, **GET LOW** tells the story of Felix Bush, an old man with many secrets, now contemplating death. The film promises to stir passionate discussions about end of life and death, grace, pride, forgiveness, and free will.

The real Felix “Bush” Breazelale was a hermit in the 1930s that staged his own funeral party. Life Magazine covered the “living funeral,” which drew up to 15,000 people. Georgia pastor Scott Seeke heard the old family story while sitting on the porch with his wife’s grandfather (Lucas Black plays him in the movie). Steele wrote down the story and passed it to his longtime friend, screenwriter Chris Provenzano, of the acclaimed *Mad Men* series.

“No one knows what motivated the real Felix other than his simple statement that he wanted to know what people would say,” Steele said. “There were rumors of his killing a man. We started from that place to ask why an old man would want to stage his own funeral.” Along with *BLOOD DIAMOND* screenwriter C. Gaby Mitchell, Provenzano began to shape **GET LOW**, now a highly anticipated film from Academy Award-winning director Aaron Schneider.

In Duvall’s **GET LOW**, Bush is a hard and selfish man seeking some kind of forgiveness but on his own terms. In the same breath, he yearns for grace and rejects it.

“The story touches a universal chord,” Director Aaron Schneider said of what attracted him to **GET LOW**. “The only meaningful way to live ultimately is to engage with the world and accept the love

and forgiveness offered to you.”

Schneider, who won an Oscar for his short film, *TWO SOLDIERS*, makes his feature film debut with **GET LOW**. What attracted him to the story of Felix Bush also attracted Academy Award-winning actors Robert Duvall and Sissy Spacek.

Duvall, a film legend who began his career with a Southern classic, *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*, was drawn to the writing—and to the lead character.

“Felix was an important part and a wonderful character to do at this point in my career,” Duvall said. “He has been maybe not such a great guy at various points in his life, but now he’s moved to ask for certain forgiveness at the end.”

One of the few personal remarks the real Felix uttered was that separation from society had to do with a woman he wanted but could never have. In **GET LOW**, that character is known to widow Maddie Darrow, a role that enticed Sissy Spacek, who won the Best Actress Oscar for her portrayal of another Southern woman, Loretta Lynn in *COAL MINER’S DAUGHTER*.

“My character is the emotional center of the film,” she said. “There’s a lot of unrequited love here with both Maddie and Felix.”

**GET LOW** also stars Academy Award-nominee Bill Murray, Lucas Black, Gerald McRaney, and Bill Cobbs.

Shot on location in Georgia, this Sony Pictures Classic releases in select theaters on July 30, 2010, before rolling out nationally. Positive buzz from top film festivals—Sundance, South by Southwest, Tribeca, San Francisco—already is garnering attention for **GET LOW**.

The movie will intrigue Christians, non-Christians . . . any thinking person in this portrait of one man’s struggle to come to terms with his deeds, his stand toward the free gift of grace, and his attempt to find

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between good and evil. (He stressed that he did not mean by saying that to imply that homosexuals are evil -- they are not. He described them as “compassionate, sincere, passionate, driven, but.... wrong.”) Men and women must remind others to recognize self-evident truths. He then turned around and read Roger Williams’ words inscribed high on our RI State House: “To hold forth a lively experiment - that a most flourishing civil state may stand and best be maintained with full liberty in religious concerns.” He then said that single parenthood must

be kept as an “exception” wherein families come around to help the single parent. He concluded his remarks by saying, “Pray for these gays that their anger would give way to peace.” At that point, Father Codega tried to pray a benediction, but was loudly interrupted by the demonstrators, most of whom refused his request to honor a quiet moment of prayer.

