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Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. | John 4:10

## A Weekend to Remember - FamilyLife

By Fred Comella

Admittedly, I'm a "political junky" by nature. This leaves me in a never-ending search for answers to the many socioeconomic questions of our time. Inevitably, I always seem to arrive at one constant. Basically, if we refuse to address the root of any problem, then every other "solution" has to be an exercise in futility. This is true with weeds in our lawns, grey hair and a host of other conundrums. Why then do we choose to over complicate things? It's simple really, sometimes the truth and the answers are difficult, and so we elect to punt instead. This is true in politics for sure, but it's also true in our personal lives.



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"I" believe with all of my heart that the answers to many if not all of the challenges we are facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century can be found in the family. The Bible speaks often of the strength we derive from the family of a husband, wife and their children, and we do not have to look far to see the myriad of consequences emanating from the broken home. The lack of emotional, spiritual and ultimately financial stability which permeates our society today is plain to see. Moreover, the promotion and celebration of "alternatives" to the natural family as God intended, do nothing but foster and hasten

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## Narragansett Bay Baptist Church

Obeying God's Word, Caring for Our Community, Reaching Our Broken World

By Ralph Davis

*A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps. Prov. 16:9*

Even if we consider ourselves to be faithful, Bible-believing Christians, we frequently delude ourselves into thinking that we can plot out our lives with confidence. After we "pray on it" we move forward on the course we have set, believing that it is His desire and will for us. How surprised we are when our plans often fail and nothing seems to fall into place; our dreams or vision shattered.

I am guilty of this, aren't you? Time and time again I launch out on a project, large and small, feeling good about it and telling myself that my plan is God's desire. Will I ever learn? Will I ever stop pretending that I know God's mind?

I recently had the opportunity to interview Pastor Todd Stricklin of the Narragansett Bay Baptist Church in Warwick, RI. Todd is one of us who thought he knew the Lord's intentions and then learned differently, in both surprising and large ways.



Pastor Todd Stricklin

Todd was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1962 and he was the younger of two boys. His parents were Methodist although he has no memory of attending church with them. What does stand out is his Uncle Sam Stricklin who was "Larger than life" to him.

Sam had gone to seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and became a pastor at a Baptist church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. It was Sam who led the family to become Baptists and from that point

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## FARMAGEDDON Exposes Government Intervention in our Food Supply

By Judith Ryder

*"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Did you know that in certain states it is illegal to sell unpasteurized milk to eager customers, despite its several health benefits as attested to by many health professionals? Are you aware that sellers of raw milk must be licensed and are strictly regulated, and that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has actually raided small farms that sell it? Have you heard that artisanal cheese-makers are quietly being shut down all over the country? In short, under the guise of "health and safety", the U. S. government is rapidly restricting our food choices, and many are asking why.



Last November, at a school in her hometown of Concord, MA, Kristin Canty presided over a Q&A following an evening showing of her new, 90 minute DVD entitled *Farmageddon*, which attempts to pinpoint some answers. Viewers came away impressed not only with the importance of the film's goal, to raise awareness about the food we eat and how our freedoms to choose it are fast disappearing, but also with its shocking expose of our government's intrusion into the food chain. *Farmageddon* explores the phenomenon of why small family farms providing safe, healthful foods to their communities have been forced by agents of government bureaucracies to stop doing so.

Kristin Canty was merely looking for

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## IT'S ALL PROPAGANDA! DROWNING IN LIES

By Al Cronkite

Propaganda has been pandemic for so long that few Americans recognize that almost everything they see and hear contains at least some element of propaganda.

We watch, listen, and seriously consider the rhetoric and actions that accompany the presidential debates thinking it will help determine which of the candidates is best suited for the position of President of the United States. Actually, the debates are a propaganda tool to help listeners believe their opinions are being considered. With the possible exception of Ron Paul, it is all empty rhetoric that will not be transferred to the

eventual office holder whose actions will be dictated by the collective imperialists (CP) who control our world.



The debates themselves are closely controlled by the media which is itself controlled by the same CPs who select the winner who will be voted into office by a process that may also be controlled.

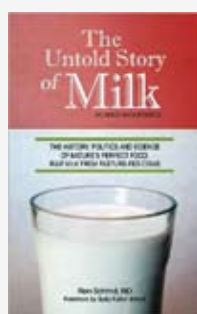
Congressman Ron Paul who offers the only sane plan for the nation is censored by media lackey Wolf Blitzer (Love that name!) who gives the majority of the camera time to candidates the networks favor. The bias is blatant when USA TODAY runs two pictured articles

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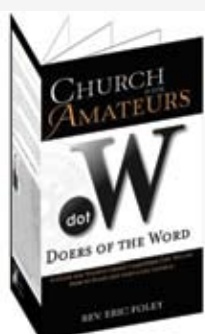
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on Todd said he does not ever remember *not* being in church. He firmly believes that it is his Uncle Sam that was the impetus for his desire to serve God throughout his life. Pastor Sam Stricklin was the first to move east, to Warwick, RI where he established the First Baptist Church.

Todd's father worked for the USDA and Todd said that he was on the "fast track," frequently moving the family as his responsibilities grew and his promotions occurred. Todd believes that the many moves may have contributed to him being a mischievous boy, inattentive in school and often in trouble for "silly" things.

When his father transferred to Washington, DC Todd attended a Christian high school and due to the accelerated Christian education curriculum he received his high school diploma at age sixteen. He began at Bob Jones University but was asked to leave after his first year—still the mischievous, trouble maker. He returned and became proficient at youth and music. He later attended Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina where he achieved a degree in Bible in 1985.

After graduating, Todd worked at some secular jobs for a little while. Around Easter in 1988, his Uncle Sam came to visit and later called Todd to tell him that First Baptist Christian School had a teaching position open and he was looking for someone like Todd, a strong believer, who was attempting to live the way he had been taught. Todd made the move. He loved his role at the school; he taught Bible, history, basic math and coaching and remained there for about 9 years.

It was at First Baptist that he met his wife Maureen whose family were "charter members" of the church. They married in June 1990 and their first son was born one year later. They have three children now: Trevor, Torrey, and Alexandria.

First Baptist Church hosted missionary conferences each year, always four weekends in a row. Over time, Todd began to think, "Someday I will be a missionary." Then, each time he would hear missionaries speak he would quietly pray: "Father, do you want me to go there?" Maureen had never ventured farther from RI than Massachusetts, what a challenge and change it would be for them all if they were to live elsewhere.

Todd and Maureen were given the opportunity to lead a small team on a mission trip to Costa Rico in

1992. Todd said that it is common for missionaries to want to stay at the first place they go believing it to be a calling from God. On the border, Nicaragua was under military occupation with much unrest there. As their plane left the ground, looking down Todd said that Nicaragua looked like one big "dust bowl" and promised Maureen; "Don't worry honey, I will never bring you to a place like this."

In 1995, they made a public confession to enter the mission field. Not knowing a word of Spanish, Todd went to Nicaragua on a survey trip. On the day he was leaving Nicaragua, at the top of the stairs and about to enter the aircraft he looked back and thought to himself, "God broke my heart." When he got home he informed Maureen, "This 'is' where He wants to send us!"

In the spring of 1998, the family spent one year in Costa Rico for language training. They then spent two and one-half years ministering to the people in Managua, Nicaragua. Their daughter Alexandria was born there, unfortunately with some severe medical issues causing Maureen to make multiple trips back to the US. As an aside, at one point before Alexandria was born, doctors were promoting the idea of aborting her due to the low quality of life they forecasted. Following

contemplation he agreed to do so. The folks met at a home and Todd went on the road, tying up loose ends in Nicaragua; he firmly believed that the family would eventually return there as missionaries for good.

When he returned from his travels he was asked to meet with some of the members of the church and they asked him to be their Pastor. "No way!" was Todd's first thought and he said "No." His firm conviction was to return to the mission field. Characteristic of our Lord, however, Todd was unable to find any peace with that plan, in his heart he realized that this was God's calling, and agreed to become their pastor.



**The Stricklin Family**

They began meeting at the home of a member but quickly outgrew it. Then to Frenchtown Elementary School for several years and finally they leased a building attached to a health club

in East Greenwich. It is a natural occurrence that church bodies will eventually discuss finding a permanent location for their gatherings at some point or other. After a while the consensus of the group was that the church should never go into debt and some of them very strongly stated that the church would never own any property.

With his typical humility, Todd denies any heroics in the amazing way that things developed from there. He said that if people look back and say "Oh, what a man of faith Todd Stricklin is; it had nothing to do with that. I was saying the Christian things, the things that I should say. I used to say, Well, God can do anything He wants to do; if He wants to give us a building, He'll give us a building." Pastor Todd then exclaimed, "It wasn't saying it because I really thought that He would!"

The church had its sights set on a Masonic Hall in East Greenwich. Days from signing the papers after the negotiations were finished; they were only waiting for an evaluation on what it would cost to get the renovations done. They loved the area and the building had a lot of potential. Then a call came from Shawomet Baptist Church asking if Narragansett Bay would be interested in the property.



**Narragansett Bay Baptist Church in Warwick**

a resounding "No!" from Todd and Maureen, their decision was rewarded by the birth of a very lovely girl.

They believed that they would stay in Nicaragua permanently but returned to the US in 2002 on a "furlough that never ended." There were problems at First Baptist and some of the church members began to leave. Pastor Todd was asked by some of them to handle some services but he was initially resistant. After some prayer and

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Why do we seek them out, the broken; the unlovable?

Because, they are *people just like us.*

On Easter morning he sat in the north parking lot to face God. Todd said, "I was actually mad at God; like, 'God, what are you doing? We already have a property to buy and how will I bring *this* up with the congregation?' I drove away actually having an out-loud conversation with God. 'If we are even going to have this discussion (with Shawomet), you're going to have to make this obvious to me.'" He pondered the facts for a while and then said, "You know what Lord, if you want to make this obvious to me, why don't you have them just give it to us?"

Pastor Todd said that it "had nothing to do with faith, I was literally upset; it was more of a challenge to Him than anything. I never thought in a million years that He would do it." There were a few meetings with Shawomet and then one night Pastor Todd and a member of his church went to meet with a few of its leaders. They spent some time prodding Pastor Todd, asking about the beliefs of his church and their response was "We don't agree on some of this stuff but we are convinced that you are who God wants us to give this building to."

Pastor Todd said "over the years I had preached about all of the incredible things that God has done. All these years that I have been saying God can do whatever He wants to, I believed that. And I have heard incredible stories of what He had done for others, but it was always me telling someone else's story; God did this for so-and-so then all of a sudden we're living it!"

"It is overwhelming every time I tell the story," he said. We sense a tremendous responsibility now for what God wants us to do here. We have been at the new location since

the first week of November and already the opportunities for ministry are very clear." The folks at Narragansett Bay Baptist Church look forward to many years of Obeying Gods Word, Caring for Our Community and Reaching Our Broken World.

Todd plans to continue returning to Nicaragua where a church has been established with a national pastor overseeing it. It is his hope to eventually retire there but, who knows...

Pastor Todd loved his position as teacher and coach at First Baptist where he helped struggling youth to know God and live for something more than self. He may have thought it to be his calling. When he felt led to be a missionary he thought he would serve in bucolic Costa Rico, he found himself in Nicaragua. Believing the family to be settled there for good, he was led to pastor a church in Warwick R.I. instead. Finally, on the verge of buying a desirable building for their church; they were given a building. Romans 8:28 proves true once again.

As for me, today I plan to \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow I will \_\_\_\_\_ and next month and year I will \_\_\_\_\_. (SIGH!) Instead, maybe you ought to plan to visit Pastor Todd and the folks at Narragansett Bay Baptist church to see first hand how the Lord can direct your path. They meet at 1642 West Shore Road Warwick, Rhode Island. You can learn more about the church at [www.nbbcri.org](http://www.nbbcri.org) or give them a call at 401-738-0600.

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healthful food for her four children when she stumbled upon the realization that her access to certain foods was being threatened. She began to discover numerous policies favoring agribusiness and factory farms as opposed to small family-operated farms selling fresh foods to their communities. She found that the real source of food safety problems, most often the industrial food chain -- is largely disregarded, while policy makers and regulators prefer implementing and enforcing solutions that target and often drive out of business small farms with proven records of producing safe, healthful food. Small businesses frequently buckle under the crushing weight of government regulations and over-reaching enforcement actions, sometimes involving violence.

*Farmageddon* highlights the urgency of farmers and consumers alike to act to preserve individuals' rights to access the foods they want to eat, and farmers' rights to produce them safely, free of unreasonably burdensome regulations. As freedom to make these choices is removed, there is a growing movement of people using their tax dollars and votes to protect and preserve the dwindling number of small family farms struggling to survive.

Kristin Canty's decision to make *Farmageddon* was a reaction to the difficulty she had encountered while looking for relief for her four year old son, Charlie. Suffering from asthma and horrible allergies to just about everything, Charlie was well acquainted with "many drugs, epi-pens, asthma inhalers, beds wrapped in plastic, and Hepa filters", Kristin says. But the drugs had worrisome side effects, and Charlie was not improving. While researching for answers, Kristin learned that some people's allergies had subsided when they drank raw milk directly from grass-fed cows. The explanation was that unpasteurized milk contains healthy bacteria and enzymes missing in so many of our foods today. Kristin cautiously began to give her son raw milk. Eventually Charlie's allergies and asthma diminished, and he was fully cured.

Kristin's initial success inspired her to introduce her family to more healthful foods. She became convinced to eliminate, as much as possible, eating factory-farmed foods tainted by antibiotics, steroids, and genetically modified (GMO) grains. Instead, she hunted for sources of food from smaller, grass-fed, organic farms. By joining a food co-op, the Cantys began sharing resources needed to procure milk, meat, vegetables and eggs from local farms, and have them delivered.

