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...It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. - Luke 4:4

## Vote Only for the Righteous



Who will you choose?

By John Arcaro

This is a small history lesson for those of you who think “Republican=Good, Democrat=Bad.” Up until the 1960’s, the Democrat Party was the party of the working class. From the time of the very first Democrat U.S. President – Andrew Jackson, the face on the twenty dollar bill – the party of the donkey fought for the rights of average Americans. Indeed, Jackson was the very first President who came from poverty to attain the highest office

in the land. Through the 1950’s and the early 1960’s, some of the strongest groups of Democrats were Catholics, conservative union workers, and rural women. Many - if not most - Democrats were responsible and religiously observant. In fact, it was scandalous for a good Catholic to be anything but a good Democrat.

Unfortunately, the party was infiltrated in the Sixties by some very active and wealthy secularists: extremist feminists, Hollywood, and the abortion lobby. These cultural liberals were strongly hostile to traditional Christianity and its moral code, especially its emphasis on sexual morality. Thus, the Democrat Party was hijacked by a small but very influential minority, and the face of the party has been drastically changed

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## In New England, a foothold for revival

By Adam Miller

WINTHROP, Mass. (BP)--For nine years in Massachusetts, the town of Winthrop has been changing little by little as God has worked through the lives of Dick and Doreen May. The Mays, natives to the area, planted the Evangelical Baptist Teaching and Worship Center in the heart of a town where most churches no longer preach about Jesus.

“OK, let’s start from the beginning. Genesis,” May says, once the Boston-area congregation has filtered in for the Thursday evening Bible study, some coming straight from work. Dick talks about creation, then the fall of man - subjects lost on deaf ears in most parts of the region.

If doctors had been right a few years ago, this night of studying God’s Word would never have come about. “I was diagnosed with stage 4 non-

Hodgkin’s lymphoma,” May says. “I was given a few months to live.”

His dire prognosis only amplified the urgency of his task. But his overwhelm-



New England church planter Dick May visits with Pauline Delassandra. May and his wife Doreen met Pauline at a diner where she worked as a waitress. The Mays walked with Pauline through her battle with cancer and she eventually accepted Christ right there in the diner.

ing vision -- a true revival in New England -- is still a soul-by-soul process.

“This is the ‘show-me, don’t-tell-me

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## Soulfest 08

By Ralph Davis

I have been blessed with the opportunity to attend Soulfest on Gunstock Mountain in Gilmord, NH for the past four years as a writer for this paper. Part of my role has been to help staff the Good News Today table which displays current and past issues. When not at the table I take advantage of the time to talk to people. The theme of the event this year was “Believers Celebrating True Love, The Revolution Jesus Started.”



Nailing sins to the cross at Soulfest '08.

As a “Roving reporter” I had ample opportunities to roam the grounds talking to people, attending workshops, and to view bands with an occasional foray into some of

the gastrointestinal delights that are everywhere. I met vendors offering all sorts of Christian products as well as those who seek to educate and arm people with information at their workshops. I spoke with people of all age groups and nationalities and “religions.”

Teens rule the grounds; they are simply everywhere. Their manner of dress is as diverse as some of their hair styles; shades of red and blue hair stroll by our table as well as Mohawks and buzz cuts and “normal” styles. T-shirts range from Christian messages to Metallica or Black Sabbath. If a huge magnet were to appear, a fair number of teens would stick to it via their facial and other “piercings.” Shorts and skirts are often too short, tops to high. Perhaps the oddest subset of the teens is those small groups offering “free hugs” to anyone. Oh my, the temptation to defy the Biblical com-

mand that we “do not judge,” can be great.

The adults presented themselves in an equally diverse manner ranging from most dressed conservative/casually to odd colored hair, piercings, shorts too short and shirts too high. “Relics of the sixties” were around. A few older couples sporting motorcycle jackets were seen. Some seemed tense and hurried, as if they were at their jobs. Many seemed relaxed and happy to be “away from it all.” Some had upbeat stories to share, some sad due to events in their lives. Over 1200 people received free copies of The Good News Today, some voicing great interest in it.

Soulfest, which bills itself as “New England’s Premier Soul-Connected Music Festival,” as always, lived up to that claim with over 100 bands. A sampling of the most known are Jars of Clay, Rebecca St James, Kutless, Newsboys, Skillet and Superchic(k). On the music scene I witnessed or often had no choice but to hear bands in the distance

that were, in minds of many, too loud and unintelligible to “Be Christian.” On the other hand I heard some of the mellower bands with clear, obviously Christ-centered lyrics and music that I am sure was



“not hard or metal or loud enough” so therefore rated too boring by the latter. My favorite music at Soulfest, however, was the families or church groups sitting around their fires sweetly singing hymns and worshipping God, with or without the accompaniment of a guitar.

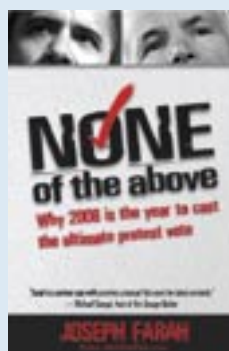
My favorite part about being at Soulfest is talking with so many people ranging from other vendors, people who stop by

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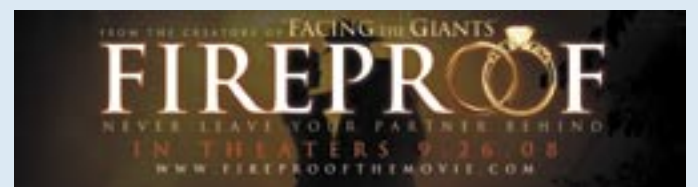
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# DOES EVIL EXIST?

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

That was the defining question asked by Pastor Rick Warren at his "Christian" forum at Saddleback Church. Even though both candidates disagreed on how evil should be dealt with, both McCain and Obama made it clear that they believe there is such a force.

Seeing how this was a debate involving self-proclaimed Christians, in a Christian church, hosted by a Christian pastor, this was a great opportunity for America's leading evangelical to define for all America the root cause of our nation's problems.

Instead, Pastor Warren moved on to climate change, adoption, and other peripheral issues. Perhaps I am wrong, but I would expect "America's Pastor" to handle the debate in a manner that would reflect the attitude of the Berean Christians who "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Sadly, Pastor Warren looked more like Tom Brokaw than John the Baptist.

How could a Christian pastor not more aggressively defend the Cross? Why are CNN, Time Magazine and the God-hating media fawning over this "evangelical" pastor? Could it be that they love his non-judgmental form of Christianity? Are you aware that Rick Warren is drifting towards

an affiliation with "the religious left." From a political perspective, "left" usually is a synonym for "liberal" or "socialist", while "right" refers to "conservatives" or "capitalist." The "left" believes that government is the answer to most of America's problems, while the "right" believes that government IS the problem.