Chris Plante dismissed the crowd with Noah Webster’s quote to the effect that our own negligence will be our downfall. Plante explained that while gays may live as they choose, they do not have the right to redefine

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marriage. He exhorted the crowd to stand with courage, and to realize they are not alone. He told them not to be afraid, but to vote and not be apathetic. Finally, he encouraged all to come out and attend the upcoming second annual “Celebrate Marriage and Family Day” at the Aldrich Mansion (Warwick Neck, RI) on Sunday, August 15th, at 3:00 p. m.

This is a family event, where children will enjoy a Carnival, pet animals, get their faces painted, and have even more activities than at last year’s festival. This year, instead of the Renewal of Marriage Vows, there will be a Blessing of the Families. RI families are under attack by so many pressures including economic ones and even our own lifestyles that we need prayer for encouragement and wisdom, and to invoke God’s blessing upon us. At 4:30 there will be a special guest speaker, Glenn Stanton, from Focus on the Family.

Picnics may be purchased or brought from home. Everything else, including parking and admission, is entirely complimentary, with more details available at the event’s new website:

<http://www.NOMmarrieday.org>

As Chris Plante says, “We need to celebrate the uniqueness, beauty, and blessing of marriage -- of being husbands and wives, dads and moms. Marriage is worth protecting. It’s unique. It is an incredible calling to create, protect, and nurture the next generation.”

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” II Chronicles 7:14.



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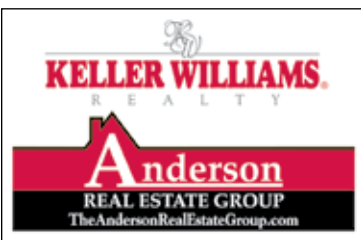


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## Why Are You at Church Today?

Written by Pastor Nelson of the Chinese Church of RI

Some surveys claim that new items in Sunday service programs keep people interested and intrigued—getting them excited, and therefore, looking forward to return the next Sunday. The use of creative arts, drama, a great stage band, and eye-catching audio-visuals are some of the more popular suggestions. “I wonder what tricks Pastor Nelly is going to use next week to drive home his sermon points,” says an entertained churchgoer. Once, I took our white bed linens to church, vandalized the community garden to form myself a mock fig laurel, and dressed myself like an ancient Roman runner so that I could preach more “powerfully” (I thought) from Hebrew’s 12:1. All of this effort was because I wanted to keep my church brethren interested in what I had to say. Not that these suggestions are bad, but I sometimes wonder if I myself have lost the right reason why I am at church on Sundays.

Mark 2:1-12 (please read) tells the story of a certain paralyzed man who just had to see Jesus. I said “had to” because of the extra effort he and the four who helped him dig and go through Jesus’ roof in order to beat the overcrowded room. This extra effort won him Jesus’ attention. Jesus’ response was intriguing. V.5 states that, “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’” “Forgiven?” That’s it? If I were the paralytic man, I would have protested. That poor guy came to see Jesus for healing, but there was no protest from the man and the four. Why? Simply, it was not Mark’s point. Mark’s focus was on the response of the teachers of the law (scribes) who accused Jesus being blasphemous. For them, only God alone could forgive sins (vv.6-7). Jesus, knowing their thoughts immediately rebutted these scribes and challenged them. “Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?” Using this occasion, Jesus healed the paralytic man to prove to the scribes that He was God sent and thus had authority to forgive sins.

Important points need to be stated. First, the scribes were part of the crowd who filled up the room, and they obviously were there to listen to Jesus. Jesus was preaching to them. Whether they were there to test and trap Jesus is beside the point. What we are sure of is that the scribes were there to witness what He does and what He speaks about—not to accept who He was. In other words, they were not there to understand and believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Second, the paralytic man went there to be healed by Jesus. This man demonstrated his faith and sincerity by overcoming all obstacles in order to get to Jesus. He, at least, is clear of why he was there—to be healed. Third, and most important, is that Jesus was not there simply to teach and heal. He was there because of who He was (the Christ) and because he

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abide in all laws they impose on the American people.

8. All contracts with past and present congressmen are void effective 1/1/11

The American people did not make this contract with congressmen, congressmen made all these contracts for themselves.