But one day, Kristin heard that Manna Storehouse, a food co-op in LaGrange, OH, had been raided. It disturbed her greatly to learn that armed agents, authorized by the OH Department of Agriculture, had entered a private home and held eight children and their parents at gunpoint for six hours

while ransacking their house, seizing their cell phones, personal food, and food from their co-op. Later Kristin discovered that more farms and co-ops had also been raided simply for selling food their customers wanted to buy.

Hoping to get to the bottom of these stories, Kristin began digging and delving. She found that the main reason for many of the raids is to crack down on selling raw milk. The USDA, in the document "Healthy People 2020", stated they intend to "increase the number of states that have prohibited sale or distribution of unpasteurized dairy products." This obviously makes it harder for people to obtain desired raw dairy products. Regardless of the health benefits of drinking raw milk, generally accepted as scientifically proven, many government agencies claim it is too dangerous to drink. Kristin says, "They fail to make a distinction between milk that is meant for pasteurization (from factory farms that are not concerned with cleanliness and which feed grains, antibiotics, and steroids to their cows) and milk from grass fed, pasture rotated cows, intended to be consumed raw."

Kristin has come to believe that the raids are less about raw milk than, as in the case of the OH Co-op, about control of the food retail system. Manna Storehouse, a private co-op, was formed by Jackie Stowers and her friends when they found that many organic farms had no means to get their goods to market. The mothers bought meat, eggs, and vegetables from the farms, shared the pick-up responsibilities, and once a week, everyone came to Jackie's house to pick up the food. When the OH Department of Agriculture learned of it, they raided them. Since then, such raids have increased, yet *no one has ever been made sick by these foods*. There were zero complaints about any of those businesses. They were all successful farms and co-ops with happy and healthy members and customers.

That explains why Kristin Canty set out to tell this story, to allow honest farmers using centuries old farming practices to tell their side of the story. Rather than trying to convince people to drink raw milk or eat grass-fed beef, the purpose of Kristin's film is to provide an argument for *allowing people who want to make those choices to do so*. Hopefully, exposing how the government is harassing small farmers, private food buying clubs, and co-ops will lead to restoring our freedom to choose what foods to buy, while reducing government interference. Kristin believes that until then, we are really not free. Many true stories, told in their own words by the people involved, are related in *Farmageddon*. Numerous small family farmers in VT, NY, PA, OH, and GA, are among many who tell how they were subjected to serious abuses by the government. Their stories are only representative of those happening to small farmers throughout America. The follow-

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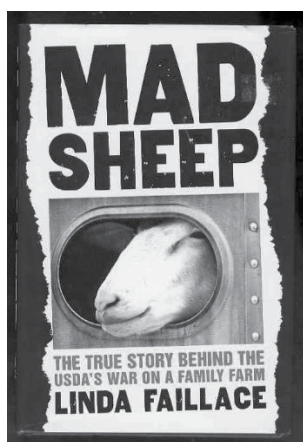
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and Linda Failace, artisanal farmers and cheesemakers in Mad River Valley, VT. This despite the fact that BSE does not exist in sheep! Nevertheless, although extensive testing showed no contamination whatever, the sheep were subsequently confiscated and

destroyed. Later, Linda Failace wrote a book recounting their incredible experiences with the USDA, and tells of filing a lawsuit in which the many misdeeds against them were enumerated and documented. These included destruction of evidence, suppression of test results, extensive undercover surveillance, and misleading and false statements given to the general public and their elected officials. See *Mad Sheep: The True Story Behind the USDA's War on a Family Farm* (Chelsea Green Publishing).

In 2008, the Newville, PA farm of dairyman Mark Nolt, a Wenger (Horse and Buggy) Mennonite, was raided three times, resulting in the confiscation of more than \$65,000 worth of fresh food. Mr. Nolt, a man of great integrity, lacked a permit to sell raw milk only because he had turned it back in after noting that it did not cover all of the products he sold, for he wished to deal honestly with the government. On 4/25/08, in a Gestapo-like raid, six state troopers and a man with the PA Department of Agriculture trespassed onto and removed Mr. Nolt from his own property, then stole \$20,000 - \$25,000 worth of his product and equipment. When finally released by the government, Mr. Nolt refused to accept a ride home, but started out walking... More extensive information about this outrageous case is available here: [[www.counterpunch.org/cohen04262008.html](http://www.counterpunch.org/cohen04262008.html).]

Additional information about the 2008 OH case mentioned earlier in this article, involving Manna Storehouse in LaGrange, OH, where a woman and her family

were raided and held at gunpoint for six hours by a SWAT team for failing to have a permit to operate a food establishment, may be found here: [[www.fieldf.org/news-22dec2008.htm](http://www.fieldf.org/news-22dec2008.htm)]

News clips from a 2009 incident in which a GA cooperative buying group, Athens Locally Grown, was forced to dump out hundreds of gallons of raw milk, are available here: [[thebovine.wordpress.com/2009/10/19/raw-milk-seized-in-athens-georgia/](http://thebovine.wordpress.com/2009/10/19/raw-milk-seized-in-athens-georgia/)]

The "permitting" issue, supposedly for reasons of food safety, seems somewhat contradicted by how sellers of raw milk must compete with sellers of corporate milk, which is pasteurized and often comes from cows injected with a drug, genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rBGH). Monsanto's rBGH was the first genetically engineered product ever, and was approved by the FDA during the Clinton administration, after Monsanto employees were appointed to run the FDA. In 1994, employees at the FDA wrote an anonymous (since they feared retribution) letter to Congress revealing that Dr. Margaret Miller, the author of the FDA's opinion on why milk from rBGH-treated cows *should not be labeled*, formerly worked for the Monsanto company as a researcher on rBGH.

However, according to the conclusion of a study released around that time, "...milk from cows injected with [rBGH] increases risks of breast and colon cancers in humans." Samuel Epstein, M. D., Professor of Environmental Medicine, declared "The FDA and Monsanto have a lot to answer for. Given the cancer risks, and other health concerns, why is rBGH milk still on the market?" (Ever since 1986, independent scientists

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that socioeconomic chaos I write so much about. So if my analysis is to be believed, where then do we begin to address the problem?

As the bread winner for my family I see myself as a "big picture kind of guy", assuming all the while that my loving wife will take care of everything else. I also assume that she will recognize my "amazing efforts and feats" and reconcile all other family matters accordingly and to my satisfaction. "Alert, Alert"!! --- Iceberg right ahead.....

This is where we often begin to see cracks in the family "foundation". In some cases these cracks are "patched" and the family goes on in a kind of auto-pilot mode. In other cases these communication issues snowball unaddressed and end up becoming the beginning of the end. Herein lies the difficulty that arises from not addressing underlying issues sure to come back and bite you. If family is truly the answer, then we must not be afraid to face these challenges head on, thus ensuring the foundational vessel necessary for the success of the family and ultimately society as a whole will not flounder.

For more than 35 years, FamilyLife has been a ministry/organization dedicated to sharing God's plan for the family. To be sure it is not (office and couch stuff), with astronomical fees and politically correct psychobabble offered as solutions, but rather it is experience speaking to the issues you are feeling deep in your soul. It is real Christians who walk the walk and desire to help you do the same with God's stability, peace and love as the reward.

Clem and Nancy Alves have been married for almost 35 years. The quintessential married couple and loving parents to Shannon, their marriage gave all the outward appearance of normalcy. Nancy was saved in 1978 and Clem two

years later. But according to Nancy, Clem had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, however maybe not as his Lord. Truth be told, I identify with Clem as an avid sports fan. He is a lover of golf and has played the game ferociously for many years. As a husband, Clem seemed a "big picture guy" as well, and assumed Nancy understood his contributions. Unfortunately, that communication gap presented a problem in their marriage.

Nancy describes Clem as a good husband and father but says she continued to coax him to church in an effort to open his heart and soul. She prayed with all of her might that he would recognize her wishes, and that they would then excel in the Lords gifts together as one. Clem resisted, choosing instead to take in the regular basketball, football, or golf game on T.V., punctuated by 18 holes of his own when the moment grabbed him. Eventually though, Clem would find his way to his wife's side during services, but still felt as if he were only going through the motions. He was still not seeing the real "big picture".

Nancy meanwhile was also trying to convince Clem to attend a FamilyLife Weekend to Remember on Goat Island in Newport to which Clem's initial response was emphatically "no". Then one afternoon he was moved to pick up his Bible and read. He told me something came over him that day 8 year ago now, and he has never been the same. Clem's eyes were opened at that moment and he realized he was not fulfilling all of his vows. He immediately exclaimed to Nancy that they would attend the getaway. Since that time, they have been every year and are now "Registered Group Coordinators", actively bringing folks to the good work of the "FamilyLife" Ministry. Their Pastor, Kenn Bongiorno of the Christian Fellowship Center in New Bedford regularly allows them time to address the congregation as he too recognizes the

powerful message of family as a solution.

I spoke at length with Clem and Nancy about their experiences since attending their first FamilyLife event and they have told me it was nothing short of life changing. Their marriage is better in ways they could not have imagined. Clem has come to realize his wife is his greatest ally and that her wants and needs are at least as important as his. He also told me that he had in fact been listening to her for many years but was simply not hearing. He now joins his wife every Sunday at church without fail and is attuned to the "big picture" like never before. Priorities have been realigned and Clem now understands how important his family success is in relation to everything else in his life.

Nancy and Clem remain in awe of how the coordinators and presenters at the FamilyLife events are changing lives. Couples of all

**You may want to consider attending The Art of Marriage at Faith Bible Chapel in Westerly.**

ages and marital timelines come away with renewed faith and hope. Often couples on the ragged edge find the way forward and gather comfort in the Lord so they may save the most important thing in their lives, their families. Others are simply awakened to things they had overlooked in their marriages and can now reignite the flame that brought them together as one from the outset. From the most uncomfortable of topics to the most obvious of observations, the frank and honest application by Pastors and other dynamic speakers is very often the missing piece of the puzzle. From the importance of a father figure to the joys and trials of motherhood, from the pain of unrealistic expectations to the reconciliation of common goals, nothing is left on the table.

All races and cultures are welcome within this common and worthy cause. From Clem's and Nancy's perspective, "the family that prays together stays together". They continue to use their own experiences as a launching pad for others so they may benefit as well. Sharing the message of family backed by scripture is the answer they say, and I agree.

The road ahead of us seems daunting at times. The message on the screen is often one of chaos and evil in various forms. In the end, a cohesive and grounded family unit is a place not only to begin to find our way back, but also a place to return for comfort and safety when the wind is in our face. God knows this and as I like to say, I believe he is watching closely to see if we will use what it is he has given us, (or not).

From the same vine, Pastor Bernie Norman and his wife Gayle of Faith Bible Chapel in Westerly were FamilyLife staff at the organizational headquarters in Little Rock Arkansas from 1996 - 2001. Pastor Norman tells me without hesitance that FamilyLife's message saved their now 30-year marriage. I spoke with him by phone and could still hear the passion in his voice as he described the efforts and subsequent results of this amazing ministry. So convinced and inspired by their own experience and the testimonies of the many whom they've touched along the way, Pastor Norman and

Gayle now promote and offer a new video-based event called The Art of Marriage. This six session video event offers the life-changing message of the Weekend to Remember in high quality video format. The Art of Marriage is filled with entertaining short video vignettes, engaging teaching from experts, and man-on-the street style interviews, all sharing God's timeless principles for marriage. A school teacher by trade, Pastor Norman describes in great detail the emotional reconciliation and awakening he has witnessed so many times happening as people have viewed this powerful event right in his own church. Pastor Norman tells me he will provide information and help for any Pastors who wish to host their own The Art of Marriage event. You may want to consider attending The Art of Marriage at Faith Bible Chapel in Westerly. The cost is \$40.00 per couple and all are welcome on **February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. You can register online for this event at the FamilyLife website, [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com), or by pointing your web browser directly to [www.theartofmarriage.com](http://www.theartofmarriage.com).

The registration cost of the Weekend to Remember getaway is \$159.00 per person, but if you sign up using the group code FLNE, your cost would be \$159 per couple (hint-hint). You may register or obtain additional information on FamilyLife, the Weekend

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have expressed concern about the lack of research on rBGH milk.) Michael Colby, Executive Director of Food and Water said, "Monsanto's claims that rBGH is perfectly safe have been proven dead wrong today....Only Monsanto is benefiting from this drug. It's time for dairy companies to side with consumers by adopting a policy that they will not allow rBGH, under any circumstances, to be used by their farmers." Dr. Epstein warned, "The entire nation is currently being subjected to a large-scale adulteration of an age-old dietary

staple by a poorly characterized and unlabeled biotechnology product which is very different than natural [raw] milk." In 2007, a citizens' petition to the FDA on the dangers of rBGH milk cited 30 scientific journals indicating an up-to-7 fold increased risk of breast cancer, and an increased risk of colon and prostate cancers.

Meanwhile, for years millions in CA consumed commercial raw milk without a single reported incidence of illness. Yet during the same period, there were many recorded instances of *contamination in pasteurized milk*, some resulting in death. The bacteria in raw milk is healthy lactic-acid fermentation, while the bacteria in pasteurized milk is from spoilage. Both raw and pasteurized milk contain E. coli, normally a benign microorganism. The most likely source of the new strains of virulent E. coli is thought to be genetically engineered soy fed to cows in large commercial dairies.