So, there sat the face of modern evangelicalism, representing the church of Jesus Christ, with the two men most likely to be leader of the free world, and he failed to zero in on the seminal issue of the whole debate. You see, the question was not "Does Evil Exist", but "What is Evil?"

Pastor Warren was a total failure. He let down the church, and he let down the Lord. In his desire to be "fair and balanced" he denied the Truth. You cannot be a Christian and support the killing of un-born babies. He should have said so. Instead, it was more important that CNN and their minions be able to speak about how "balanced" Pastor Warren was. Maybe he is bucking for Larry King's job.

Folks, there is no balance when dealing with evil. Black is black and white is white. Sin is sin; it is not a "moral failure." If America's leading pastor won't say it, who will? No wonder we are losing the battle for this nation. Today, millions of Americans think McCain and Obama are Christians. Rick Warren allowed their self-identification as Christians to go unchallenged. You shall know them by their fruits. Warren's job was to inspect the fruit. Instead, he polished it.

So, since we all now agree that evil exists, perhaps we should point out some pertinent facts about it. Let me say what the "Purpose Driven Pastor" failed to do.

I know what you're thinking, "Who do you think you are, Coach? Rick Warren is a big-league pastor and best-selling author. Who

are you to cast aspersions his way? You can't carry Rick Warren's bag."

That may be true, but I'm not sure I want to. His bag is full of snake-oil. It is not full of Truth. I am a contender for Truth and I think I could teach Warren a thing or two. God placed him in that chair for a purpose. Too bad he wasn't driven to be faithful to it. Woe to Pastor Warren and his ilk. They call evil good and good evil.

As Christians the Bible is the un-questioned



source of right and wrong. Right is good and wrong is evil. The Scriptures make that very clear. In case there was some confusion, God gave us the 10 Commandments as our moral guide. Christians believe that our sin-nature has caused us to violate God's laws. We call those violations sin. Non-Christians believe violations of god's laws are "mistakes", usually caused by "environmental" issues. Christians believe sinful behavior must be changed. Non-believers think it should be tolerated. Wouldn't you think that a pastor would point out the difference before such a captive audience?

Sin is defined as "the transgression of divine law." Divine means "proceeding from God or a god." Failure to call sin what it is a denial of God. No God, no sin. That is where the secular left has taken us and where Warren and his acolytes have come on board the wagon. Sin is now a "moral failure." Morality is open for interpretation. Individuals are no longer responsible for their behavior. The religious left wants the government to pay for the consequences of sinful behavior. It is like complaining about your carpet being wet when there is a hole in your roof.

Warren and his Purpose Driven followers should say so.

AIDS is the consequence of immoral behavior. God called it the wages of sin. Unfortunately, sin also affects the innocent. Timothy McVeigh called it collateral damage. AIDS is the collateral damage of adultery. Warren wants government to replace the carpet rather than patch the roof. Stop adultery and AIDS will stop.

Abortion is also the fruit of adultery. Obama thinks an unwanted pregnancy is a "difficult choice." Pregnancy is the result of sexual behavior. Sexual behavior outside of marriage is fornication. Fornication is a sin. Sin leads to a multitude of "difficult decisions." Stop fornication and abortions

will go away.

Poverty is a consequence of sin, often associated with fornication. Single parent motherhood is the leading cause of poverty. Fornication leads to single motherhood. A government check will never replace a father.

Why won't the Purpose Driven Pastor say so? Has Truth become too judgmental?

Universal healthcare is not a right...it is a violation of the 10th commandment. Forcing someone to pay for someone else, no matter how noble is a sin. Socialism is anti-

by taxpayers to pay for fatherless children is immoral. Failure to drill for oil is moral, driving a car is immoral.

The religious left wants to treat the symptoms. Our pastors should be fighting to eliminate the cause.

Recently Rick Warren was on with Larry King. Once again he failed to clearly share the Gospel. Larry King is lost. If I were on his show I would tell him so. I would pin him down. I would make him uncomfortable. He is heading towards a future without God. He would never invite me on the show again. Maybe that's why Warren swallowed his tongue. The fear of man is a snare...

Even more recently the God-mocking Bill Maher was Larry's guest. He made fun of God. He poked fun at Christianity. He is a radical fundamental secularist. He wants God driven from America. He wasn't worried about offending anyone. He is proud of his agnosticism.

Maher was prouder of his lies than Warren was of God's Truth. For an hour Maher preached the foolishness of Jesus.

Warren spoke of global warming, AIDS, and adoption. He failed to mention sin. He never talked about the need for repentance and redemption. He speaks only of treating symptoms.

Maher thinks Christianity is evil. He doesn't believe in sin. Warren believes in sin, he just doesn't think it is evil.

Evil exists alright. The problem we face is how to recognize it. Sadly, before the whole world Warren came up empty. He hid the Light under the bushel of politics.

Sometimes I wonder who the real enemy is.

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region,” May says. “And sometimes they don’t want you to show them or tell them. They’re ‘all set.’ It’s like drilling down for oil. But here, instead of soft soil you have granite.”

Though Boston and New England are historically the points of origin for much of the religious leaning of the United States, the area has in recent history leaned largely in the other direction. As a result, many of the picturesque church buildings here have iced over into museums of their former selves.

Before moving into “downtown” Winthrop, members of

the small church plant began by meeting in May’s modified garage nine years ago.

“I built it from the ground up,” May, a retired construction contractor, says of a two-story building adjacent to his house. Up the winding iron staircase he salvaged from a junkyard are his study and workout room. Below is the garage-turned-chapel-turned-garage where he stores his Honda Shadow - the motorcycle he rides into town for mid-week evangelism.

Grassroots ministries like Dick and Doreen May’s -- where small groups gather and the Bible is taught faithfully -- are few and far between. But they are the hope



During her first homeless outreach with her congregation last winter, Pauline Delassandra runs into an old friend she knew when she lived on the streets of Boston herself.

of a region where church has become too much of an institution and not enough of a community. They’ve also become the hope for people like Pauline Delassandra.

Delassandra used to be a waitress at a diner frequented by the Mays. Over the course of months, Dick and Pauline became friends. They talked about her life, eventually about God and the prospect of Pauline attending the church Mays was leading.

But Pauline didn’t give it all much serious thought until she was diagnosed with cancer and started on chemotherapy. The Mays began praying for her physical healing as well as for her salvation. One day in the diner, Pauline gave her life to Christ.

“It’s like I was born again,” says Pauline, echoing the words of Christ Himself. She now is cancer-free.

Emerging from a biker’s life as a member of the Devil’s Disciples, Pauline gave up a past of drugs and stealing when she turned to Christ. “I could crack safes and pick locks by the time I was 17,” she says. “I have to be honest. I’ve broken just about every one of the Ten Commandments.”