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### Anarchy vs rule of law in Philadelphia--an eyewitness report

By The Garden Club

The debate over border control and illegal immigration moved center stage to the city of brotherly love--Philadelphia. Philadelphia is known for its cheese steaks and Geno's Steaks is the place to get the best. Geno's owner Joey Vento became involved in the illegal immigration fight in 2006 after posting a sign that reads: "This is America: When Ordering Please 'SPEAK ENGLISH.'" The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations filed a discrimination complaint alleging that Geno's violated Philadelphia's Fair Practices Ordinance by denying service to someone because of their national origin. After nearly two years, the Commission ruled that Geno's did not violate the Fair Practices Ordinance.

After having visited Arizona and listening to the stories of illegal immigration there, Geno's owner decided to hold a fundraiser to assist the state in defending itself against the federal government, which is suing Arizona over its new immigration law. Arizona's law is virtually the same as the federal government's, but because the federal government is not enforcing the law, Arizona citizens believed they should. Led by Attorney General Eric Holder and the White House, the federal government says that Arizona is interfering with US foreign policy and is suing to hold that Arizona is violating the Constitution by taking over the federal government's task of enforcing immigration laws.

The fundraising rally at Geno's was protested by various anarchists that support illegal immigration. Some 63 of them showed

had a mission to accomplish (to fulfill His Father's will).

The dilemma many of our churches face today is that people come to church forgetting why they were there in the first place. Some say they come to listen. Some want to witness programs and presentations (i.e., be entertained). Some simply want to be with friends. But how many of us still come because we are sinners wanting to be forgiven of our sins? How many of us eagerly go to church because we want to be in the presence of Jesus, the Son of God? Jesus really does not have to prove who He is. The truth is, it is we who need to prove to Him why we want to come on a Sunday.

up with signs that read "Jobs for Justice", "We all are one", "Racists", and even some vulgar ones. The anarchy crowd was separated across the street from Geno's by a police barricade. They shouted chants, repeating the word "Shame", and "Immigration not Deportation." Two very clean cut young men opened boxes of American flags and handed them out. They approached the anarchists first, but only were able to give away four flags. The

rest of the flags were eagerly snatched up by the thousand or so well mannered pro-Americans across the street at Geno's.

A Fox News reporter asked me about the anarchists calling the pro-American side racists. I replied, "Im not saying that people shouldn't immigrate, shouldn't come here. We welcome everybody. That's the beauty of the diversity of our nation. So its not about race. Its about if you want to

come here, come here legally."

This is a basic Biblical principal as depicted in Leviticus 24:22, "Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God." Herein, the alien must comply with the same law as the citizen. Citizens are here legally, then so shall immigrants be here legally. I would have to say that the anarchist side was hateful. In lawlessness, love grows cold.

### So Why Is Everybody So Upset About Arizona???

Editorial Opinion  
- Nita Jane Ayres

The "Show Me" state has once again shown us how it should be done. In 2007, Missouri placed on the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment designating English as the Official language of Missouri. Nearly 90% voted in favor! English became the official language for all governmental proceedings in Missouri. It also meant no individual had the right to demand government services in a language other than English.

In 2008 a measure was passed that required Missouri Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officials to verify the immigration status of any person arrested, and inform federal authorities if the person was found to be here illegally. It allowed Missouri law enforcement offices to receive training to enforce federal immigration laws. The bill made it clear that illegal immigrants would not have access to taxpayers benefits such as food stamps and health care through Missouri HealthNET.

In 2009 a measure was passed that ensured Missouri's public institutions of higher education do not award financial aid to individuals who are here illegally. The law also required all post-secondary institutions of higher education to annually certify to the Missouri Dept. of Higher Education that they had not knowingly awarded financial aid to students who were unlawfully present in the United States.