Children given raw milk have more resistance to TB, scurvy, flu, diphtheria, pneumonia, asthma, allergic skin problems, and tooth decay. In addition, their growth and calcium absorption is superior. Notwithstanding, despite countless

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incidences of food poisoning from other products, only raw milk has been singled out for general removal

from the food supply.

For readers wishing to make a difference, here are three suggestions from Kristin Canty:

Make a statement with your food dollars. Whenever possible, buy food from the source -- farmstands, farmers markets; ask local grocers to carry local farm products; encourage restaurant owners, chefs, school lunch programs to use local ingredients.

Educate yourself, friends, and family.

Let your federal, state, and local representatives know that their positions on agriculture and food issues matter to you. Remind them that policies supporting small family farms are good for the economy, the environment, and everyone's health.

*"He loveth righteousness and*

*judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."* Psalm 33:5

To obtain a DVD of *Farmageddon*, contact Jeff Reichert at 917-414-4043 or at [jeffreichert9@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreichert9@gmail.com). For additional information please visit [www.farmageddon-movie.com](http://www.farmageddon-movie.com).

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## National News

### NEA, Liberal Groups Release National Sex-Ed Standards

(WNS)—Kindergarten through second grade. That's the grade at which the National Education Association (NEA), the Future of Sex Education Initiative and a coalition of sex-ed groups want children to start learning the names of body parts and alternative family structures. The recommendations are outlined in the National Sexuality Education Standards released on Monday to school districts nationwide. Although they are non-binding, having the weight of the NEA behind the recommendations could give them the gravitas needed to quickly — and quietly — be implemented around the country.

### Supreme Court Issues Unanimous Decision in Church Hiring Case

(WNS)—In one of the clearest rulings for religious freedom in years, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously decided that courts may not intervene in church hiring decisions, protecting the “ministerial exception” that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sought to eliminate in *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC*. “[T]he authority to select and control who will minister to the faithful is the church’s alone,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the court’s opinion. Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, and Elena Kagan wrote separate concurring opinions that said the ministerial exception should be

even broader than Roberts allowed in his opinion. “It was a strong rebuke to the extreme position taken by the Obama administration,” said Luke Goodrich of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, who served as counsel to the church in the case. “One of the biggest things is it’s unanimously decided, which nobody was predicting and is a really big deal. ... It’s a great day for religious liberty.”

### New Lawsuit Over Conscience Protections

(WNS)—An evangelical college has sued the federal government over the thin conscience protections in the national healthcare law. The same day the school filed the suit, an array of evangelical leaders sent another letter to the White House contesting the current conscience protections and urging President Obama to expand those protections. Colorado Christian University filed the lawsuit in January contesting the constitutionality of the healthcare law, which says employers must provide coverage for contraceptives, including abortifacients like Plan B and Ella, drugs that can prevent an embryo from implanting in the womb. The law allows an exemption from that rule for a religious employer only if the organization primarily employs and serves the same religion, and has as its main purpose the “inculcation of religious values,” which essentially only covers churches. Colorado Christian is a nondenominational school in Lakewood, Colo., with about 4,200 students, and it does not expect it would fall under the religious exemption.

### New Hampshire House Defunds Planned Parenthood

(WNS)—The New Hampshire House of Representatives voted 207-147 on Jan. 18 to pass a bill stripping state funding of Planned Parenthood and any other group performing elective abortions. The 60-vote majority was plenty to pass HB 228 on to the state Senate, but not enough to override a potential veto from Gov. John Lynch.

“The majority of people agree that, regardless of individual beliefs, taxpayers should not be forced to contribute to the largest abortion provider in America when so many are diametrically religiously and morally opposed to the practice of abortions,” House Speaker Bill O’Brien said.

The pro-life Susan B. Anthony List applauded legislators’ decision, as did the Alliance Defense Fund.

“Every innocent life deserves to be protected. Taxpayer dollars should go toward helping and caring for the most vulnerable Americans, not killing them,” said ADF Senior Counsel Mike Norton. “New Hampshire taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortions.”

Last October, the House Health and Human Services Committee — consisting of 13 Republicans and five Democrats — voted

12-5 to kill the bill on the House floor. O’Brien urged legislators to ignore that report and support the bill instead.

### “Tebow Bills” Abound

(WNS)—Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow’s success on the football field hasn’t just gotten the attention of every sportswriter in the country or sparked the use of a new verb (“Tebowing”) this year. If some legislators have their way, it could pave a whole new avenue for homeschoolers to be able to play on organized sports teams at their local public schools.

Tebow, now 24, grew up in Florida — one of 24 states with “equal access” laws that allow homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities at their local public high schools. But in recent years, at least three others — Alabama, Arkansas and Kentucky — have introduced legislation specifically named after Tebow to have the same privilege. In Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell said he’d support similar legislation introduced there. “Homeschool parents pay taxes like everybody else,” he said. “It’s just fair.”

## The Battle of New York

By Tiffany Jones

(WNS)—Police on Jan. 12 arrested 43 New York City pastors and lay people who were protesting the city’s ban on church use of public schools for worship services. The ban is scheduled to go into effect on Feb. 12.

The arrests came after more than 200 persons gathered in the rain outside a Bronx public school where Mayor Michael Bloomberg was giving his State of the City address. After singing songs and cheering speeches, protesters walked out in orderly groups of five to eight to kneel in front of barricades and pray. Police warned them to leave and then made arrests on charges of disorderly conduct.

The New York Board of Education wants to ban religious use of schools on Sunday mornings or at other times the schools are otherwise unused—even though the churches rent the space, dropping an estimated several million dollars per year into the city cashbox. If the ban prevails, more than 150 congregations will have to move to other meeting space starting next month—and that’s hard to find in New York City.

One week before the large protest, police arrested New York City Councilman and pastor Fernando

Cabrera, pastor Bill Devlin, and five others on charges of “criminal trespassing.” Their alleged trespass was kneeling and singing two hymns outside the doors of the New York City Law Department. Police held them in custody for three hours.

The following day, Jan. 6, the New York Housing Authorities reversed its position to evict churches that meet inside community centers.



New York City pastors and lay people who were protesting the city’s ban on church use of public schools for worship services.

Board of Education officials stuck with their ban, though, saying it will protect the minds of “impressionable youth.”

On Jan. 9 more than 100 persons from different ethnic, income, and denominational backgrounds held a prayer meeting at Calvary Baptist Church in Midtown Manhattan. The prayer event concluded a citywide week of fasting and prayer on behalf of pastors and council members who are working

### Ron Paul Introduces Legislation to Strike NDAA’s Unconstitutional Section 1021

By Kurt Nimmo

(Infowars.com) Rep. Ron Paul left the campaign trail last week to speak on the House floor about the National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed into law on the first day of the new year by Obama.

Paul introduced legislation to strike the NDAA’s Section 1021, the discretionary detention provision authorizing the President to detain persons accused by the gov-

ernment of supporting terrorism.

Ron Paul has serious reservations despite Obama’s issuing a signing statement declaring that he will not use the law to detain Americans. In December, Paul said the bill will accelerate the country’s “slip into tyranny” and virtually assures “our descent into totalitarianism.”

The Texas congressman and presidential candidate said on Wednesday the bill “provides for the possibility of the U.S. military acting as a kind of police force on U.S. soil, apprehending terror suspects, including Americans, and whisk-

ing them off to an undisclosed location indefinitely.”

He then criticized his fellow lawmakers. “Sadly, too many of my colleagues are too willing to undermine our constitution to support such outrageous legislation. One senator even said, about American citizens being picked up under this section of the NDAA, ‘When they say ‘I want my lawyer,’ you tell them, ‘Shut up. You don’t get a lawyer.’”

“Is this acceptable in someone who has taken an oath to uphold the constitution?” Paul asked.

### Dead people allowed to vote in New Hampshire

By Fred Jackson

(OneNewsNow) An undercover investigation team has released a video showing poll workers in New Hampshire handing out ballots to voters who used the names of dead people.

The investigation was conducted by James O’Keefe, the same man who over the past several years caught several ACORN workers violating tax laws and turning a blind eye to underage prostitu-

tion. Members of O’Keefe’s team were able to use the names of dead people to get ballots because New Hampshire is one of those states that does not require voters to present identification when they show up at polling stations.

Pro-family leader Gary Bauer says one of the O’Keefe investigators even offered to show some ID but was told by the polling station worker that “the state says we are not allowed to ask for identification.” Bauer says recent polls have shown that most Americans support voter ID laws.

Yet, Bauer says, despite the fact that ID requirements are in place to buy alcohol, board an airplane, or cash a check, “Democrats insist that it is an onerous burden to ask citizens to produce an ID when they cast their ballots.”

The Senator Paul left unnamed is Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.). Graham has compared the war on terror to the Second World War and believes suspected enemies should be stripped of constitutional protections. The so-called war on terror — including the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan — was not declared by Congress. Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution makes it clear only Congress can declare war and the president is then authorized to wage it.

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to overturn the ban.

Bronx Pastor Dimas Salberrios said the ban would be particularly harmful in poorer communities: Churches in boroughs like Queens and the Bronx successfully battle crime and poverty, and uprooting them is “destructive.” He pointed to lower crime rates, help for the poor and homeless, and educational assistance for children as examples of what churches contribute.

The Bronx pastor, who has battled homicides in his own neighborhood and been held at gunpoint six times, has been on a hunger strike since Jan. 1 and says he won’t eat until the ban is overturned.

Attempts at a legislative fix are underway. New York Assemblyman Nelson Castro has introduced Bill A08800, which would allow “the use of school buildings and school sites for religious meetings and worship when not in use for school purposes or when such service or worship is deemed not disruptive of normal school operations.”

## Member of Kuwaiti royal family embraces Christ

By Michael Ireland

**IRAN (ANS)** -- A Kuwaiti royal prince has become a believer in Jesus Christ and says that if he is killed because of an audio recording he made about his decision, he believes he will meet Christ face-to-face.

According to [www.Mohabatnews.com](http://www.Mohabatnews.com), the Iranian Christian News Agency, Al-haqiqah, a Christian Arabic satellite T.V. station, which broadcasts Christian programs, played an audio file which it attributed to a Kuwaiti prince called "Abdollah Al-sabah."

This Kuwaiti prince announced, "First of all, I totally agree with the distribution of this audio file and I now declare that if they kill me because of this audio file, then I'll go into the presence of Jesus Christ and be with him for all eternity."

The T.V. channel claimed that Prince Abdollah Al-sabah comes

from a Kuwaiti royal family which currently governs the country. The channel also said that the prince recently denounced his Islamic faith and became a Christian.

The prince added: "I'm satisfied with whatever they do to me, because the truth in the Bible has guided me to the right way."

Regarding the Islamic groups who have recently gained power in Egypt, this Kuwaiti prince also stated, "Islamic communities have always wanted to attack in different parts of the world, but God has preserved the world and still protects it. This is why we have recently seen disagreements appearing among Islamic groups who are now fighting with each other. They are about to divide further into different groups."

Mohabat News says this piece



**Kuwaiti royal prince**  
(Courtesy Mohabat News)

of news made headlines briefly on Arabic newswires and also in the Iranian government run news agency. Some independent Shiite websites contradicted this report and quoted another Kuwaiti prince, Azbi Al-sabah as saying, "There is no one in the Kuwaiti royal family by that name."

Kuwait is a Middle Eastern country, neighboring Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Iran across the Persian Gulf. Its capital city is also called Kuwait.

Islam is the official and dominant religion in Kuwait, and almost the entire population is Muslim.

Only 4 percent of the population is Christian, and there is a tiny group of other religions. Article 2 of the Kuwaiti constitution reads, "Islam is the official religion in the country and Sharia is a main source for legislation."

## North Korea's leader will not last long, says Kim Jong-un's brother

By Dan Wooding

**BEIJING, CHINA (ANS)** -- "The eldest son of North Korea's late leader Kim Jong-il has predicted the regime would soon fail, with or without reforms, according to a new book that the author says is based on emails and interviews with Kim Jong-nam."

This extraordinary statement was made in a story by Jonathan Watts and Tania Branigan in Beijing for the UK-based newspaper, The Guardian ([www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk)).

The journalists said that the book says that Kim Jong-nam - who has never met the new leader, his half-brother Kim Jong-un - described the dynastic succession as "a joke to the outside world", and said even his father had originally opposed the hereditary transfer of power.

"The Kim Jong-un regime will not last long," Kim Jong-nam is said to have written, forecasting a power struggle. "Without reforms, North Korea will collapse, and when such changes take place the regime will collapse."

Kim Jong-nam added: "I think we will see valuable time lost as the regime sits idle fretting over whether it should pursue reforms or stick to the present political structure."

The journalists went on to say that the claims emerge in a book by Yoji Gomi, a journalist with Tokyo Shimbun, who said he exchanged emails with Kim Jong-nam over seven years. The date of the remarks on the regime is unclear.

Gomi, who lived for years in Seoul and Beijing, said he met Kim three

times in total, once in 2004 and twice in 2011.

"He gave me a very good impression. He's very gentle and friendly," Gomi said.



**Kim Jong-un salutes during his father Kim Jong-il's memorial service in Pyongyang.**  
(Photograph: North Korea TV/AFP/Getty Images)

"We exchanged emails over some time and when I suggested compiling our exchanges as a book, he agreed. At first he wanted publication to be delayed, but when I said we ought to go ahead because of everything that is happening in

Earlier, when it had appeared that the negotiations had stalled, demonstrators again took the streets. But this time the government responded by sending security forces in response. In Lagos, the capital, and Kano, the country's second largest city, tanks barricaded key intersections where last week thousands had demonstrated. Soldiers in Lagos fired live rounds of ammunition over a crowd of several hundred demonstrators. The journalists attending the Kampala conference believe the military's presence could lead to violent confrontations in Africa's most populous nation and its second largest economy.