Now on a chilly sidewalk in downtown Boston, Pauline braces a large sign with the Ten Commandments. The wind threatens to send it sailing. She, May and other members

of his church have come out for their regular winter-months outreach to the inner-city homeless. This is Pauline’s first such venture. She made the peanut butter sandwiches. “I’m so excited.”

May has been discipling Pauline and other members of his church. He’s teaching them how to carry the Gospel to friends, family and out into the streets of Boston. It’s a network of evangelism that extends beyond any one church planter. As Pauline unloads a cooler, someone recognizes her from the days when she herself lived homeless on the streets of Boston.

“Isn’t this amazing!” Pauline laughs. “I don’t remember him but he remembers me!”

Over the course of a few hours, dozens of homeless men and women -- including William from Boston who’d like to be a chef and Jon from California who can’t find his wife -- will receive the socks and clothes for the harsh streets.

And as members of the church share faith in Christ, one hopes they’ll receive much more than physical -- and fleeting -- comfort. Seeds are planted and prayers for their

salvation are sent to heaven.

“I’m praying for it,” May says. “I’m praying for revival.”

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Dick May is a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and often uses his hobby to reach fellow bikers and the people of Winthrop, Mass., where he is a church planter. On a good day Dick rides into the busier parts of town to share the Gospel and pass out information about Jesus.



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ever since.

This metamorphosis hit its disgraceful height in 1992 when Bob Casey, then governor of Pennsylvania, was not allowed to express his pro-life views on live television during the Democratic National Convention. The Bill and Hillary years brought the Democrat Party even further into the abyss of abortion-on-demand.

Tragedy often brings positive action, however. It was during the Clinton regime that Democrats For Life was founded. This is a

group of party loyalists who are opposed to abortion and euthanasia, and wish to shift the party back to its traditional value roots in the life arena. They advocate for life, from fertilization to natural death. You can locate your state’s chapter and get other key information at [www.DemocratsForLife.org](http://www.DemocratsForLife.org). There you will find DFL’s Federal Advisory Board, comprised of a U.S. Senator and seven Congressmen, including Rhode Island’s own Jim Langevin.

Perhaps sparked by the re-emergence of sanity to the Democrat Party, another group harkening

the party back to its common man past was formed in 1995. Instead of voters or party activists, though, this group is comprised solely of sitting U.S. Congressmen: the Blue Dog Democrats.

The Blue Dogs are conservative and moderate Democrats from every area of the country. Their

**Don’t be tricked into the “Republican versus Democrat” trap...**

core belief is that common sense, conservative economics, and compassion are not mutually exclusive. They believe in being good stewards, as their top priority is a balanced budget. Their goal is to reduce the \$9.4 trillion federal debt so that average, hardworking Americans will not be burdened by the interest payments from this fiscal behemoth for generations to come. To research their positions further, catch them on the web at [www.house.gov/ross/BlueDogs/](http://www.house.gov/ross/BlueDogs/).

its true heritage, back to the days when the party had a majority of Reagan Democrats -- back before that term even existed. This hope is well-founded, as nearly the vast majority of Americans are fiscally conservative, and only 25% of the country believes in abortion-on-demand. The false notions of “two-to-one” (i.e., the idea that two-thirds of voters are pro-abortion) and “reproductive rights” will not be able to withstand the light of scrutiny, as more and more Americans begin to have second thoughts about the extremist liberal factions of the Democrat Party.

The bottom line for this election season? Don’t be tricked into the “Republican versus Democrat” trap, because the Republicans have also become a “big tent” party where there is “plenty of room

for ALL points of view.” (?!?!?) Instead, make informed choices in the voting booth by actually taking the time to research the positions of the candidates. If you don’t know where someone stands on the issues that are important to you, DON’T VOTE FOR THEM. Go ahead, leave some races blank if you have to, if you’re not sure what the candidates’ core beliefs are. ONLY vote for the righteous, for God wants us to be good stewards not only of our money, but of our votes as well.

*The writer - a Blue Dog, Pro-Life Christian - is a candidate for Representative District 59 (Pawtucket) for the Rhode Island General Assembly in the Democrat Primary on Tuesday, September 9th. Be an informed voter by going to [www.Arcaro59.com](http://www.Arcaro59.com), volunteering, and spreading the word.*

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## Celestial Concert Productions presents Robin Mark

By Ralph Davis

"We all believe 95% the same thing and only 5% different," says Bob Boucher (pronounced Boo-shay), referring to the many different religious beliefs that prevail. His goal is to attempt to bring churches of all faiths together to worship God through music and praise.

Bob Boucher's passion is bringing the finest worship leaders to Rhode Island and throughout New England. He and his wife Linda have hosted Canadian worship leaders Andy Park (British Columbia) and Steve Kuban (Ontario), American worship leaders Bob Fitt (Hawaii) and Danny Daniels (Colorado). Finally, United Kingdom worship leader Robin Mark from Belfast, Ireland.

Bob Boucher, age 56, refers to it as "The hardest work I've ever enjoyed!" when he speaks of his ministry, **Celestial Concert Productions**. He also said that he and his wife Linda, and those



Robin Mark in concert

Worship music scene to New England

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walls of denominationalism, which keeps the Lord's people separate and apart." Bob referred to it as "Bringing all of the tribes into the same tent to come together."

who partner with him, are "In the 'do' mode, not the 'talk' mode" which is probably why they are so successful at drawing some of the biggest names in the Christian

## Top Hamas leader's son converts to Christianity

By Dan Wooding

**UNITED STATES (ANS)** -- The son of a top Hamas leader has converted to Christianity and prays some day his family will also accept Jesus Christ as their savior, according to an Israeli newspaper.

Mosab Hassan Yousef, son of West Bank Hamas leader Sheik Hassan Yousef, revealed for the first time in an exclusive interview with Haaretz newspaper that he has left Islam and is now a Christian. Prior to the interview's publication last Thursday, Yousef's family did not know of his faith conversion even though he is in regular contact with them.

This news was revealed in a story written by Ethan Cole for the Christian Post ([www.christianpost.com](http://www.christianpost.com)).

"[T]his interview will open many people's eyes, it will shake Islam from the roots, and I'm not exaggerating," said Yousef, who now resides in the United States. "What other case do you know where a son of a Hamas leader, who was raised on the tenets of extremist Islam, comes out against it?"

The Christian Post story says that Yousef, who is now 30-years-old, was first exposed to Christianity eight years ago while in Jerusalem, where out of curiosity he accepted an invitation to hear about Christianity. Afterwards, he became "enthusiastic" about what

he heard and would secretly read the Bible every day.

"A verse like 'Love thine enemy' had a great influence on me," Yousef recalled. "At this stage I was still a Muslim and I thought that I would remain one. But every day I saw the terrible things done in the name of religion by those who considered themselves 'great believers'.