So while Arizona has made national news for its new law, it is important to remember Missouri has been proactive in addressing this growing problem. Missouri has sent a clear message that illegal immigrants are not welcome in their state and they are certainly not welcome to receive public

benefits at the cost of Missouri taxpayers!

#### Of False Prophets, Tax Lies, and Ravening Wolves

By Bill Wilson - The Daily Jot

Jesus said in Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." In other words, watch out for people that say one thing, yet do another. He is telling us here that you cannot judge a man by what he says, rather by what he does. The man who occupies the Oval Office emphatically said on September 12, 2008, "I can make a firm pledge. Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes."

Asked in an ABC News interview on September 20th, 2009 if the health care bill was a tax increase, the president said, "I absolutely reject that notion." On Saturday, April 10th, 2010, he told Americans in his radio address, "It's also important to note that the new health reform law includes the largest middle class tax cut for health care in history, and once it's implemented; millions of Americans will finally be able to purchase quality, affordable care and the security and peace of mind that comes with it." Americans are finding out what is in the healthcare law, and it is no less than a massive tax increase for middle class Americans.

And guess what, the Justice Department under the direction of the president says it will defend the health care mandate in court as a tax increase. If the Administration can prove to the Supreme Court

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that the health care bill falls under the Constitution's Congressional power to lay and collect taxes, the law may withstand legal challenges. Notwithstanding that the president and his party out and out lied to the American people. Ken Blackwell, former Treasurer of Ohio and Liberty University professor of Law, and Ken Klurowski, special counsel at the Family Research Council, have written an article in the Wall Street Journal arguing that tax or no, the health care law is unconstitutional.

They say, "A tax is when the government takes money from individuals, puts it in the Treasury, and plans to spend it. With the health-insurance mandate, the government is not taking money from private individuals; rather, it is commanding them to give their money to another private entity, not to the Treasury." They continue, "Even if the Justice Department were to get the mandate considered a tax, it would be an unconstitutional one...No provision of the Constitution authorizes the federal government to command people to buy insurance." So the president lied to you and me about the health care bill and about no new taxes. He said one thing, but is so bold as to argue the opposite--Can anyone say "ravening wolf"?

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## BEACH TRIP!

### MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

This summer, why not take your young people for a fun-filled day at the beach? Swim, soak up the sun, build sand castles, play ball, throw Frisbees, pack a picnic lunch and have a great time. But, whatever you do, don't forget to collect lots of colorful sea shells.

We love to collect sea shells, but what do you do with them when you get home? Never fear, there is a solution. You can turn your sea

shell collection into lovely home decorations.

During your beach trip, I would suggest that you bring as many parents along as possible. I believe in safety first – we need all the help we can get keeping our young people safe, especially at the beach. Also, with today's hectic lifestyle, parents need opportunities to bond with their children. As teachers, our job is not to replace parents, but to come alongside as a resource and an encouragement.

To turn your beach bucket full of shells into home decorations, you need the following: Bibles, large

clear glass hurricane candleholders, ribbons, colorful netting, candles, large soap dishes or bowls, waterproof glue, various types of fancy soaps possibly shaped like sea horses, shells, fish or other beach-related shapes, and don't forget to bring extra shells.

At your next class, have your students bring in their shells for a fun-filled learning adventure. Our first decoration is a hurricane candleholder. Glue a candle to the bottom center of your hurricane candleholder. Once the glue dries, fill the candleholder with colorful shells about half way up between the candle and the glass. For a finishing touch, tie a decorative ribbon around the middle of the candleholder with a bow. Remind

your students to be careful with fire and to only light the candle with parental supervision. Better yet, don't light the candles and simply use our candleholder for a decoration.

Our next decoration is a seashell soap dish. The students can carefully glue shells onto the dish, including its sides. Make sure to leave some space in the middle of the dish for the soap. Allow the glue to dry and then place your sea-shaped soaps in the dish. Place this new creation on a piece of colorful netting that is large enough to wrap your soap dish creation in. Gather the netting at the top and tie it closed with a matching bow. You now have the perfect handmade gift for parents,

grandparents, or that favorite aunt or uncle.