Nigeria exports more than 2 million barrels of crude oil daily, most of it to the United States. Those U.S. imports amount to 10 percent of the country's petroleum consumption. But Nigeria's oil industry, Africa's largest, is riddled with broken infrastructure and corruption that has left it unable to refine its own crude: Nigeria actually imports 70 percent of the refined oil it needs for consumption. According to the government, fuel importers benefit most from

## World News

### 71 Year Old Pastor Shot To Death in the Philippines

By Noel Tarrazona

**MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES (ANS)** -- A 71-year old pastor with the Christian and Missionary Alliance was shot dead in December, a few blocks away from a private hospital in this island region, while on board a public Jeepney, the most popular means of public transportation in the Philippines.

A police investigation identified the victim as Pastor Melencio Magdayao of the province who was seated on the front seat and was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen on board a motorcycle.

Police Station 6 chief Albert Larubis said Pastor Magdayao sustained two bullet wounds in the head and died on the spot. A police investigator has recovered two empty .45 caliber capsules from the crime scene. The duo of

assailants immediately fled from the crime scene that occurred in the middle of vehicular traffic congestion.

The province is known for Christian pastors becoming victims of persecution. Just early this year, a lady pastor of a local Pentecostal church was hacked to death by suspected Moslem rebels in front of her daughter.

Christian community leaders have asked their Christian brethren around the world to pray for the evangelistic work in this restive region. There are three active Moslem rebel groups fighting for a possible separate Islamic state in the predominantly Christian Southern Philippines. They are the Moro National Liberation Front, Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Abu Sayyaf.

North Korea right now, he said that was OK. I don't feel that he has any ambition to become leader of North Korea, but he wants to contribute to improving the situation in the country. He travels a great deal, but his base is in Macau."

The story added, "A publicist for the Bungei Shunju publishing company said the book would be published shortly.

"Kim Jong-nam has previously offered relatively outspoken if brief remarks on the North to journalists who have tracked him down, but these reported messages go much further. Experts on North Korea cautioned that it was impossible to verify the details unless or until Kim Jong-nam confirmed he had written the emails."

They concluded by saying that in one message, Kim Jong-nam remarked: "I'm concerned how

Jong-un, who merely resembles my grandfather [former North Korean leader Kim Il-sung], will be able to satisfy the needs of North Koreans. "Kim Jong-un is still just a nominal figure and the members of the power elite will be the ones in actual power."

Note from Dan Wooding: Having once been to North Korea on a reporting trip, I find this information quite intriguing and an amazing look behind the secretive curtain of this mysterious land. Only time will tell if this turn out to be true. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for the many suffering Christians in North Korea who are in the numerous concentration camps there. Once again, Open Doors, in its World Watch List, has named North Korea as the World's Worst Persecutor of Christians for the ninth straight year.

restaurants and some factories in Kampala and several other Ugandan cities closed starting Jan. 11. But by Monday they relented after a meeting with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni: "We have called off the strike but we shall continue the fight," said business leader Evaristo Kayondo.

Many African nations are confronting inflation and delayed effects from the recent global recession, while at the same time there is a heightened awareness of the power of street action following the Arab Spring revolts in the Middle East and North Africa. The Nigerian journalists attending the two-week conference in Uganda—which includes 18 journalists from nine African nations—hope that business entities and governments will continue to talk to one another long enough for them to return home.

## Nigerian Crisis

*Six Nigerian journalists make their way to Uganda despite a nationwide strike in their home country threatening air travel*

By Mindy Belz

(WNS)--Labor unions initiated what local newspapers have called "an industrial action" against the Nigerian government over the removal of fuel subsidies earlier this month. Fueling public anger, President Goodluck Jonathan gave Nigerians only one week's notice that the subsidies would be lifted—resulting in a 150 percent increase in fuel prices.

Ending the subsidy, which kept fuel prices artificially low, prompted mass demonstrations across the country starting a week ago. Labor unions followed, announcing work stoppages that halted air traffic and public transportation.

"Action embarked upon by workers in Nigeria has literally shut down the country," said Emmanuel Adeniyi, a reporter for the *Nigerian Tribune* who made it to a World Journalism Institute (WJI) conference in Kampala—a journey of over 3,000 miles—despite the

cancellation of most commercial flights. Adeniyi said that the journalists also worried that government-imposed curfews to curb demonstrations could make travel difficult. But a brief window of movement opened over the weekend while the Jonathan government and labor unions negotiated ways to end the crisis.

The crisis has come at the same time that the militant Islamic group Boko Haram has stepped up attacks against Christian groups, including bombings and shootings that have killed more than 100 since Christmas Day. Jonathan has accused the militants of using the street demonstrations to foment chaos and lawlessness.

On Monday, the unions suspended their nationwide strike just hours after Jonathan partially reinstated the subsidies. Union leaders claimed victory in the dispute, as they will be able to guide the country's policy on fuel subsidies in the future.

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# Health

## More than 75 percent of all 'honey' sold in grocery stores contains no honey at all

By Ethan A. Huff, staff writer

(NaturalNews) Just because those cute little bear-shaped bottles at the grocery store say "honey" on them does not necessarily mean that they actually contain honey. A comprehensive investigation conducted by *Food Safety News* (FSN) has found that the vast majority of so-called honey products sold at grocery stores, big box stores, drug stores, and restaurants do not contain any pollen, which means they are not real honey.



For the investigation, Vaughn Bryant, one of the nation's leading melissopalynologists, or experts in identifying pollen in honey, and director of the Palynology Research Laboratory at Texas A&M University, evaluated more than 60 products labeled as "honey" that had been purchased by FSN from ten states and the District of Columbia.

Bryant found that 76 percent of "honey" samples purchased from major grocery store chains like Kroger and Safeway, and 77 percent of samples purchased from big box chains like Sam's Club and Wal-Mart, did not contain any pollen. Even worse were "honey" samples taken from drug stores like Walgreens and CVS, and fast food restaurants like McDonald's and KFC, 100 percent of which were found to contain not a trace of pollen.

The full FSN report with a list of all the pollen-less "honey" brands can be accessed here at [www.foodsafetynews.com](http://www.foodsafetynews.com).

So what is all this phony honey made of? It is difficult to say for sure, as pollen is the key to verifying that honey is real. According to FSN, much of this imposter honey is more likely being secretly imported from China, and may

even be contaminated with antibiotic drugs and other foreign materials.

According to FSN, the lack of pollen in most conventional "honey" products is due to these products having been ultra-filtered. This means that they have been intensely heated, forced through extremely tiny filters, and potentially even watered down or adulterated in some way prior to hitting store shelves.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) holds the position that any so-called honey products that have been ultra-filtered are not actually honey. But the agency refuses to do anything to stop this influx of illegitimate "honey" from flooding the North American market. It also continues to stonewall all petitions to establish a national regulatory standard for verifying the integrity of honey.

Assuming that there is any real honey at all in the phony honey products tested by FSN, the removal of pollen and other delicate materials via ultra-filtering renders them medicinally dead. Raw honey is a health-promoting food that can help alleviate stomach problems, anemia, allergies, and other health conditions. Ultra-filtered honey is nothing more than a health-destroying processed sugar in the same vein as white table sugar or high fructose corn syrup.

The good news is that all of the honey products FSN tested from farmers markets, food cooperatives, and "natural" stores like Trader Joe's and Whole Foods, were found to contain pollen and a full array of antioxidants and other nutrients. Local beekeepers are another great source of obtaining raw, unprocessed, real honey.

## EPA targets families that generate heat off the grid using traditional wood-burning stoves

By Jonathan Benson

(NaturalNews) Traditional wood-burning stoves are still one of the most cost-efficient, sustainable, and renewable sources of energy production that families can use to heat their homes. But

the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is not a huge fan of them, as was evidenced by its recent decision to push those who use traditional models to convert to EPA-approved - - and oftentimes much more expensive -- alternative models.

## FDA violates law by refusing to ban antibiotics from use in animal feed

By Ethan A. Huff

(NaturalNews) Earlier in the year, several concerned groups sued the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for failing to address the issue of antibiotic use in animal feed. Though numerous studies have found that adding antibiotics to animal feed undeniably causes antibiotic resistance, including an FDA study from 1977, the agency insists that banning the practice is too difficult.

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), the Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT), and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) all agree that using penicillin and tetracyclines (antibiotics used to treat humans) in animal feed to bulk animals up and cause them grow faster is an unacceptable threat to public health. But the FDA apparently does not agree, as it claims that implementing any sort of ban

will be "too expensive and resource intensive," according to a FACT press release.

The FDA stated in its response to the lawsuit that, rather than forcibly restrict the use of antibiotics, the agency will instead allow drug companies to continue "self-regulating" themselves. In other words, it is just more business as usual at the taxpayer-funded Big Pharma agency that looks out for special interests rather than the interests of the people.

"Instead of adhering to its mission to protect consumers, the FDA is waiting for the drug companies to voluntarily do what the agency is legally mandated to do," said FACT's Public Health Program Director Steven Roach. "There is absolutely no reason to believe that drug companies will voluntarily reduce sales of antibiotics and act against their own finan-



cial self-interest. Without reductions in antibiotics used it is impossible for there to be any public health benefit."

It only makes sense that the agency tasked with protecting public health would be expected to step up to the plate and restrict antibiotic use in animals except in cases of actual illness. But the FDA works for a different boss, and few in the American public seem to care that this rogue traitor continues to pad its pockets at the expense of their health.

Not only do antibiotics cause animals to become obese and ill, but they also cause serious health problems in those that eat meat produced from such animals. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) even admitted back in 2010 that antibiotic use in livestock is a serious threat to human health.

## CDC admits not a single person has died from consuming raw milk products in 11 years

*If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.*

Numbers 14:8

By Ethan A. Huff

(NaturalNews) The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) refuses to acknowledge that, based on all available statistics, raw milk produced on clean, small-scale farms is actually far safer than pasteurized milk from factory farms. But the agency did admit earlier this year, after being pressed and warned of a potential Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request if it failed to comply, that not a single person has died from raw milk consumption in over a decade.

This may come as a shock to some who, because of all the propaganda

about the alleged dangers of raw milk, are convinced otherwise, but it is true -- one of the two deaths often cited by the CDC as evidence that raw milk is dangerous was actually linked to the consumption of raw queso fresco

cheese, which is currently outlawed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). And the other is likely linked to an adulterated raw milk product as well, rather than to raw milk.

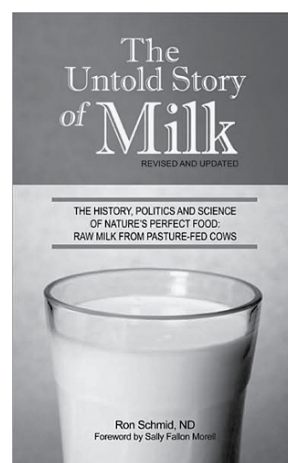
After repeatedly petitioning the CDC for clarification about its questionable raw milk statistics and getting nowhere, Mark McAfee, owner of Organic Pastures Dairy Company (OPDC) in California, finally threatened to file a FOIA request to get to the truth. Shortly thereafter, he received a response from an unidentified official at the CDC's information office explaining that the one "raw

milk" death that occurred between 1998 and 2008 was actually linked to illegal raw queso fresco cheese.

The agency has not yet provided details about the other death, but it is likely that it, too, was linked to some adulterated raw milk product rather than to raw milk itself. If and when the agency finally fesses up to the truth about that case, it will also be inadvertently admitting that it has lied to the public for many years about the nature of raw milk.

The CDC's continual avoidance of talking about the much worse dangers associated with pasteurized milk further illustrates its raw milk bias. In 2006 alone, there were at least 1,300 people who got sick from pasteurized milk just in California -- and yet the CDC only talks about the roughly 39 reported illnesses every year in the Golden State that are alleged, but not necessarily proven to be, linked to raw milk.

To learn more about the safety of raw milk versus pasteurized milk, check out Dr. Ron Schmid's book *The Untold Story of Milk: Green Pastures, Contented Cows and Raw Dairy Products*



Throughout history, civilizations have relied on the burning of wood to cook food, warm water, and heat places of dwelling. After all, trees are an abundant and renewable source of wood, which means that the costs associated with obtaining energy and heat from burning wood are minimal. This, of course, is why many cash-strapped folks today are turning to wood-burning stoves rather than their local utilities.

But the EPA is now expressing concern about the 80 percent-or-so of wood stove users that still rely on non-EPA approved models. Most of the wood stoves manufactured before 1990 do not contain the EPA's certification stamp of approval which, in the eyes of the agency, means they are an unnecessary contributor of excess environmental pollution.

This is debatable, of course, as EPA-approved models can still emit excess smoke just like the others, and may not necessarily provide any pollution-reducing benefits at all. Because of their altered designs, many of the new EPA-approved models do not work as well as the older models, either, especially when used in severely-cold weather ([www.energybulletin.net/51578](http://www.energybulletin.net/51578)).

Most wood-burning stove companies in the US actually went out of business shortly after the EPA established its original certification requirements for wood stoves back in the 1990s. Many

of the companies simply could not develop a complying product that actually worked. Today, the EPA is once again revisiting these New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) guidelines in order to push even more people away from the old stoves.

At the same time, EPA spokeswoman Alison Davis recently tried to whitewash the agency's position against wood stoves by claiming that the EPA is "not in the business of telling people how to heat their homes." No, it is actually in the business of restricting the types of wood stoves manufacturers are allowed to produce and sell, which ultimately does tell people how to heat their homes by robbing them of their freedom of choice.