"I studied Islam more thoroughly and found no answers there. I re-examined the Koran and the principals of the faith and found how it is mistaken and misleading."

The story by Ethan Cole went on to say that with Christianity, Yousef said he could understand God as revealed through Jesus Christ. He said he could talk about God and Jesus for days, but Muslims are not able to say anything about God.

"I consider Islam a big lie," said Yousef. "The people who supposedly represent the religion admired Mohammed more than God, killed innocent people in the name of Islam, beat their wives and don't have any idea what God is.

"I have no doubt that they'll go to hell. I have a message for them: There is only one way to paradise - the way of Jesus who sacrificed himself on the cross for all of us."

Four years ago, Yousef decided to convert to Christianity but did not let his family know. He still helped his father with his political activities, and his father only knew his son had Christian friends.

"I felt responsible. It was better for me to be there rather than a gang of fools who would poison his mind," Yousef explained. "I tried to understand those people, their thoughts, in order to change them from inside by means of a strong



Mosab Hassan Yousef

person like my father, who admitted to me in the past that he does not support suicide attacks."

Cole went on to say, "Yousef described his father as a moderate Hamas leader. But even before his encounter with Christianity, Yousef had already become disenchanted with Hamas and Islam after being imprisoned at the age of 18 years old for heading a youth Islamic movement at his high school."

Yousef the Hamas leaders he met in

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Bob said that he did not repent of his sins and accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior until he was forty-years-old when his brother took him to a church in Smithfield, RI; the New Life Worship Center where he began to establish a personal relationship with God. Bob said he wrote to his wife for two and one half years as a "Pen pal." He went to the Philippines in 1997 to marry her.

Celestial Concert Productions next major event will be Robin Mark, with the Heart of David Worship

Team, appearing at the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Center, 28 Monument Square in Woonsocket RI on Saturday, September 6 beginning at 6:30. Bob loves the venue because "It is wonderfully refurbished theatre with acoustics that are second to none." Tickets can be ordered via the theatre box office at 401-762-4645 or on line: [www.stadiumtheatre.com](http://www.stadiumtheatre.com). There will also be plenty of copies of this paper available that night to take and share with your friends.

prison as people with "no morals" and "no integrity", although they hide their corruption better than Fatah party members.

"Nobody knows them and how they operate as well as I do," Yousef said, recalling how the family of Hamas members killed by Israel were forced to beg for financial assistance while the leadership "abandoned" them and "wasted" tens of thousands of dollars a month only on security for themselves.

"Then (in prison) I understood that not everyone in Hamas is like my father. He's a nice, friendly man. But I discovered how evil his colleagues are," Yousef said. "After my release I lost the faith I had in those who ostensibly represented Islam."

Cole went on to say that Hamas is considered a terrorist group by the United States, Israel, and many Western countries. The group has publicly vowed to destroy Israel.

He added, "Now Yousef, the eldest son of Sheikh Yousef, says he 'admires' Israel."

"You Jews should be aware: You will never, but never have peace with Hamas," Yousef stated. "Islam, as the ideology that guides them, will not allow them to achieve a peace agreement with the Jews. They believe that tradition says that the Prophet Mohammed fought against the Jews and that therefore they must continue to fight them to the death."

He denounced the "entire" Palestinian society as one that "sanctifies death and the suicide terrorist.

"In Palestinian culture a suicide terrorist becomes a hero, a martyr. Sheiks tell their students about the 'heroism of the shaheeds (martyr)'. Yousef highlighted that Hamas was the first to use suicide bombers as weapons against civilians.

"They (Hamas) are blind and ignorant. It's true, there are good and bad people everywhere, but Hamas supporters don't understand that they are led by a wicked and cruel group that brainwashes the children and gets them to believe that if they carry out a suicide attack they'll get to paradise," he said.

Cole went on to say, "The Muslim-turned-Christian says he does not think Islam will survive for more than 25 years because the truth about Islam will be exposed given the mass communication available in the modern age."

For his part, Yousef says he hopes to "open the eyes" of Muslims and "reveal the truth" to them about Islam and Christianity with the goal to "take them out of the darkness and the prison of Islam".

"In that way they'll have an opportunity to correct their mistakes, to become better people and to bring a chance for peace in the Middle East," he said. Yousef, who has taken the biblical name of Joseph, said he dreams of one day becoming a writer to tell his personal story and about the Middle East conflicts.

"But at the moment, at least, my ambitions are only to find work, a place to live," admits Yousef, who left behind properties in Ramallah to find true freedom. "I have no money, I have no apartment.

"I was about to become one of those homeless people [in the United States]," he confessed, "but people from the church are helping me. I'm dependent on them." He also dreams that some day he can return to his homeland and his family will accept Jesus Christ.

"I know that I'm endangering my life and am even liable to lose my father, but I hope that he'll understand this and that God will give him and my family patience and willingness to open their eyes to Jesus and to Christianity," Yousef said. "Maybe one day I'll be able to return to Palestine and to Ramallah with Jesus, in the Kingdom of God."

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# National News

## Pulpit Freedom Sunday

By John Fortmeyer - Christian News Northwest

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — For more than a half-century, federal law has restricted the right of most churches and pastors to speak out about candidates for office. But on Sunday, Sept. 28, about 50 pastors nationwide — including one in Oregon and two in Washington — will deliberately challenge that law by speaking out politically from their pulpits.

“Pulpit Freedom Sunday” is a project of the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), an Arizona-based Christian legal action organization. It is the first step in a concerted effort to reclaim freedom for the pulpit — the “Pulpit Initiative.”

According to ADF, churches historically have emphatically, and with great passion, spoken Scriptural truth from the pulpit about government and culture. Pastors long spoke out on great moral issues such as slavery, women’s suffrage, child labor and prostitution. Pastors also have spoken from the pulpit with great frequency for and against various candidates for government office.

All that changed in 1954 with the passage of the “Johnson amendment,” which restricted the right of churches and pastors to speak about candidates for office. The amendment was proposed by then-Senator Lyndon Johnson,

and it changed the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit churches and other non-profit organizations from supporting or opposing a candidate for office. After the amendment passed, churches faced a choice of either continuing their tradition of speaking out or silencing themselves in order to retain their church’s tax exemption.

ADF claims the Internal Revenue Service has used the amendment to create an atmosphere of intimidation and fear for any church that dares to speak truthfully about candidates for office. “It is time for the intimidation and threats to end,” ADF states on its web site. “Churches and pastors have a constitutional right to speak freely and truthfully from the pulpit, even on candidates and voting, without fearing loss of their tax exemption.”