For a Bible study, pick a water or beach related theme. Some possible stories could be God protecting Paul and his friends during a shipwreck, Moses crossing the Red Sea, Joshua crossing the Jordan River, Jesus walking on the water to rescue his friends, or Jesus calming the storm.

I hope that you have a fun-filled summer with your young people, and may God richly bless you for the time you spend with them.

*Rev. Doug Forbes is the assistant pastor at New Hope Christian Chapel in South Easton.*

## A Father, Daughter & a Dog

By Catherine Moore

"Watch out! You nearly broad sided that car!" My father yelled at me. "Can't you do anything right?"

Those words hurt worse than blows. I turned my head toward the elderly man in the seat beside me, daring me to challenge him. A lump rose in my throat as I averted my eyes. I wasn't prepared for another battle.

"I saw the car, Dad. Please don't yell at me when I'm driving.." My voice was measured and steady, sounding far calmer than I really felt. Dad glared at me, then turned away and settled back.

At home I left Dad in front of the television and went outside to collect my thoughts.... dark, heavy clouds hung in the air with a promise of rain. The rumble of distant thunder seemed to echo my inner turmoil. What could I do about him? Dad had been a lumberjack in Washington and Oregon. He had enjoyed being outdoors and had reveled in pitting his strength against the forces of nature. He had entered grueling lumberjack competitions, and had placed often. The shelves in his house were filled with trophies that attested to his prowess.

The years marched on relentlessly. The first time he couldn't lift a heavy log, he joked about it; but later that same day I saw him outside alone, straining to lift it. He became irritable whenever anyone teased him about his advancing age, or when he couldn't do something he had done as a younger man.

Four days after his sixty-seventh birthday, he had a heart attack. An ambulance sped him to the hospital while a paramedic administered CPR to keep blood and oxygen flowing. At the hospital, Dad was rushed into an operating room. He was lucky; he survived. But something inside Dad died. His zest for life was gone. He obstinately refused to follow doctor's orders. Suggestions and offers of help were turned

aside with sarcasm and insults. The number of visitors thinned and then finally stopped altogether. Dad was left alone.

My husband, Dick, and I asked Dad to come live with us on our small farm. We hoped the fresh air and rustic atmosphere would help him adjust. Within a week after he moved in, I regretted the invitation. It seemed nothing was satisfactory. He criticized everything I did. I became frustrated and moody. Soon I was taking my pent-up anger out on Dick. We began to bicker and argue.

Alarmed, Dick sought out our pastor and explained the situation. The clergyman set up weekly counseling appointments for us. At the close of each session he prayed, asking God to soothe Dad's troubled mind.

But the months wore on and God was silent. Something had to be done and it was up to me to do it.

The next day I sat down with the phone book and methodically called each of the mental health clinics listed in the Yellow Pages. I explained my problem to each of the sympathetic voices that answered in vain.

Just when I was giving up hope, one of the voices suddenly exclaimed, "I just read something that might help you! Let me go get the article..." I listened as she read. The article described a remarkable study done at a nursing home. All of the patients were under treatment for chronic depression. Yet their attitudes had improved dramatically when they were given responsibility for a dog.

I drove to the animal shelter that afternoon. After I filled out a questionnaire, a uniformed officer led me to the kennels. The odor of disinfectant stung my nostrils as I moved down the row of pens. Each contained five to seven dogs. Long-haired dogs, curly-haired dogs, black dogs, spotted dogs all jumped up, trying to reach me. I studied each one but rejected one after the other for various reasons too big, too small, too much hair. As I neared the last pen a dog in the shadows of the far corner struggled to his feet, walked to the front of the run and sat down. It was a pointer, one of the dog world's aristocrats. But this was a

caricature of the breed.