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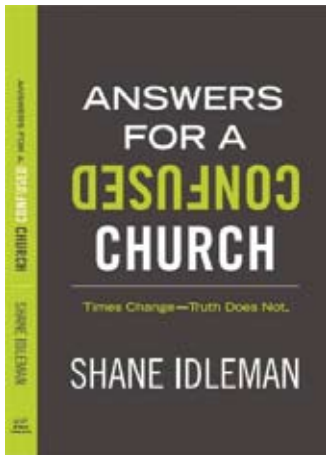
## Answers For a Confused Church

By Good News Today Staff

**Lancaster, Calif.** -- There is a dangerous trend in the evangelical church today. A futile attempt is being made to conform God's Word to social norms, rather than to conform social norms to His Word. As a result, truth is vague, doctrine is blurred, and the fundamentals of the Christian faith are often avoided. For this reason, this book outlines some key issues confronting the church today such as absolute truth, unity, judging, abortion, sexual sin, politics, compromise, revival, preaching, repentance, and so on.

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"Shane Idleman rings a clarion bell for the church

today, calling it to its primary duty, to proclaim the truth in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church is not called to make the Gospel acceptable but to make it clear. That is preaching the truth. Shane gives a stark reminder to



the Emergent Church Movement." -- Alex Montoya, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries, The Master's Seminary in Sun Valley, California, Senior pastor, The First Fundamental Bible Church, Ca.

"Every now and again, I find myself reminded of a few things. I'm reminded of how precious the truth is, how more and more people are straying from it, and how increasingly crucial it's becoming to contend for it... Shane's latest

book has been one such reminder. In *Answers For a Confused Church*, a powerful passion for God's truth has been put onto print... a passion that will prepare its readers to stand up for what's right in a fallen world." -- Pastor Bob Coy, Senior Pastor; Calvary

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"In *Answers for a Confused Church*, Shane Idleman urges authentic Christians to stand firm against the politically correct tide sweeping our nation and to hold firm to the authority of God's

## Church is for Amateurs

By Good News Today Staff

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** -- What is the best way for American Christians to impact their country? According to one pastor, the answer is to go underground.

Rev. Eric Foley is pastor of .W Evangelical Church in Colorado, Korea, and China and author of *Church is for Amateurs*, a book that draws on North Korean underground church discipleship strategies to teach American Christians how to plant underground churches in their own neighborhoods.

"Going underground is the opposite of hunkering down and keeping quiet about your faith," says Foley. "It's about training families, not institutions, to be the center of church life -- equipping them to be 'Living Bibles' in their neighborhoods, with the church

Word. His challenge to speak the Truth, in love, to a culture that does not believe in absolute truth is refreshing. Shane is right: Times change, but Truth does not." -- Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council; Washington, D.C.

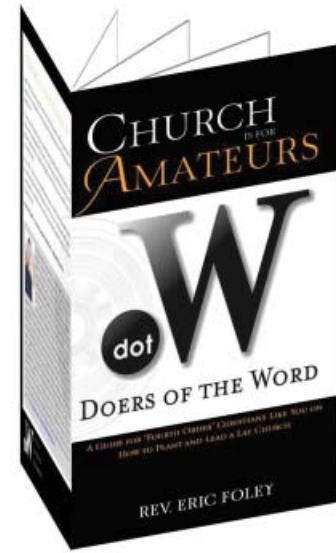
relying on them to take on for their sphere of influence all the functions of church life that churches usually reserve for pastors."

Foley created a structured discipleship training program that trains families to grow to fullness in Christ. Part of that is internalizing,

without external aids, what he calls the "bookshelf" of the faith: The Nicene Creed and one Bible passage and one classic hymn weekly, which he says is how most Christians around the world through history have learned and retained theology.

"People say, 'Oh, you're a

house church that memorizes Bible verses,' but that's not accurate," says Foley. "We work a lot with small groups in traditional churches as well. What distinguishes us is outcome-based structured discipleship training strategies. Jesus says hearing the word is only half the learning.



Doing the word is fully 50% of what Christianity is all about."

What does going underground look like for a traditional church? Foley says it's about investing 100% of the church functions in mem-

bers where they live, not clergy in church buildings, and revamping services "to have church wherever those in your sphere of influence congregate. Then, instead of having to attract people to some special location, you hear and do the word right where they have no choice but to see it."

The booklet detailing that method, *Church is For Amateurs*, is available at [www.seoulusa.org/resources](http://www.seoulusa.org/resources). Foley's weekly podcast, YouTube video, and blog posts can be accessed for free at [www.ericfoley.com](http://www.ericfoley.com).

## Season ends, but Tebow inspired fans on and off the field

By Tim Ellsworth

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (BP)** -- Tim Tebow's riveting and tumultuous season ended Jan. 14, with the New England Patriots hammering the Denver Broncos 45-10 in an AFC divisional playoff game.

"A lot of ups and downs," Tebow said about his second NFL season after the loss in Foxborough, Mass. "Overall, it's been a very special opportunity for me, something I'm really thankful for. There's a lot of things we're proud of. Obviously, it's hard to see them all right now," Tebow was quoted as saying.

Still, Tebow's performance over the course of the season earned him the right to be the starting quarterback entering the 2012 season, Denver vice president of football operations John Elway said Monday (Jan. 16).

The popular quarterback, whose habit of kneeling in prayer on the football field started a nationwide trend of copycats engaged in "Tebowing," inspired millions of fans with his positive attitude, charitable work with the seriously ill and overt references to his faith in Jesus Christ. He also earned the derision and mockery of others who didn't share his religious beliefs.

Tebow's penchant for pulling out seemingly impossible wins also sparked a lively debate about the role God plays in a player's success.

"It may be that Tebow will succeed in spectacular fashion; it may be that he will have the worst game of his life," Owen Strachan, professor of theology and church history at Boyce College, wrote in an article in *The Atlantic* before the game with the Patriots.

"Either way, the Bible assures us that God loves his chosen, God is orchestrating every detail of their lives, and God will lead them through success or failure to the end of all things."

Tebow's status with the Broncos was a touchy subject even from the start of the team's training camp. Several football analysts were pessimistic about his prospects as a successful NFL quarterback, and at one time speculation loomed that Tebow might fall to third-string behind Brady Quinn.

Things changed, however, when Denver went only 1-4 under then-quarterback Kyle Orton. The Broncos handed the starting job to Tebow who led the team to a 7-1 record over the

next eight games, including several thrilling come-from-behind victories in the final seconds.

Though Tebow struggled late in the season and the Broncos lost their final three games, they squeaked into the playoffs when



**In the Pitts vs Denver playoff game Tebow had 316 total passing yards and averaged 31.6 yards per pass and the final quarter-hour TV rating for the game was 31.6, which caused millions to remember then Google Tim's favorite verse -- John 3:16.**

Oakland lost its final game to San Diego, giving Denver the division title with an 8-8 record. In Denver's opening-round playoff game against Pittsburgh Jan. 8, Tebow had his best game in the NFL -- throwing for 316 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown pass on the first play in overtime to give the Broncos a shocking win.

But Tebow couldn't duplicate that success against the Patriots. New England quarterback Tom Brady threw six touchdown passes, and Tebow completed only nine of 26 passing attempts for 136 yards.

"I just wanted to show character, and anytime you get beat like that, you continue to fight," Tebow said after the game. "It doesn't change who you are, how you play, how you go out there. You should be the same at all times, and that's what I wanted to show."

Throughout the season, Tebow was the subject of mockery and

scorn by some -- such as Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch, who kneeled in a mocking prayerful pose after sacking Tebow in an Oct. 30 game. Others, including Baltimore Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs, were more vocal in their criticism. "We don't need God on our sidelines," Suggs said in reference to Tebow.

Despite the criticism, by the end of the season Tebow was earning the fanfare of writers and fans alike. ESPN columnist Rick Reilly, in an article titled "I believe in Tim Tebow," reported on Tebow's actions toward those who have serious illnesses.

"Every week, Tebow picks out someone who is suffering, or who is dying, or who is injured," Reilly wrote. "He flies these people and their families to the Broncos game, rents them a car, puts them up in a nice hotel, buys them dinner (usually at a Dave & Buster's), gets them and

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their families pregame passes, visits with them just before kickoff (!), gets them 30-yard-line tickets down low, visits with them after the game (sometimes for an hour), has them walk him to his car, and sends them off with a basket of gifts."

Reilly said such actions, regardless of Tebow's performance on the field, are praiseworthy.

"I've given up giving up on him," Reilly wrote. "I'm a 100 percent believer. Not in his arm. Not in his skills. I believe in his heart, his there-will-definitely-be-a-pony-under-the-tree optimism, the way his love pours into people, right up to their eyeballs, until they believe they can master the hopeless comeback, too."

Tebow, who won the Heisman Trophy as a quarterback at the University of Florida, is a member of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

### Liberty University Sponsors Skier's Olympic Bid

(WNS)--Liberty University could be headed to the 2014 Winter Olympics on the back of a freestyle skier who will promote the Christian campus on slopes around the world as he bids for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team. School officials unveiled the unusual marketing campaign on Jan. 10. Liberty, based in Lynchburg, Va., will be Jay Panther's title sponsor, a spot usually reserved for companies selling sports drinks or ski gear. But during a news conference

held at the school's manmade ski slope, Panther said partnering with a Christian university made perfect sense for him. Moore declined to say how much the sponsorship would cost the university. As part of his sponsorship agreement, Panther will coach the school's ski team and give general instruction at the Snowflex, where he will continue to train. He also will represent Liberty during an upcoming tour of churches, schools and businesses.

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## A Night with Seth Putnam

New Hope Christian Church's ongoing 'Worship Cafe' Series presents: *A Night With Seth Putnam*. The citizens of Swansea and surrounding communities are expected to attend a fun-filled, wholesome, family event featuring the contemporary Christian music of renowned artist Seth Putnam. Food and soft drinks will be served and patrons are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the needy.



Seth Putnam is a Christian artist from N. Reading, MA, known for playing Contemporary Christian and Worship Music throughout New England and at various Coffee Houses in the area. The public is invited to a night of music and fellowship on Feb. 24, 2012 at 6 PM - 10 PM. Music Starts at 7 PM. The Coffeehouse is located at New Hope Christian Church, 436 G.A.R Highway, Swansea, Massachusetts.

*New Hope Christian Church is a growing Born-Again Christian Church with an active congregation, from both the East & West Bays. Members take part in a multitude of ministries, from helping the less fortunate of the inner city and in such places as Haiti and West Africa; to an audio/video ministry, which sells CDs & DVDs as well as broadcasts on radio, Cable and the WWW. NHCC also has concerts featuring Christian groups from all over New England in its Worship Cafe. All of this is very far from NHCC's 1975 origin with 4 people meeting in a Bristol living room. Eventually services were held in the Bristol American Legion hall. In 1986 the Church moved to its own build-*

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## The "Fair Plan"?

By Fred Comella

"patriot64" - blog.patriot64.com

"Hello, I'm from the government and I'm here to help you". When you hear these words, run!

Natural disaster is something beyond our ability to control. We may however prepare and insulate/"insure" ourselves against it. In doing so there is always cost associated and we all bare that cost in order to secure our financial well-being and that of our families. Having said this, we expect to pay a "reasonable" price/rate for that peace of mind and to be treated as equals under the laws and regulations. Discrimination based on perceived means or status should never figure into what one is charged for the same "insurance" or any product for that matter. Truth is I know this to be always easier said than done, especially in terms of the current political climate.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with Paula Aschettino of "Citizens for Homeowners Insurance Reform", (CHIR) a not for profit organization of property owners fighting for fair, reasonable, non-excessive homeowners insurance rates without the loss of coverage and no shift of risk to the consumers. Paula and her group are calling to task the so called "Fair plan", which is essentially

a group of insurers born out of Massachusetts state Legislation in order to deflect individual insurance company liability in the event of loss. While not a government agency per-se, this group has its own "overseers" or Board of Directors, along with 6 citizen appointees who have little or no input with regard to policy. At the time of this writing I am researching the Board to determine who they are, respective to the original legislation, its authors and any other person who might be associated with what appears to me to be a quasi-political agency.

The meat of CHIR's argument seems rooted in the "Fair Plan" and how it determines what rates shall apply and to whom, as well as what appear to be significant and unwarranted increases in the premiums charged primarily to home owners in proximity to the water. Aschettino also notes that some inland home owners of lessor means are also grouped in as "higher risk" and have seen their rates increase as well. Apparently, the increase(s) are based on what Aschettino feels is flawed data provided by ISO structural and weather related information from companies outside of the Bay State which are not using "Massachusetts accurate statistics" past and/or present. Moreover, these companies are in some cases even owned by the insurance companies affiliated with the "Fair Plan" themselves. Now there's a surprise... Models

of hypothetical events calculated using data from around the coastal United States are used in assessing the risk for the Coastal Cape and Islands. This also applies to structural worthiness assessments, not necessarily exclusive to the area building codes and a host of other requirements in MA which meet and in some cases even exceed the national standards.

All of this is further complicated by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance and what Aschettino says is their unwillingness to step in and make adjustments. As is always the case in these situations, one has to question their motivations in terms of political influence within the "Fair Plan". I would add here that Aschettino is not implying this, but I am...

Look, it's clear in my short conversation with Paula that there are serious questions regarding a group formed under legislative authority which has approximately \$200 million dollars in profits on the books, a board which may be operating outside the open meeting laws, 6 citizen appointees in name only with no input, and the appearance of impropriety with regard to insider deals and connections to plan members by data collection companies used to determine rates and increases. This is a no brainer people, and I'd sure like to know where Governor Deval Patrick is on the matter as well as Senator Scott Brown. There is not enough room for the information I have on this and I must defer to a later issue to keep you all up to date. That said, I believe there was a meeting at the MA Division of Insurance on January 19 attended by CHIR members.