ADF specifically sought out pastors who are willing on Sept. 28 to preach from the pulpit a sermon — carefully prepared with ADF assistance — that will address candidates for government office in light of the truth of Scripture. The sermon is intended to challenge the IRS code, and in so doing, move toward “recapturing the rightful place of pastors and churches in American life.”

Churches and pastors who desire more information should phone 800-TELL-ADF or go to [www.telladf.org/church](http://www.telladf.org/church).

### Evangelist Todd Bentley Reportedly Files for Separation

(EP News)—Evangelist Todd Bentley, who led a Pentecostal revival in Lakeland from a modest beginning to near-historic proportions, has filed for separation from his wife, a former spokesperson said Aug. 11, and will not return to the ongoing revival. Lynne Breidenbach, a Lakeland, Fla., woman who had been a media liaison for Bentley during the months-long Florida Outpouring Revival, told The (Lakeland) Ledger that Bentley announced to his staff on Aug. 11 afternoon that he and his wife, Shonnah, had separated. The Bentleys have two daughters and a son and are Canadian citizens. Under Canadian law, separation is a preliminary step in divorce proceedings, lasting nine months. Breidenbach, who resigned as revival spokesperson on the same day, called the news of the separation “very sad.” Bentley’s Fresh

Fire Ministries Web site indicates that a September appearance by Bentley in England has been postponed. Phone calls to Fresh Fire Ministries in Abbotsford, British Columbia, were not returned.

### California Supreme Court Tramples Doctors’ Religious Beliefs

(EP News)—In a unanimous ruling, California’s high court said the rights of gays and lesbians trump the religious beliefs of doctors. Justice Joyce Kennard wrote that two Christian fertility doctors who refused to artificially inseminate a lesbian have neither a free speech right nor a religious exemption from the state law that grants special rights based on sexual orientation. “This case highlights an ominous trend of the law in this country,” said Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family Action. “In a conflict between the homosexual agenda and religious

## MassResistance files papers to fight repeal of “1913 Law”

By Good News Staff

(Boston, MA) In the final days of the 2008 session the Legislature repealed the “1913 Law”, and the Governor signed it in a big State House ceremony surrounded by the gay lobby. This action will allow out-of-state gay couples to get “married” in Massachusetts - and then go back and cause legal havoc in their home states. It also further degrades Massachusetts own marriage laws.

The Senate passed it in a “voice

liberty, the homosexual agenda is favored in the courts over the First Amendment. “This opinion is the second of the summer in which the Supreme Court has ‘gone off the rails’ in accommodating a minority agenda at the expense of the sensibilities and constitutional rights of the majority of Californians.” In May, the same court struck down Proposition 22, a voter-approved statute protecting marriage as between one man and one woman.

### More Than 1,000 Newspapers Accept Gay ‘Wedding’ Announcements

(EP News)—The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is heralding the fact that 1,049 newspapers across the nation now accept “wedding” announcements from same-sex couples.

In the six years since GLAAD launched its Announcing Equality campaign targeting newspapers, the percentage of dailies that run same-sex “wedding” announcements rose from 5 percent to 72 percent. Same-sex “marriage” is recognized only in California and Massachusetts, yet all 50 states have newspapers that print such “wedding” announcements.

Charlene E. Cothran, editor of VenusMagazine.org and formerly gay-identified, said the media are trying to sway society. “They’re trying to desensitize the readership,” she told Family News in Focus. “And this is one of the ways they are able to do it, by getting this announcement into the home of the regular reader.” Cothran said the truth will prevail. “It does not matter how many newspapers run a gay ‘marriage’ announcement because that does not change the truth that gay and lesbian ‘marriages’ ... are not what God intended,” she said. “You can put it on a newspaper, you can put it on an airplane, you can print it anywhere you want; that does not change the truth.”

vote”, seemingly to avoid going on record. When the Legislature heard that Mass Resistance was planning a Referendum Petition, they passed it again - adding special “emergency act” language to make it go into effect immediately, instead of the usual 90 days.

“The referendum is a statement that the people of Massachusetts aren’t going to just sit back and take it. We’re not going to let a small but powerful special interest be allowed to change our laws at will to push an offensive social experiment across the country”, said Brian Camenker of Mass Resistance. “This is very important. They forced “gay marriage” on us through a radical judiciary and corrupt politicians. They think we’re beaten. Well, we’re not. Conversely, if we don’t fight back now, they have the green light to do anything they want in the future.”

Unlike with the Marriage Amendment, a vote of the people CANNOT be stopped by the Legislature if the signatures are obtained! The effort officially requires 33,297 good signatures by approximately mid-October, but to be safe they really need to get 40,000 or more.

According to law, before collecting signatures the Attorney

General’s office must decide whether the request is legal and does not deal with “excluded matters.” The AG also must draft a “fair and concise” summary of the law, for the petition sheets.

**The AG has had the referendum in its office since Thursday, Aug. 14.** They’ve already drafted the summary, which has been approved by Mass Resistance. Brian Camenker stated, “**On the legality of our request, we cannot see any possible reason it can be denied.** But we also know that Attorney General Martha Coakley is a passionate public supporter of the homosexual movement. So we’re prepared to go to the wall on this.”

After it gets out of the AG’s office it will take a few days for the Secretary of State’s office to get the petitions printed up. “Then we’re off and running, then we start. We definitely want to get rolling before Labor Day!, says Mr Camenker.

Brian continues, “We need people to step up to the plate on this. Will you help collect signatures or make a donation?” For more info visit [www.massresistance.org](http://www.massresistance.org) or call 781-890-6001

## Church of the Apostles reach out to the community

**Church of The Apostles in Coventry** has donated 100 book bags and supplies for children in the West Warwick School Department for the 2008-2009 school year. Most of the backpacks were purchased and filled by individual church members and families; some were purchased with outreach funds. “It’s amazing that this year, in harder economic times, the church was able to provide more than double the 40 backpacks that were supplied to the school children last year,” said Cathy Morgan, Apostles’ outreach deacon.

Morgan contacted the West Warwick School Department’s Director of Human Resources, Mr. Laurent Lamothe, earlier this summer to inquire about the need for school backpacks for the children this year. Mr. Lamothe conveyed that there was a great need. He estimated that 200 backpacks could be used.

“Church of The Apostles was

able to provide half of the need for the students this year. If other churches in the area joined us we would be able to meet all of the need,” Morgan said. “It’s important for the churches to help the community, including the schools, and it is important for the children in the schools to know that the church cares about them,” said Deacon Morgan. “The church needs to make a difference in this world,” Morgan said, “and what better place to start than with the children.”

The church has partnered in the past with the West Warwick schools to assist with the purchase of recess equipment, and has provided donations to the S.T.A.R. program that sponsors fun and educational trips for special needs students and to the West Warwick/Coventry Special Olympics team to buy their first-ever team warm-up suits which were worn in the 2008 opening ceremony. For more information please visit their website at [www.churchoftheapostlesri.org](http://www.churchoftheapostlesri.org).