Years had etched his face and muzzle with shades of gray. His hip bones jutted out in lopsided triangles. But it was his eyes that caught and held my attention. Calm and clear, they beheld me unwaveringly. I pointed to the dog. "Can you tell me about him?" The officer looked, then shook his head in puzzlement. "He's a funny one. Appeared out of nowhere and sat in front of the gate. We brought him in, figuring someone would be right down to claim him. That was two weeks ago and we've heard nothing. His time is up tomorrow." He gestured helplessly.



As the words sank in I turned to the man in horror. "You mean you're going to kill him?" "Ma'am," he said gently, "that's our policy. We don't have room for every unclaimed dog." I looked at the pointer again. The calm brown eyes awaited my decision. "I'll take him," I said.

I drove home with the dog on the front seat beside me. When I reached the house I honked the horn twice. I was helping my prize out of the car when Dad shuffled onto the front porch... "Ta-da! Look what I got for you, Dad!" I said excitedly. Dad looked, then wrinkled his face in disgust. "If I had wanted a dog I would have gotten one. And I would have picked out a better specimen than that bag of bones. Keep it! I don't want it" Dad waved his arm scornfully and turned back toward the house.

Anger rose inside me. It squeezed together my throat muscles and pounded into my temples. "You'd better get used to him, Dad. He's staying!" Dad ignored me... "Did you hear me, Dad?" I screamed. At those words Dad whirled angrily, his hands clenched at his sides, his eyes narrowed and blazing with hate. We stood glaring at each other like duelists, when suddenly the pointer pulled free from my grasp. He wobbled toward my dad and sat down in front of him. Then slowly, carefully, he raised his paw.. Dad's lower jaw trembled as he stared at the uplifted paw. Confusion replaced the anger in his eyes. The pointer waited patiently. Then Dad was on his knees hugging the animal.

It was the beginning of a warm and

intimate friendship. Dad named the pointer Cheyenne. Together he and Cheyenne explored the community. They spent long hours walking down dusty lanes. They spent reflective moments on the banks of streams, angling for tasty trout. They even started to attend Sunday services together, Dad sitting in a pew and Cheyenne lying quietly at his feet.

Dad and Cheyenne were inseparable throughout the next three years.. Dad's bitterness faded, and he and Cheyenne made many friends. Then late one night I was startled to feel Cheyenne's cold nose burrowing through our bed covers. He had never before come into our bedroom at night. I woke Dick, put on my robe and ran into my father's room. Dad lay in his bed, his face serene. But his spirit had left quietly sometime during the night.

Two days later my shock and grief deepened when I discovered Cheyenne lying dead beside Dad's bed. I wrapped his still form in the rag rug he had slept on. As Dick and I buried him near a favorite fishing hole, I silently thanked the dog for the help he had given me in restoring Dad's peace of mind.

The morning of Dad's funeral dawned overcast and dreary. This day looks like the way I feel, I thought, as I walked down the aisle to the pews reserved for family. I was surprised to see the many friends Dad and Cheyenne had made filling the church. The pastor began his eulogy. It was a tribute to both Dad and the dog who had changed his life.

And then the pastor turned to Hebrews 13:2. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it." "I've often thanked God for sending that angel," he said.

For me, the past dropped into place, completing a puzzle that I had not seen before: the sympathetic voice that had just read the right article...Cheyenne's unexpected appearance at the animal shelter. . .his calm acceptance and complete devotion to my father... and the proximity of their deaths. And suddenly I understood. I knew that God had answered my prayers after all.

Do you have a prayer that needs an answer? We all need relief from the pain this world inflicts upon us and often that relief comes through forgiveness for our sin. That's why God sent His Son Jesus, into the world. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 He understands your trouble and your needs and says ; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

*Jesus, please forgive my sin. I know I haven't done everything that I should with my life and I regret it. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please 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. Amen*

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

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### Wisdom and Economics

A cowboy from the midwest walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Paris for an international rodeo for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank.