So if this affects you, please go to <http://www.homeownersinsurancereform.org/> and get the skinny. There is strength in numbers and information, and Paula needs your help in getting the word out. There is even a bill aimed at ensuring that the information used to determine these rates and any subsequent increase(s) are accurate and applicable to the Massachusetts/Cape and Islands area - H00311.

Insurance in one form or another is something we all need. Companies know this and so do the politicians aligning themselves with these companies. Force their transparency and honesty. The money you save could be your own. To be continued...

## Family Science Night and Open House

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Proverbs 22:6

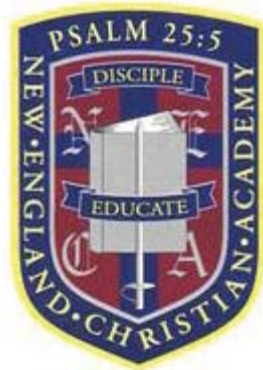
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Weekday tours are also available. You may contact the school at (508)-676-3011, or email neca02777@yahoo.com with any questions regarding this event or to schedule an appointment. For additional information about NECCA please visit their website at [www.necacademy.org](http://www.necacademy.org)

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## Dayspring Christian Academy to Host Open House Programs

ATTLEBORO—Dayspring Christian Academy will sponsor public Open House programs on Saturday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the school located at 1052 Newport Avenue (Route 1A at its intersection with Interstate Route 95) in Attleboro.

According to Administrator Frank Rydwansky, the Open House programs are designed to provide hands-on information about DCA to potential students for the 2012-13 academic year and their families. Both programs will include guided tours of the school and its facilities by DCA administration, staff and faculty members, with printed materials distributed free of charge and all questions answered.

Both programs are open to the public, free of charge, and no

advance reservations will be required. Free refreshments will be offered to all in attendance.

Dayspring Christian Academy is an interdenominational and coedu-



cational school which teaches students in pre-Kindergarten-3 through Grade 8 from a distinctively Christian world and life view. A ministry of the adjacent South Attleboro Assembly of God, DCA boasts a culturally and spiritually diverse student body representing more than 50 cities

and towns in Massachusetts and Rhode Island as well as more than 30 religious denominations.

Dayspring Christian Academy offers a strong and varied academic curriculum; a safe, structured and nurturing learning environment; low student-to-teacher ratios in every grade; proven academic achievements; computer laboratory and technology instruction; in-school library; extracurricular activities including music, fine arts, science and athletics; a day-long and year-long infant and toddler day care program; and after-school day care until 5 p.m. on school days.

Further information about Dayspring Christian Academy is available by contacting the school at 508-761-5552, or accessing its Web site at [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org).

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on Newt; nothing on Ron Paul. He has been slighted throughout the campaign and now the serious denigration is beginning. However, all of this is moot since there are powerful forces above the fray that will dictate policy regardless of the outcome. In the unlikely event that Congressman Paul wins the nomination and is successful in winning the election the hooligans who run the government with the support of many American citizens would stymie his plans.

President Barak Obama was elected on propagandized promises for beneficial change which, following the election, were ignored in favor of a plethora of inimical programs. We are unable to hold elected politicians accountable for promises made during their campaigns and they know it.

No society can remain free without strong critiques of government. The Church and the Fourth Estate should provide these checks. When for self serving reasons they fail and instead become partners despotism is in place. In United States instead of critiquing government the media seeks to brainwash the public into supporting its programs. It censors news that might be critical

and slants what it published to support the agenda. Long ago the Christian Church forsook its role as righteous agent and has now fallen into the pit of supporting government as a source of redemption rather than the God to Whom they are beholden.

It is an enduring bit of propaganda that United States citizens can own property. Everything is taxed and the government or predatory lawyers will quickly confiscate the property of owners that fall behind in paying their taxes. As we are seeing in our current economy homeowners who cannot make their mortgage payments find themselves out in the street. When a mortgage encumbers it, control of property is contingent on payments; if the property is not mortgaged, tax payments make it vulnerable. The United States of America does not allow its citizens full control of property.

Many forces are tearing our nation apart: Uncontrolled immigration, multi-culturalism, foreign wars, feminism, homosexuality, Christian suppression, theological manipulation, mainstream immorality, educational dysfunction, corporate mergers, theft of our assets, war on drugs, censorship and distortion of the news, Zionist hegemony, and more.

Now that we have lost our industrial base and entered into a lower standard of living the people who contributed to our problems are urging us to fix them. Tom Brokaw and Piers Morgan talked about what needs to be fixed and about the Republican Presidential debates restricting their discussion to Gingrich and Romney, purposely ignoring Ron Paul. Ron Paul supporters are learning that voting is a farce. Voters do not control our government; control is in the hands of the CPs. Media discussions are always severely propagandized, they never mention that the destruction of our nation was planned and the transfer of wealth to Asia began with the Japanese and has continued with China, India, and Korea. Manufacturing will not return and we will not compete in the world economy until our wage scale falls to equity with low wage nations. Promises to bring prosperity back to America are propaganda.

Blacks and Whites together in advertising and in TV programming lend credence to the benefits of racial integration. Programming that restricts leadership positions to either Women or Blacks denigrates White males. Depicting fathers as dishonest, immoral, bumbling or cruel contributes to the disintegration of the family.

### A Weekend to Remember from Page 5

to Remember and The Art of Marriage by going to the FamilyLife website: [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com). For dates and locations of upcoming Weekend to Remember getaways you may also look for the ad in this edition of the Good News Today. Once again it seems I will take something from "The Good News Today" that I might not have otherwise. It is inspiring beyond words how these short articles have shaped so much of my life



The Norman Family

recently. I continue to believe that many of the answers to our questions are for us to find right here, and that maybe we only need to take the next step. In just writ-

ing these few words as they were related to me by these truly special folks, I have come to understand even more so than I did before, the value of "Family Life" first...



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Support for our troops results in support for war; so does denigration of Muslims and Islam cultures. Television is rife with all of these propaganda tools.

Wars are preceded by propaganda campaigns that arouse the ire of the American people creating an emotional hate for the target of our armed forces. We learned to hate Germans and Japanese in the 1940s, Communists in the 1950s and 1960s, and now Muslims in the New Century.

History is written by the victors.

Recorded history is usually a form of propaganda. True history takes some serious persistent digging and even with that may be inaccessible. It was years beyond formal education that I learned President George Washington was more active as a Mason than he was as a Christian, and that President Lincoln had little personal interest in emancipation but was quick to impose Martial Law and imprison dissenting journalists.

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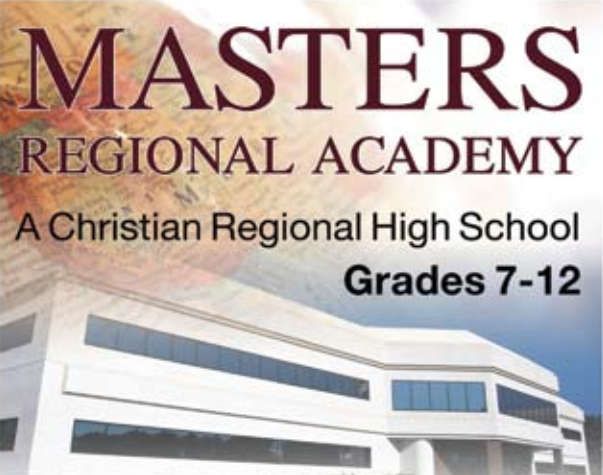
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# Entertainment



## Ten Movies Will Vie for Best Family Movie at Faith & Values Awards Gala in Los Angeles

By Michael Ireland

**HOLLYWOOD, CA (ANS)** - Ten movies will be honored at the 20th Annual Faith & Values Awards Gala and Report to the Entertainment Industry Friday, Feb. 10.

The movies will be the focus at a TV show and banquet at the Universal Hilton Hotel in the heart of the worldwide entertainment industry in Los Angeles, with one of the 10 being named the Best Movie for Families in 2011.

Family and child advocate Dr. Ted Baehr, founder and publisher of Movieguide®, recently announced Movieguide®'s picks for the 10 Best 2011 Movies for Families. The list of 10 Best 2011 Movies for Families, in alphabetical (not final) order, are:

The Adventures Of Tintin, Cars 2, Courageous, Hugo, Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, Mars Needs Moms, Mr. Popper's Penguins, The Muppets, Puss In Boots And Soul Surfer

Other movies, television programs, and people being honored Feb. 10 include the Ten Best 2011 Movies for Mature Audiences, the Most Inspiring Movie and TV Program of 2011, the Most Inspiring Performances in Movies and TV

in 2011, the \$50,000 Kairos Prizes for the Most Spiritually Uplifting Screenplay by Beginning Writers, and the Best Movie and TV Program in 2011 Promoting Positive American Values.

Movieguide® is the family guide to movies and entertainment. Every year it hosts the Faith & Values Awards, which shows filmmakers and TV producers and executives that wholesome, family-friendly, spiritually uplifting, inspiring movies, videos, and programs usually are the most successful ones, not only at the box office here and overseas, but also in home video sales.

Dr. Baehr is also chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission® (CFTVC) ministry. CFTVC and Movieguide® are an international non-profit ministry dedicated to "redeeming the values of the entertainment industry, according to biblical principles, by influencing industry executives and by informing and equipping the public about the influence of the entertainment media."

For more information, visit [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org) to help you pick the good from the bad.



## 'October Baby' Sets March Premiere

By Good News Today Staff

Nashville – From award-winning directors Jon and Andrew Erwin comes OCTOBER BABY, a groundbreaking, life-affirming movie premiering in theaters nationwide March 23, 2012. Provident Films—known for its association with such hit faith movies as COURAGEOUS and FIREPROOF—and Samuel Goldwyn Films (distributor of such hit faith films as FIREPROOF, AMAZING GRACE and FACING THE GIANTS among others) have signed on to market and distribute.

A production of the Erwin Brothers and American Family Studios, OCTOBER BABY weaves a dramatic, romantic, humorous story of one young woman's search for the truth after a life-changing discovery rocks her world.



"OCTOBER BABY is the story of 19-year-old Hannah, who finds out she is adopted and is the survivor of an attempted abortion," said co-director and co-writer Jon Erwin. "So, she goes on a road trip to find answers, locate her birth mother and, ultimately, discover how powerful forgiveness can be."

OCTOBER BABY offers viewers an enjoyable, entertaining, intensely human film about friends

hitting the road together and finding more than they bargained for: adventure, romance, truth . . . and the power to forgive. But, the film is more than that—it tells the story of one young woman's journey based on hundreds of stories of abortion survivors. OCTOBER BABY honestly and evenhandedly invites audiences to explore their own views of life's value and the importance of their choices.

"Like all good films, OCTOBER BABY entertains, encourages and challenges audiences," said Provident Films Senior Vice President Ben Howard. "Long after leaving the theater, viewers will continue conversations that OCTOBER BABY ignites."

OCTOBER BABY marks the feature film debut of the Erwin Brothers, multiple Dove Award winners for music videos featuring hit contemporary Christian artists such as Casting Crowns, Michael W. Smith and Francesca Battistelli. Jon Erwin and Theresa Preston co-wrote the film.

"We're thrilled to introduce these exciting, young filmmakers to audiences nationwide," said Meyer Gottlieb, president of Samuel Goldwyn Films. "OCTOBER BABY is one more exam-

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ple of Samuel Goldwyn Films' commitment to releasing films with a dedicated audience. That, coupled with getting to collaborate with Provident once again, made this a homerun for us."

Starring newcomer Rachel Hendrix as Hannah, OCTOBER BABY features John Schneider (Smallville, The Dukes of Hazzard) and Jasmine Guy (A Different World), along with Jason Burkey and American Idol finalist Chris Sligh in his feature film debut.

In support of the film's life-affirming theme, the producers of OCTOBER BABY have assigned 10 percent of the profits of the film to the Every Life is Beautiful Fund. The money will be distributed to frontline organizations helping women face crisis pregnancies, life-affirming adoption agencies and those caring for orphans.

"We feel like it's very important to use OCTOBER BABY as an opportunity to serve, give back and save lives," Jon Erwin said. "That's what we want the Every Life Is Beautiful Fund to be about."

OCTOBER BABY has already drawn wide praise from advance screenings. Mark Hall of Casting Crowns said, "I am now an OCTOBER BABY activist. This is something I have to be a part of." Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor, national speaker states, "I laughed so hard, cried so hard, and healed. Thank you!" and The Dove Foundation remarks, "We urge you to see this movie. It might just change your life."

One mother's story shared on Facebook - "My 14-year-old daughter watched the movie with me . . . at the end, my daughter said, 'Mom, OCTOBER BABY is my favorite movie ever.' OCTOBER BABY gave me an opportunity to discuss many issues with her—forgiveness, healing, abortion and more. Thank you, thank you, thank you again!"

To learn more, visit: [OctoberBabyMovie.net](http://OctoberBabyMovie.net)

## Purpose Found & Forgiveness Given: The Grandfathers

By Good News Today Staff

A young man's struggle with his complicated heritage is unraveled in *The Grandfathers*, a motion-graphics film from award-winning director Jim Hanon and producer Mart Green. This film completes a trilogy produced by EthnoGraphic Media (EGM) that includes *End of the Spear* and *Beyond the Gates of Splendor*. The first two films also tell the

unforgettable and inspiring story of the spearing of five missionaries by the Waodani tribe that occurred deep in the Amazon jungle. The impact of this tragic event lives on today in the families of these slain men, as well as among the tribesmen who were responsible for their deaths.