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# Dead Sea Scrolls Link Past and Present

By Chris Mitchell

CBNNews.com - JERUSALEM, Israel - Just over 60 years ago, a Bedouin boy stumbled on one of the greatest treasures in history. He discovered the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which constitute the oldest evidence for the Hebrew Bible.

On the edge of the Dead Sea, deep in the heart of the Judean wilderness in a place called Qumran, came some of the most significant artifacts of modern times: the Dead Sea Scrolls. For two millennia, the scrolls lay hidden in 11 caves throughout the Qumran area. Their discovery marked the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century.

To learn more about the Dead Sea Scrolls, CBN News hiked up to one of those 11 caves with Stephen Pfann, founder of the University of the Holy Land and an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

When asked why the Dead Sea Scrolls were so important to us today, Pfann said, "because they confirm the Bible that we have. There's variants, but basically it's [that] you can barely tell the difference between the two texts, [the one] that we have in Qumran and in our Bibles."

The Dead Sea Scrolls provide a 2,000-year-old link between the Scriptures during the time of Jesus and today. "[It's also important] because we can hold the same scrolls in our hands that they held

in their hands 2,000 years ago. And when somebody sits there with their New Testament and their Bibles in the United States and they're listening to their favorite sermon, they can know that this Bible was based upon manuscripts that people held in their hands from 2,000 years ago."

Now for the first time since 1967, curators at the Israel Museum put on display the most significant Dead Sea Scroll of all: the original scroll of Isaiah to mark Israel's 60th birthday. "We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel and by chance or not, also the 60th anniversary of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We thought that the best way to honor the State of Israel is to bring back these major treasures of the Jewish nation for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the country," said Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"I think a strong case could be made for anyone of faith that this is a tremendous act of God -- to make this available to people at the same time that the State of Israel, as a people, has actually been restored. And I'm not sure and we don't want to overstate the rather amazing [timing]," he said. It's hard to overstate the amazing coincidence that the massive scrolls were discovered around the same time, in the same months, that the State of Israel was proclaimed and was founded here in the land again."

Roitman says the scroll of Isaiah holds a special significance for Christians. "But also I have to remind [you of] the fact that it's the oft-quoted prophet in the New Testament and all the major prophecies concerning the Messiah, which in the Christian interpretation was Jesus, [they're] also they're coming from the book of Isaiah.

"And there is a specific event and we have only one instance in all the Gospels where we actually have Jesus reading from a scroll, as [it is] in the Gospel Luke, chapter 4, that on *Shabbat* [Sabbath], on Saturday in Nazareth, he was given the book of Isaiah and he read from the book, the famous passage in Isaiah chapter 61," he said.

"It means that for Jesus, for John the Baptist and for the first Christians -- all of them also Jews -- the book of Isaiah was very central for them." Jesus quoted these verses from Isaiah 61: "*The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*"

Two thousand years ago, the Isaiah scroll and many others were hidden in the caves near Qumran. Two thousand years later, the scrolls still speak to us.

## Chinese Airport Officials Seize 300 Bibles from American Christians

By Jeremy Reynolds

**KUNMING, YUNNAN PROVINCE, CHINA (ANS)** -- A group of American Christians who had more than 300 Chinese Bibles confiscated by officials when they arrived in China is refusing to leave Kunming International Airport until they get the books back. According to a news release from the China Aid Association (CAA), the four American Christians arrived at 3 p.m. Beijing Time from the U.S. via Thailand. Each carried about 75 to 80 study Bibles for Chinese pastors. The names of the four are Pat Klein, 46, from Wyoming, Forrest Higginbotham, 78, from Indiana, Higginbotham's grandson Stephen Constantinou, 15, from New Jersey and Steve Nichols, 60, from New York.

According to Klein, each of them was fined for 400 U.S. dollars for the overweight luggage with the Bibles. The Chinese customs

officials told the four Americans that their all of their Bibles were confiscated as "illegal religious literature." "The Chinese leaders keep telling the world the Chinese people have religious freedom. To even prevent them from receiving Bibles certainly contradicts that claim," the news release said Klein told CAA President Bob Fu in a telephone interview.

Klein's Sheridan, Wyoming-based group Vision Beyond Borders distributes Bibles and Christian teaching materials around the world. Chinese authority allows limited numbers of Bibles, and they are only available at officially sanctioned churches. The sale of Bibles is forbidden in public bookstores. "I appeal to the Chinese government to release those confiscated Bibles to the four individuals who deeply care about the Chinese believers," Fu said in the news release. "I urge the international Christian community to

pray for the four courageous fellow brothers for their safety in China." For more information go to [www.chinaaid.org](http://www.chinaaid.org)

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# World News

## Russian Attack Clarifying Prophetic World Order

By Bill Wilson - [www.dailyjot.com](http://www.dailyjot.com)

Some media pundits are saying that Russia is starting Cold War II, but in reality, the escalation of the Georgia conflict by Russia and the subsequent actions by NATO and the United States has the makings of a prophetic march toward fulfilling ancient Biblical prophecies pointing toward the end times. Ezekiel 38 and 39 speak of an attack by Russia on Israel. Russia is assisted by the Islamic nations of Iran, Libya and most of Northern Africa. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of the attack in Ezekiel 38:9, "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee."

The cunning Prime Minister of Russia, Vladimir Putin, has chosen a very strategic time to invade Georgia and probe the world with his bayonet to see where he hits bone. The United States, who under its last two presidents has become the world's police department, is in its most vulnerable strategic position. The US is bogged down in a war against Islam, a bone-fide Russian ally. Moreover, the US war is being conducted in Iraq, the heart of Babylon, a crown in the former Persian Empire--a place many consider the heart of Satan. Satan's strongholds are so powerful in this area, the Bible's prophet Daniel writes that Gabriel, the angel of the Lord, was withstood in battle against the Kings of Persia there for 21 days.

Putin's probe is a calculated risk in that he seems to believe the US and NATO will not lift a finger to help Georgia militarily because of being occupied by the Islamic front. Instead, the US has opted to place missile systems in the former Soviet states of Poland and the Czech Republic. This has drawn threats from Moscow that Poland risks being attacked by Russia, even with nuclear weapons. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters that NATO "is not going to permit a new line to be drawn in Europe." So far, Putin's risk seems to be rewarded. He has found that he can advance on another nation with words and diplomacy as the only resistance to his assault.

Taking inventory, Russia has chosen a military option in an area that no nation dare engage because it is the most defensible of the former Soviet Union. Because Islam has the forces of the West occupied in Satan's heartland, there is little more than rhetoric to stand in Russia's way. The US and its allies are spread so thin in a long war of attrition that they haven't the will to take on a Russian advance. If Putin and his Islamic allies thrust the bayonet beyond the rhetoric, the world may quickly begin to see the true nature of the Russian-Islamic alliance manifesting itself in the Persian Gulf, where the power of oil, world dominance, and prophecy meet at the unwalled cities of Israel.