The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the Cowboy handed over the keys to his new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. The cowboy produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the backwoods cowboy for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's private underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the cowboy returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you are a highly sophisticated investor and multimillionaire with real estate and financial interests all over the world. Your investments include a large number of wind turbines around the midwest. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The good 'ol boy replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?"

### Forgetters and Rememberers

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you that may seem funny  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say 'what am I here for?'  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!  
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,  
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself, 'who the heck was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And that isn't any joke.



### The Passport Picture

Unfortunately, getting a new passport required a new photo. As I handed my ten-year-old passport and the new picture to the clerk, I sighed. "I like the original better," I told her.

"Trust me," she said. "Ten years from now, you'll like this one."

### A Dream Farm

The school of agriculture's dean of admissions was interviewing a prospective student, "Why have you chosen this career?" he asked. "I dream of making a million dollars in farming, like my father," the student replied. "Your father made a million dollars in farming?!" echoed the dean much impressed. "No," replied the applicant. "But he always dreamed of it."

### What if Biblical characters could be recruited as product endorsers?

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For AARP - Methuselah: "Life begins at 960!"

### Funny or honest?

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny. But she couldn't have been right - everyone else in the class laughed. My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork, beef and fish too. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She

asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...

## Soul Food

### Can you find sixteen books of the English Bible hidden in the text of the following paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy

ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there are really sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story. *Answer below*

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### Answer:

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# AUGUST

## August Highlights

August 4-7 • Soulfest 2010 ~ Music, Love, Action, Experience The Revolution. Gunstock Mountain Gilford, NH [www.TheSoulfest.com](http://www.TheSoulfest.com) or call 978-346-4577

Fri, August 6 • Summer Lawn concert: New Life Worship Team from New Life Assemblies of God Westerly RI. Hotdogs & Hamburgers served at 6pm, followed by concert at 7pm. Free will offering: will benefit United In Faith, an Outdoor Festival of Christian Music held on Sept 4. 11:30a.am-7p.m. Church of The Apostles 170 August 9-13 • 6-8:30p.m. ~ Vacation Bible School ~ Grades 1st - 6th. Singing, play, games, crafts, Experience Bible adventures. Free of charge-contributions appreciated. Woodlawn Baptist Church 337 Lonsdale Ave, Pawtucket RI 401-724-6390

August 9-13 • 9am-12:30pm ~ Vacation Bible School "Saddle Ridge Ranch" Share bible stories, crafts, motivating music, and games. The Faith Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church 765 Common wealth Avenue in Warwick, RI. Register online at [Faithbaptistri.com](http://Faithbaptistri.com) Fairview Avenue, Coventry. For more information:contact Cathy at 401-499-3918, Church Office at 401- 821-7609 or visit [www.apostlesri.org](http://www.apostlesri.org)

August 11-14 • Woman's Christian Temperance Union National Convention Sheraton Airport Hotel, Warwick RI Meetings are free for visitors: 11th /Tour of The Breakers \$18, Lighthouse Cruise \$25, includes transportation, Patriot Pastor will speak on Friday (free) For detailed schedule visit, [wctu-ri.weebly.com](http://wctu-ri.weebly.com) and [wctu.org](http://wctu.org)

Rock the Bay Fall River Outdoor Family Celebration Saturday - August 14, 2010, 11am - 3pm, 65 Middle St., Fall River, MA 02724. For more information about this and other TK Ministries concert events go to: [www.rockthebay.org](http://www.rockthebay.org)

Sunday, August 15 • 2:30p.m. ~ "The Blessing of Family" 2nd Annual Celebrate Marriage & Family Day at Aldrich Mansion. Music by Servant Song, Food, fun activities for children, free ice cream, Family focused competitions, Speaker: Mr. Glen Stanton from Focus on the Family. Entry is free. Pack a picnic lunch or purchase meal tickets for a delicious meal catered by the Aldrich Mansion staff. Early bird adult meal tickets cost \$9.00 prior to July 24th with children's tickets costing \$7.00. After July 24th meal tickets will be \$10.00 and \$8.00 respectively.