The Saint family legacy lives on through *The Grandfathers* as Jesse Saint, Steve's oldest son



and Nate's grandson, adventures to live with the tribe that murdered his grandfather. Jesse was not raised among the tribe like his father and struggles to find his place under the weight of the memory of a famous grandfather he never knew and a heroic father he does not fully understand. This all changes after Jesse travels to the jungles of Ecuador; only then does he confront his family's past and come to terms with his own destiny and his place in this amazing story.

Years spent living among the Waodani and befriending the three tribesmen who took part in his grandfather's murder teach

Jesse the healing power of dignity, respect and forgiveness. Hanon states, "Forgiveness is an awe-inspiring virtue that seems to have been passed on by the Saint family and is shared by many among the Waodani tribe—both demonstrate a profound capacity for forgiveness and healthy self-healing."

*The Grandfathers* has been awarded The Dove Foundation seal of approval.

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## Hi everyone,

If you don't believe our government will use NDAA or SOPA to advance their agenda read the story below:

There was a San Diego woman that was arrested for owning a website the Wall Street Journal wanted so they had the New York City District Attorney indict her for Personal Identity Theft of a website domain.

They kidnapped this woman from her home in San Diego and kept her in prison for 3 weeks in two states without giving her charges or an attorney. She had a miscarriage in prison.

They then took her to New York City to face felony charges of Personal Identity Theft on 4 counts as a New York City resident. She was facing 21 years for legally owning a website that a major corporation wanted so that they could turn it into a new business model.

Her husband sold his business and paid the \$50,000 bail and took her home to California when the NY State judge told her that Newspapers are people and that gave them jurisdiction in California.

The husband sued in Federal court the Dow Jones & Co. – The New York District Attorney – The City of New York – The NYPD and was told they all had absolute immunity.

The case is now in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals Case # 11-2619 Sorokin vs New York District Attorney. So yes they can come to your home kidnap you, make you disappear for weeks without an attorney and then put you in jail over a website domain dispute. This happened way before NDAA or SOPA.

You can call the New York City District Attorney media contact Erin Duggan (212) 335-9400 and tell her that the DA should drop all charges against Julia Sorokin.

Anonymous

## Miracles

By Jim Briggs - A Homeless Man

Every breath we take, every step we walk, every trial and tribulation we go through. We as mankind are always looking for signs of miracles to believe, yet miracles are always happening around us, but because we don't always walk in the light we are blind in the darkness. Our very breath is a miracle, every creature, every plant, every ocean and mountain is a miracle, even every trial and tribulation is a miracle. For it brings us closer to our Lord and Creator Almighty GOD. Every person that gives his life of sin up to walk in righteousness is a miracle in itself, for the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savoir is a miracle, without it our sinful nature would not be allowed to walk with him in eternal everlasting life. We sometimes think miracles should be these huge signs of a grand design but in truth miracles are simple things that we take for granted and over look like a breath of air. Praise the

## Hello Friends,

I'm not so old that I can't remember my thought process back when I was 15 or 16 years old. I suppose I could have been moved to one particular cause or another, but only if prodded or persuaded by someone of age and/or so called "wisdom". Hence my days as a not so bright "beach cleaner" with limited focus and an equally limited understanding of reality. My point is it's certainly a fair statement to say we mature with age. Much of what we believe in our youth is at the very least influenced by time and life's future lessons. Therefore, when I hear a young person speak to their belief system(s) one way or another, I take that with a grain of salt and snicker under my breath remembering all of my own journeys.

I live in Barrington RI now but grew up in Cranston, and I'm familiar with the prayer banner

hanging in my old school, Cranston High School West. Notably, I've always viewed my home city as a kind of quirky place where "keeping up with the Jones" seemed a way of life. It was hard to pin folks down as trends changed, religious and otherwise. For this reason hypocrisy will always factor into any analysis of mine concerning events coming out of Cranston. It's important to note however, this is personal distinction and not an indictment of the city on mass. Appropriately, the banner is a simple statement and its words give voice to some of the most basic values every student should aspire to regardless of the religious connotation attached to it. Truth be told, the story of Jessica Ahlquist and the prayer banner is somewhat of a non-starter for me based simply on the fact that this young woman is just that, a young woman. She is barely 16 and in the very beginnings of this life developmentally. I certainly will not debate her intellect as she

appears to be very intelligent and well-spoken for her age. With that said, it is equally as clear that the ACLU is a player in this ongoing saga. It is important to note that this an agency with a track record of manipulating puppet causes as a means to forward an agenda focused on the systematic undoing (re-doing) of our Constitution to reflect something very different than the intent of the Framers. So carefully are the Amendments "chosen" to defend, as well as the players who will ultimately be out front of the argument, that all credibility affixed to this phony bunch on any subject is subsequently diminished or completely absent.

Simply put, my Editor has asked that I not bore you with precedent on either side of the "separation clause" as this is can be a political argument I am willing to, and have taken a great distance. I will tell you that many of our time seem predisposed to partner with agencies like the ACLU in an effort to

steer folks away from what are some of the most fundamental tenets and foundations of our nation. The matter of the Framers and their intent when it came to the first amendment is clear for any who wish to (do their homework). Sadly, the only way away from a life of faith and personal responsibility is to diminish and eventually eradicate that which brought us here in the first place, that which "separates" us from the rest, and that which has allowed for our success as a culture, "one nation under God".

Ironically, it is not Jessica who carries the message of secularism and human vanity, but rather it is her parent's generation who have failed in every way to give her the unfiltered and non-revisionist history necessary for her to at least make a 16 year olds "educated decision" on the issue. In the end it is free country and (God has given her free will). I suppose I will just have to go back to the beginning of this little piece and pray that life's lessons may show her differently with time. Unfortunately, the message continues to be watered down with each passing generation and our posterity suffers for it. Soon we may find ourselves the, "be all and end all". And then it will simply be too late.

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## Evangelist Says Satan Cheering Joel Osteen for Mormon Comments

By Charisma News Staff

With the likelihood increasing that **Mitt Romney** will win the Republican nomination to run against President Barack Obama, Bill Keller is beating the **Mormon cult** drum again.

The **Internet evangelist** is convinced that Satan is cheering **Franklin Graham, Joel Osteen**, and **Kenn Starr**, the former special prosecutor during the Clinton impeachment investigation, for "being too gutless to tell the truth about Mormon cult member Mitt Romney." This is the same Keller who, in 2007, made national news headlines for proclaiming, "a vote for Romney is a vote for Satan.



**Director Mack Wilburg directs the Mormon Tabernacle Choir during the fourth session of the 181st Semiannual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah.** (Reuters/George Frey)

"It is sad to see a man of God like Franklin Graham go into the national media and state that he would vote for a cult member like Romney whose beliefs lead the **eternal souls** of men to hell. Osteen is a gutless coward, nothing more than a motivational speaker,

Almighty Lord GOD for everyday is a miracle and pray that he will open our eyes and hearts to the miracles around us daily. To him there are no miracles, just love compassion and grace .for that in itself is a miracle to have in such a sinful world. So everyday we should pray that our LORD instill in us the same love and compassion, we should praise him in the highest glory for every day miracles. Amen

who ignorantly lies to people by saying that a Mormon is a Christian, when Mormon doctrine is 100 percent inconsistent with **biblical Christianity**," Keller says. "Starr, well known for his Christian views, made the political case why he could vote for a Mormon without once dealing with the spiritual implications of having a cult member as president."

As Keller sees it, people are free to believe whatever they want. He has no problem with a person of any faith running for office. His issue is that Romney calls himself a Christian. Keller notes that Mormons believe Jesus was created through a sexual union of their god, who was once a man, and Mary. Mormons also believe that Jesus is the brother of Lucifer and once visited the United States. Keller insists that the god and Jesus of **Mormonism** are not the God and Jesus of the Bible. He also points out that the Bible is not the Mormon church's final authority, but rather the writings of Mormonism founder **Joseph Smith**.

"Listen, if Mitt Romney wants to wear magical underwear with Satanic markings that he believes protects him and thinks he will die and become the god of his own planet with an endless supply of women to create spirit babies with, that is up to him," Keller says. "I think it is journalistic malpractice for the media not to at least tell the truth about what Romney and those in his cult believe, while calling anyone with the guts to tell the

truth about his cult a bigot."

Keller is convinced America's problems are not political, but spiritual and that the answer will never be found in a politician but courageous men and women of God who will help to lead this nation back



**Director, producer, writer and actor, Cecil B. DeMille**

to God and biblical truth.

"The fact is each person will one day die. According to the Bible, at that moment, the only thing that will matter is whether you have accepted Jesus as your Savior or not," he concludes. "Since the **Tower of Babel in Genesis**, Satan has helped create false religions and belief systems to lead the eternal souls of men to hell. Mormonism is such a Satanically inspired belief system, and that is why it is critical for men and women of God to quit worrying about what people will think, but tell the truth about a cult like Mormonism!"

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**Barack Hussein Obama**

## Cecil B. DeMille & the Ten Commandments

American Minute  
with Bill Federer

Cecil B. DeMille produced epic films in Hollywood for almost five decades and started Paramount Pictures.

His best-known films include: Samson and Delilah, The Ten Commandments and The Greatest Show on Earth, for which he won an Academy Award.

At the opening of The Ten Commandments, 1956, Cecil B. DeMille stated: "Man has made 32 million laws since the Commandments were handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai...but he has never improved on God's law...They are the charter and guide of human liberty, for there can be no liberty without the law."

President Harry S Truman stated in his address to the Attorney General's Conference, February 1950:

"The fundamental basis of this nation's laws was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days."

Truman concluded: "If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except for the State."

# Inspiration

## Trusting God

By Todd Friel

I stumbled onto a “Trust Me” Issue with God recently, the issue of creation — specifically, a six, 24-hour-day creation that God accomplished some 6,000 to 10,000 years ago. I introduced the subject on the daily radio show I host, anticipating we would discuss it for an hour. That hour turned into five days.

Where do you stand on the subject? Do you believe the literal Genesis account of a “young earth”? Per-



haps you more readily believe in the “gap” theory, which conjectures that between Genesis chapter one, verse one and two, there is a “gap” of billions of years.

Maybe you’re more of a “long day-old earth” creationist. According to this theory, God created the world, but He did it through evolution, so each day in Genesis chapter one represents a billion years or so.

Friend, this is a “Trust Me” issue. The entire Bible crumbles if Genesis one through nine are not literally true. Let me explain. If God did not create the world in six 24-hour days, then:

1. God is a liar. If you believe that all Scripture is inspired by God (II Peter 1:21, II Timothy 3:16), then God lied when He said that “the evening and the morning were the first day.”

2. Scripture is unreliable. Forty-five percent of the Old Testament quotes Genesis and 25 percent of the New Testament quotes Genesis. If Genesis is not reliable, neither is the rest of the Bible.

3. Jesus is a liar. In Matt.19:4, Jesus says, “Haven’t you read the Scriptures? They record that from the beginning, ‘God made them male and female.’” Jesus was quoting Genesis 1:27. Was Jesus perpetuating a lie? Did He not know that we evolved? Why would Jesus say “in the beginning” if He didn’t mean “in the beginning”?

4. God is mean. Romans 5:12 says, “When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” The Bible obviously teaches that man is the cause of sin and is therefore the cause of death. If we evolved, then God is responsible for all of the death that happened prior to Adam. That makes Him a very mean God.

5. Jesus’ atoning work for you is either disputable or a complete joke. Romans 5:15 says, “For this one man, Adam, brought death to many through his sin. But this other man, Jesus Christ, brought The Good News TODAY

forgiveness to many through God’s bountiful gift.” Uh oh. If Adam wasn’t the first person on earth and the one responsible for sin and death, is Jesus sacrifice real? Was it necessary? Was it complete?

If you do not believe in the literal Genesis account of creation, I suggest that you have one of five problems:

1. You are a new believer and have been taught a lie.
2. You are not reading your Bible. There is nothing confusing about Exodus 20:11: “... in six days the Lord made the Heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them: then he rested on the seventh day.”
3. You are picking and choosing what parts of Scripture you think are true and tossing out verses that either challenge you or you don’t like. Sorry Charlie, you can’t do that. Why on earth would you think YOU can pick and choose

what YOU think is right and wrong about the Bible? If you interpret the Bible figuratively, then you might as well not believe in Jesus, because maybe He was just a fairy tale, too.

4. Your faith is weak. You acknowledge God, but you aren’t willing to completely trust Him. You are intimidated by bad science and it has caused you not to surrender completely.

5. Your faith is non-existent. Consider Romans 1:20, “From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities — His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever.” You know God created the world, but you are being willingly ignorant. God says you are being obstinate, and worse than that, you may have no faith. “Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they became utter fools instead.” (Rom.1:21-22)

This is not a child’s game. This game has eternal consequences. God is standing behind you right now and asking, “Do you trust Me?”

We all need someone to confide in, someone to trust with our innermost hopes and fears. More importantly we all need to know that we are forgiven for our inadequacies, our sin. Even if you think you’ve never done anything wrong, think again, haven’t you done something wrong by not accepting the love which your friend has offered to you since the day that you were born? Start by asking Him to forgive you for ignoring that love which he has given you throughout your life. Say a simple prayer like this:

*Jesus, please forgive me for my sin. I know I haven’t done everything that I should with my life and I’ve often ignored your attempts to love me, to be a part of it. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please*

## To Be Of the “One Per Cent”

By Rick Marschall

**SWARTZ CREEK MI (ANS)** -- It’s all over the news now, the disparity between the “99 per cent” and the “One per cent” -- or, rather, the resentment and envy that the majority is supposed to harbor against the more wealthy. It is at the core of the “Occupy” crowds’ chants and signs.