## Trainee Evangelist Attacked and Arrested for Distributing Gospel Tracts

By James Varghese

**ORISSA, INDIA (ANS)** -- Hindu radicals attacked an evangelist in training recently. The incident occurred on Aug. 20 when the minister was distributing gospel tracts in Orissa state. According to the story on [www.persecution.in](http://www.persecution.in), Premdan Khora, 35, is a trainee evangelist from the Indian Evangelical Team, and was handing out the tracts in Benasil Village.

The story stated that upon hearing of Premdan's activities, 100 Hindu activists who were conducting a protest rally, heard what he was doing. They came to the village, and beat Premdan for almost an hour till he was barely conscious. The story also noted that the radicals destroyed the tracts,

and handed Premdan over to law enforcement authorities charging him with forced conversion.

The Global Council of Indian Christians (GCIC) immediately commissioned an advocate to intervene with the police and do the necessary legal work. However, the story reported that the powerful Sangh Pariviar (World Hindu Council) threatened the police, and as a result a complaint was filed against Premdan. That complaint was later forwarded to the court.

According to the web site, Premdan is currently in the District Jail of Koraput. As the court is closed for Hindu festival holidays, GCIC will petition that he be released on Monday.

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# Health News

## FDA Unleashes Mass Irradiation of Spinach, Lettuce and Other Vegetables

By Mike Adams  
-The Health Ranger

(NaturalNews) The FDA has announced that beginning today, spinach and lettuce sold across the United States may now be secretly irradiated before it reaches grocery store shelves. What's "secret" about it? The FDA previously decided that irradiation warning stickers would not be required on any food items because it would be "too confusing to consumers." (The word IRRADIATION apparently has too many letters to be understood to food buyers.) Thus, irradiated foods will not be labeled as such, and consumers are going to be left in the dark about all this (except for those who actually eat the irradiated food, in which case they will glow in the dark).

The FDA, of course, insists that the levels of irradiation used to kill e.coli will have no effect whatsoever on the nutritional value of the food. This astonishing statement comes from an agency that doesn't believe food has any nutritional value in the first place, so lowering the value to zero by destroying all the phytonutrients does not, in the opinion of the FDA, alter its nutritional value at all. Thus, destroying all the anti-cancer nutrients in a head of broccoli merely brings that broccoli into "compliance" as a non-functional food, according to the FDA.

Radiation, of course, destroys delicate phytochemicals in plants -- the very phytochemicals protecting consumers against cancer, heart disease, high cholesterol, inflammation and other diseases. Microwaving broccoli, for example, destroys up to 98% of its anti-cancer nutrients. (The FDA has not yet acknowledged this scientific fact, either.) In a similar way, irradiating food destroys much of its nutritional content, including vitamins, carotenoids, anthocyanins and other delicate protective nutrients that are right now providing the last, desperate nutritional defense against

the American diet of meat, milk, fried foods and processed junk.

Irradiating fresh produce will leave the U.S. population in a state of extreme deficiency in protective plant-based nutrients.

### Does the FDA plan to destroy the health of the U.S. population?

Many people suspect that's what the FDA really wants. A nutritionally-deficient, disease-ridden population would mean a windfall of profits for the FDA's buddies in Big Pharma -- the folks who sell patented medications at monopoly prices. With the food supply destroyed by radiation, **ordinary people would have virtually no remaining sources of protective phytonutrients!**



In promoting this food radiation policy, the FDA has accomplished what all the terrorists in the world could not: The mass irradiation of the U.S. food supply -- much like setting off a dirty bomb over the nation's farms (but with less radiation). This destruction of the nutritional value of the food supply is a far greater threat to the health of the U.S. population than any terrorist event, including 9/11. And yet it is being done

## 28 Women Miscarry After Receiving Gardasil HPV Vaccination; FDA Not Concerned

By David Gutierrez

(NaturalNews) Since the approval of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Gardasil in June 2006, 28 cases have been reported of pregnant women miscarrying after receiving the vaccine. Saying that this miscarriage rate is no different than that of the general population, the FDA has said that it will not call for further investigations into the drug's safety.

The miscarriage reports come from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), which contains raw data about any event that occurs after taking a medication that might be related to use of the drug.

Gardasil, produced by Merck,

protects against two strains of HPV that have been identified as responsible for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, plus two strains that cause 90 percent of genital warts. A total of 3,461 negative reactions after taking Gardasil were reported to the database, including eight deaths.

Of the 28 reported miscarriages, several were listed as cause unknown, leading a federal investigator to say that one of these, at least, "may have been caused by Gardasil because the patient received the injection within 30 days of the pregnancy."

In clinical trials conducted by Merck, the number of women who had miscarriages after being given

the vaccine was not significantly different than the number among those given a placebo. In addition, the company points to studies on rats in which 300 times the human dose failed to produce reproductive effects. But the company's literature on the drug says, "It is not known whether Gardasil should be given to pregnant women."

Three U.S. states have passed laws mandating HPV vaccines for school-age girls, and 38 other states have considered similar laws. The American College of Pediatrics and "New England Journal of Medicine," however, have opposed mandatory vaccination with Gardasil.

by our own people, TO our own people, by a lawless agency that answers to no one. FDA officials are not voted into office by the People; they are appointed by politicians. They answer to no one, they refuse to follow federal law, and they operate as tyrants over

Don't think the FDA will stop with spinach and lettuce, either. They're already talking about irradiating tomatoes, peppers and onions. Before long, **radiation could become mandatory for ALL fresh produce**, and all the fresh fruits and vegetables that are supposed to contain health-protecting nutrients will be transformed into sterile, inert plant mass with no health benefits at all. (Brilliant scam, huh?)

**This is by design.** I believe the FDA wants the American public to be sickened and diseased. Why else would they ban Free Speech about healing foods like cherries, broccoli and garlic? Why would they outlaw the selling of herbs and nutritional supplements that claim to treat and prevent disease? **The FDA wants you to be sick, enslaved and medicated**, and irradiating the food supply is the quickest way to accomplish that.

He who controls the food controls the People. He who destroys the food can profit from the People's sickness.

### The FDA's crimes against humanity

In pushing this radiation agenda, **the FDA is committing a crime against humanity** -- a nutritional atrocity that violates fundamental human rights. And yet the FDA's top decision makers continue to operate with zero oversight and zero accountability. They make decisions in a corporate-sponsored vacuum, absent any input from reasonable, health-conscious consumers or scientists. And because they have been granted tyrannical powers by Congress, the FDA operates **above the law**.