Sunday, August 15 • 6 p.m. ~ Toby Travis, Christian Magician, will perform at The Orchard Church, 180 Oaklawn Ave in Cranston. Fun for all ages. A free will offering will be taken. For further information, call the church at 401-942-4616 or for more on Toby Travis check out his website [www.tobytravis.org](http://www.tobytravis.org).

Saturday, Aug 21 • 5p.m. ReignDown USA Evening of worship, prayer, repentance, and seeking God. Join the Reign-Down team at Riverside Park. New Bedford, MA. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. For more info, contact Gina at [gina@reign-downusa.com](mailto:gina@reign-downusa.com) or 800-735-6917. Together let's cry out to God as we take a stand and put Christ back in the center of our lives and nation!

## 2 Tuesday

10a.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)-

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7p.m. ~ Healing Streams Prayer Service 1st Tues 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. ~ Celebrate Recovery every Tuesday. (Behind the Church) International Church of the Nazarene 278 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA.

## 4 Wednesday

Soulfest 2010 Begins ~ August 4-7 • Music, Love, Action, Experience The Revolution. Gunstock, Mountain Gilford, NH [www.TheSoulfest.com](http://www.TheSoulfest.com) or call 978-346-4577

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. ~ Ground Zero Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant Bible Teaching. Ages 13-25 New Life Worship Center, 915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. 401-232-5200

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)

7 p.m. Family Night ~ Adult Bible Study & Children's programs. every Wed "Something For Everyone" Christian Fellowship Center- Assembly of God. 844 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA 508-995-9996, [www.cfc818.org](http://www.cfc818.org)

7:30p.m. ~ Power Study Night every Wed at World Covenant Life Ministries Center, MA. Call for Info 508- 493-3701

## 5 Thursday

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

## 6 Friday

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

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

7:30p.m. ~ "Kelly Shannon" Contemporary Worship at Damascus Road Coffee House. Free admission & Refreshments. Dartmouth Bible Church 52 Morton Ave Dartmouth, MA 774-451-3286 or [damascusradcoffeehouse.com](http://damascusradcoffeehouse.com)

7:30p.m. ~ The Harvest Cafe • 1st friday of every month, at The Christ Church 1643 Lonsdale Ave, Lincoln RI For more info: please call 401-725-



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# CALENDAR

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**No Gathering for August**

**7 Saturday**

**10a.m. ~ Recovering Program: Freedom in Recovering** - Christian base. Every Sat. Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 1860 Westminister St., Providence, RI 401-780-8900

**7p.m. ~ Cross Roads Cafe' featuring Scarlett Fade** [www.ourstage.com/profile/scarlettfade](http://www.ourstage.com/profile/scarlettfade). At Emmanuel Orthodox Catholic Church 25 Wintrop Terrace, Warren MA For more info 413-436-5582

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

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

**11 Wednesday**

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

**12 Thursday**

**9:30a.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

**7p.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

**13 Friday**

**6p.m. ~ Worship Cafe' Featuring "Emily Correia/Paul & Michelle Nogueira"** Come join us for a night of music, food & fellowship at New Hope Christian Church 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA 508-324-4500

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

**14 Saturday**

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

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**10a.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

**21 Saturday**

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

**26 Thursday**

**6:45p.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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**27 Friday**

**6p.m. ~ Worship Cafe' Featuring "The Fava Family"** Come join us for a night of music, food & fellowship at New Hope Christian Church 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA 508-324-4500

**28 Saturday**

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

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**September Highlights**

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**\* Upper Room will Be closed as this is a joint event with Church of the Apostles and Quidneck Baptist church.**

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