Theodore Roosevelt correctly observed that the sin of envy is no less a sin than that of greed. And years ago, a friend from France once gave me the best definition of Socialism (therefore, its most potent pushback). Francois Mitterand had been elected president in his country; the Socialists were coming to power; and among their proposals, in the name of equality, was the abolition of First-Class seats on public transportation.

“Why is it that the Socialists never want to abolish anything that is second-class?” my friend asked.

That riposte has come to mind when hearing so often lately of the Ninety-Nine versus the One per cents. “Versus” is the operative word; a campaign to raise the civic temperature. But something else has come to mind -- that Jesus had a different take on the numbers of 99 and one. Nothing to do with current politics except as those numbers provide a shout-out to our souls.

Let us remember Christ’s parable of the Lost Sheep. It is found in Luke 15:4-7. The gentle shepherd had a flock of 100, but one had gone astray, and he set out to search, high and low, far and wide, for that wayward sheep. The sheep was found, rescued, and restored to the shepherd’s flock.

Many of us have the natural reaction to think that the sensible thing would have been to play safe with the ninety-nine. A similar impulse, in the other parable of the Prodigal Son, is to observe that the other son was slighted after all of his work

*teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen*

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

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

and obedience, while his errant brother was feted by the father upon his return.

Our problem as humans is that we tend to see ourselves as members of the flock of ninety-nine. “What is one sheep against so many?” We get proud of our accomplishments, jealous of others receiving favor. Our bigger problem is that God sees us as that Lost Sheep, and the son who departed and sinned -- not

### “The Ninety and Nine”

*“Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine -- Are they not enough for Thee?” But the Shepherd made answer, “This of Mine Has wandered away from Me; And although the road be rough and steep I go to the desert to find My sheep.”*

as we see ourselves.

Heaven rejoices when one sinner is saved, when the Good Shepherd has restored the wayward. Our Heavenly Father arranges a lavish feast when we return. In each case we are not rewarded for straying; we are forgiven when we return.

“The Ninety and Nine” was written as a children’s poem by Elizabeth Clephane in 1868. The great hymn-writer Ira D Sankey read it when on a Dwight L Moody crusade in Scotland three decades later; he tucked it into his vest pocket. That evening Moody preached on



Ira D Sankey and Dwight L Moody

“The Good Shepherd,” and asked Sankey, his worship leader, to sing a hymn. Sankey remembered that poem in his pocket, took it out, and sang this song impromptu, forming the music as he went. It is now a standard of the church.

Jesus not only seeks us out; He persists. For us to be as THAT “one percenter” we should be grateful and can take assurance. Occupy God’s flock.

## KINGS AND QUEENS MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

The Bible is filled with stories about kings and queens, and these stories will come to life when your students make their own crowns.

To make crowns you need: Bibles and Bible concordances, newspaper, Bible Story Coloring Pages from your favorite Christian bookstore, gold spray paint, various shapes of colored confetti such as stars and hearts, glitter, plastic sandwich bags, glue sticks, a few Bible verse stickers for each student and crowns from Burger King. Or, you can make your own crown outline and have the children cut out their own crowns from poster board. (To get Burger King crowns simply ask the store manager. Burger King is well known for it’s generosity to community groups.)

Before class place the crowns on newspaper and spray paint the white side with gold. Fill plastic bags with colored confetti and a few Bible verse stickers for each child. Decide which Bible story about a king or queen that you will teach that day, and reproduce the appropriate coloring page from your Bible Story Coloring Pages book.

Break your students into teams of two, and instruct them to use their Bibles and concordances to find passages that refer to kings and queens. Allow time for each team to share their findings, and then conduct a short Bible study on your favorite king or queen. For example: King David and Queen Esther were brave, King Solomon was wise, or King Hezekiah obeyed God.

Distribute a crown, glue sticks, and a plastic bag filled with colored confetti, glitter and stickers to each student. Instruct the young people to decorate the gold side of the crown to their liking in a creative manner. When everyone is finished, ask them to put on their crowns and take a group picture.

Pass out the Bible story coloring page you have chosen, read it with the class and allow the children to color it if time allows. If not, use the coloring sheet as a take home paper. Either way, encourage your students to re-read the Bible story with their parents or guardians at home.

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## From the Mouths of Babes

On Monday the minister's little daughter was very naughty, so her mother told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School picnic on Saturday. For the next few days the girl behaved so nicely the mother changed her mind and said she could go to the picnic after all. Surprisingly, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness. "What's the matter?" asked her mother. "I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic." "It's too late," said the little girl. "I've already prayed for rain!"

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in kindergarten. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked, "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?" Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed." This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?" "Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

## KIDS IN GRADE SCHOOL THINK FAST

TEACHER: Tommy, why do you always get so dirty?  
TOMMY: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Ellen, give me a sentence starting with "I."  
ELLEN: I i s . . .  
TEACHER: No, Ellen... Always say, "I am."  
ELLEN: All right..."I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: "Can anybody give an example of COINCIDENCE?"  
JOHNNY: "Sir, my Mother and Father got married on the same day, same time."

TEACHER: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Now do you know why his father didn't punish him?"  
JOHNNY: "Because George still had the ax in his hand."

TEACHER: Desmond, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?  
DESMOND: No, teacher, it's the same dog!

TEACHER: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?  
PUPIL: A teacher.

SILVIA: Dad, can you write in the dark?  
FATHER: I think so. What do you want me to write?  
SYLVIA: Your name on this report card.

TEACHER: Why are you late?

WEBSTER: Because of the sign.  
TEACHER: What sign?  
WEBSTER: The one that says, "School Ahead - Go Slow." \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?"  
JOHN: In the garden of Eden?

TEACHER: Cindy, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?  
CINDY: You told me to do it without using tables!

TEACHER: John, how do you spell "crocodile?"  
JOHN: K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L"  
TEACHER: No, that's wrong  
JOHN: Maybe it s wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!

TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?  
SARAH: H I J K L M N O!!  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
SARAH: Yesterday you said it's H to O!

TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America.  
GEORGE: Here it is!  
TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?  
CLASS: George!

TEACHER: Willie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.  
WILLIE: Me!

### YOU KNOW YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH COFFEE WHEN...

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You chew on other people's fingernails. You answer the door...before people knock.  
You sleep with your eyes open.  
You go to sleep, just so you can wake up and smell the coffee.  
You don't even wait for the water to boil anymore. You're the employee of the month at Starbucks and you don't even work there. You lick your coffeepot clean. You go to AA meetings just for the free coffee.  
You're so wired you pick up FM radio.

### Q: How does a home schooler change a light bulb?

A: First, mom checks out three books at the library on electricity, then the kids make models of light bulbs, read a biography of Thomas Edison and do a skit based on his life. Next, everyone studies the history of lighting methods, wrapping up with dipping their own candles. Next, everyone takes a trip to the store where they compare types of light bulbs as well as prices and figure out how much change they'll get if they buy two bulbs for \$1.99 and pay with a five-dollar bill. On the way home, a discussion develops over the history of money

## Moses

BibleQuizzes.org.uk

- 1: What does Moses' name mean? God's leader, Lawgiver, Born of water Drawn out
- 2: For how long was Moses hidden before his mother set him afloat in the Nile? Seven days, Two weeks, Three months, One year
- 3: To which region did Moses flee after killing the Egyptian? Libya, Edom, Midian, Goshen
- 4: What was the name of Moses' mother? Bashemath, Rizpah, Jochebed, Miriam
- 5: Which of the priest's daughters did Moses marry? Zilpah, Zeruah, Zeresh, Zipporah
- 6: What did Moses see burning but miraculously not consumed by the fire? Donkey, Bush, Man, Tent
- 7: What was the name of Moses' sister? Bilhah, Naamah, Elisheba, Miriam
- 8: Why did the Israelites grumble to Moses when they came to Marah? They were tired of walking, Nothing to eat, No water to drink, God had forsaken them
- 9: Who did Moses ask to choose men to go out and fight against Amalek? Joshua, Aaron, Hur, Nadab
- 10: What did Moses name the place where he got, water from the rock due to the people quarrelling with Moses and testing the Lord? Medeba & Misgab, Massah & Meribah, Mesha & Mizraim, Migdol & Mithcah
- 11: Who advised Moses that it was too burdensome for him to personally judge everyone's matters and to appoint judges instead? Phinehas, Eleazar, Jethro, Aaron
- 12: What did Moses do with the blood of the sacrifices after reading the Book of the Covenant? Sprinkled it on the people, Painted it on an ox, Drank it, Poured it over the Covenant
- 13: What was Miriam's punishment for speaking out against Moses? Imprisonment, Leprosy, Stoning, Exile from the camp
- 14: Into which region did Moses and also Abraham Lincoln, as his picture is on the five-dollar bill. Finally, after building a homemade ladder out of branches dragged from the woods, the light bulb is installed. And there is light.

**Why do we choose from just two people to run for President and fifty for Miss America?**

### Words of Wisdom

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart. A long-haul trucker offered this tip for staying awake on the road: "Put a \$100 bill in your left hand and hold it out the window." A penny saved...isn't much of a discount. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism. Are you trying to fight today's battles with tomorrow's strength? Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity. Because of God's grace, failure is never final. Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers? Careful...If you set your expectations too high, you could miss the glory staring you in the face.

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1. Drawn Out Ex 2:10 - So called because he was drawn out of the water
2. Three months Ex 2:23
3. Midian Ex 2:23
4. Jochebed Ex 2:21
5. Zipporah Ex 2:21
6. His father Ex 15:20
7. Miriam Ex 15:20
8. No water to drink Ex 15:23-24 - Marah means bitter
9. Joshua Ex 17:8
10. Massah & Meribah Ex 17:7 - Massah means testing and Meribah means quarrel
11. Moses only dealt with the important cases from thereon.
12. Sprinkled it on the people Ex 24:7-
13. Leprosy Num 12:10
14. Canaan Num 13
15. Edom Num 20:14-21
16. Serpent Num 21:8-9
17. Joshua Num 27:18
18. Mt. Nebo Deut 34:1
19. 120 Days Deut 34:8

### Answers:

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## 10 Friday

7:30p.m. ~ **Mt. Pleasant Coffeehouse "Crimson Rain"** at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church 262 Academy Ave, Providence RI 401-351-2347

## 11 Saturday

7p.m. ~ **"Never Forgotten" - Christian Jam/Rock.** The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

## 16 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 www.newhopecc.tv

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 www.newhopecc.tv

## 17 Friday

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

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

## 18 Saturday

7p.m. ~ **"North Providence Assembly of God Adult Worship Team"** - The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick, RI. 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

## 20 Monday

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## 21 Tuesday

9a.m. ~ **M.O.P.S** meets every Tues at Christian Hill Community Church. 56 Tiogue Avenue, West Warwick, RI, www.christian-hill.com 401-823-0285

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

## 23 Thursday

5-6p.m. ~ **Victory Cafe' Soup Kitchen Free meal** 4th Thursday of the month. Victory Assembly of God. 321 Veazie St, Providence RI 401.455.0060

## 24 Friday

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6p.m. ~ **"Seth Putnam" at Worship Cafe'** at New Hope Christian Church. 1436 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA (508) 324-4500 or www.newhopecc.tv

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6-7p.m. ~ **Fasting and Prayer** every Mon at Abundant Blessing Church 825 Mineral Spring Ave, RI Phone 401-727-0311

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9a.m. ~ **M.O.P.S** meets every Tues at Christian Hill Community Church. 56 Tiogue Avenue, West Warwick, RI, www.christian-hill.com 401-823-0285

3-5p.m. - **Mt. Pleasant Food Bank.** 4th Tuesday of the month. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. 262 Academy Ave. Providence, RI 401-351-2347

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**Propaganda from Page 11**

Most American advertising is propaganda. Propaganda is pervasive in all retail pricing. Banks use propaganda to make their loans seem easy to repay. Sadly even the Church of Jesus Christ is saturated with propaganda. Pastors woo potential church members with compliments and kindness, they preach sermons that emphasize love and fellowship, they promise healing and offer counseling...all this in spite of the fact that the God of the Bible holds His blessing hostage to obedience and promises punishment for those who dissent. Righteous obedience is as scarce in those who claim to follow Him as it is in those who reject Him.

Propaganda teaches Americans that vows and obedience to the law are easily broken; it teaches us that marriage commitments are as readily evaded as Constitutional law; that fidelity in marriage is trivial; that casual sexual intercourse is routine; and that lesbianism and homosexuality are normal preferences. We are subtly persuaded by media propaganda that the government is the sole solution to social problems and that passing laws will bring peace and order.

Christian Church leaders, eager to pacify their inflated egos, quickly bought the scourge of Dispensationalism. It is a blasphemous tool that dissolves the obligation of obedience and creates a flaccid Christianity. Dispensationalism is Christian propaganda. In spite of the fact that there were more Christians slaughtered by Jewish cadre during the Russian Revolution than Jews killed by Der Fuhrer, powerful Zionist Jews have been successful in developing an emotion driven sympathy by convincing the American public that Hitler's evil attempt to annihilate their race

was the only major genocide in history. Failure to present the public with complete coverage of both current and historic news is a malignant form of propaganda.

We go to sleep and wake with media propaganda, our day is consumed by conformance to work place propaganda and we live with the detrimental propaganda of smaller portions, thinner papers, impersonal contacts, and dilatory remedies.

Government propaganda has been so successful that hundreds of thousands of elected officials and government employees have adamantly accepted lies as truth; they passionately believe that our nation is under attack and freedoms must be forsaken. Unfortunately, many of the brain washed minions are obedient citizens not blest with acute discernment, men and women who believe the lies of an evil regime and support it to their own detriment, over and over again.

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