It is not subject to any laws whatsoever; not even the U.S. Constitution which is supposed to protect the People's right to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" (as stated in the Declaration of Independence).

The mass irradiation of the food supply is a violation of the "Life" part of that phrase, wouldn't you agree? If we can no longer

buy nourishing foods with their nutrients intact, then we are all doomed to degenerative disease and death... but not before paying out our life savings to doctors, drug companies and hospitals. That's the evil genius of the food irradiation plot: **It kills you slowly**, at just the right pace to drain your bank account before you expire from malnutrition.

I truly believe this irradiation of the food supply is the beginning of the end of America. **No nation can survive the destruction of its food supply.** The FDA is dooming America to a slow, painful, medicated death. In a generation, this nation will be lost, destroyed from within by short-sighted tyrants who violated nature and left the People to rot.

### What you can do right now to fight this latest transgression by the FDA

For starters, you can: 1) Grow your own food. A little gardening is good. Grow whatever you can, even if it's just a few kitchen herbs. 2) Buy your food at farmer's markets, coops and CSAs. See [www.localharvest.org/csa](http://www.localharvest.org/csa) 3) Ask your grocery store if they are buying irradiated spinach. If they don't know, demand they find out! 4) Raise hell with your Senators and Congresspeople, demanding they pass new laws protecting consumers from the FDA and its plot to destroy the nutritional value of the food supply.

Finally, **don't stand for this food supply madness!** Pray for Gods intervention... Raise your voice. Write your local media, call your representatives in Washington and tell them you strongly oppose the irradiation of the food supply. Teach people about phytonutrients and stay tuned to NaturalNews and the Good News Today as we continue to cover this important story.

The FDA has gone mad. Criminally mad. It is an agency that will literally kill you if given the chance, and it is up to all of us to stop this madness before we lose our health, our children and our very nation.

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a quarter of the U.S. economy.

And now they have taken it upon themselves to destroy the national food supply.

We should be more than just alarmed -- we should be outraged! **The FDA has committed an act of war against the People.** With this decision, the FDA has firmly positioned itself as an enemy of the People, and a bringer of death and disease to the nation. Why are our elected representatives in Washington allowing this madness?

**Think about this: If the FDA has its way:**

- All your food will be irradiated, pasteurized or killed
- All your children will be vaccinated
- All your medicine will be based on pharmaceuticals
- All your free speech about health will be suppressed
- All informative labeling on food and supplements will be outlawed
- Growing and selling non-irradiated garden vegetables will become a crime!

**Today it's spinach and lettuce; tomorrow it's all freproduce**

## Book Reviews

### What they're saying about voting 'None of the Above'

(WorldNetDaily) Washington – John Quincy Adams said: “Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.”

More Americans seem to be adopting that idea as their own this year as widespread disenchantment with both major-party presidential candidates reaches critical mass.

Polls show between 10 percent and 15 percent of likely voters unimpressed with either John McCain or

Barack Obama. And that's before the official debut of the first book ever published in America urging the public to abstain from pulling the lever for either.

The book is Joseph Farah's "None of the Above: Why 2008 Is the Year to Cast the Ultimate Protest Vote," scheduled to reach bookstores throughout the country Aug. 19, but already being broadly praised by those who have read it or heard about it.

"I believe the grass-roots support for the premise of my books is much stronger than even the public opinion polls are suggesting at this point in the campaign," says Farah, the editor and founder of WND. "Therefore, coinciding with the release of this book Aug. 19, I will be releasing the results of a scientific poll commissioned by me to determine the extent of the disenchantment with McCain and Obama. I think we have the makings of an electoral revolution that will have ramifications for years to come. This is the election that will either break the hammerlock of control by the two-party system or one of the two major parties will reform itself."

The author of "None of the Above" doesn't see the race so much as a contest between John McCain and Barack Obama. He sees it more like a McCain-Obama ticket. And the only real choice Americans have is to reject it.

"There is a real choice in the 2008 presidential election," he says. "The choice is to vote for none of the above. It's the only choice that makes sense. It's the only choice that will make a real difference for the future of our country. It's the only choice that is moral and justifiable from both a pragmatic point of view as well as an idealistic one."

Farah is no fan of President George W. Bush, having opposed many of his policies during the last eight years and having refused to endorse him or vote for him in 2000.

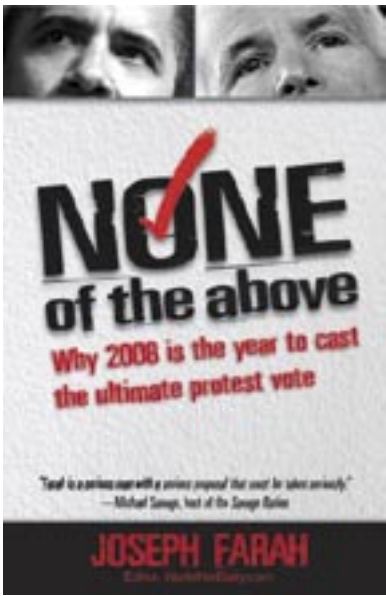
"However," he writes in his new book, "in all honesty, the choices put before us this year by the two major parties make George Bush look like George Washington by comparison."

Farah believes there is a chance the 2008 election could be one of the most important elections in American history – one that causes a major realignment, a radical change in the way candidates are selected, great changes in both parties, the emergence of competition from one or more third parties and the redemption of the Republican Party.

Farah doesn't believe the presidency can be denied one of the two front-runners. But he does believe the best long-term interests of the country will be served by a general uprising of voters refusing to select the lesser of two evils. "None of the Above" lays out a panoply of reasons and some shocking, unconventional conclusions that will, at the very least, challenge every reader to think before they jump on one of the major-party candidate's bandwagon.

"I don't think Americans have really considered how powerful it is to vote 'no.' The Soviet Union imploded when Russians said 'no.' 'No' is a very powerful word. It is a revolutionary word. And America is in need of a political revolution – a revolution that gives voters real choices."

Barack Obama. And that's before the official debut of the first book ever published in America urging the public to abstain from pulling the lever for either.



## Olympian Tasha Danvers shunned abortion; now has son & medal

By BP Staff

BEIJING (BP)--Tasha Danvers chose her unborn child four years ago over her hopes for an Olympic medal. Now she has both.

Running for Great Britain, Danvers won the bronze medal Aug. 20 in the women's 400 meter hurdles, with a personal best time of 53.84 seconds. Jamaican Melaine Walker won the gold medal with a time of 52.64; American Sheena Tosta claimed the silver at 53.70.

In early 2004, Danvers appeared to be a good prospect for a medal at the Olympics in Athens. She was the sixth-ranked hurdler in the world. Then, she learned she was pregnant.

Danvers reportedly was pressured by some in the track and field world to have an abortion. She admitted later that she and her American husband-coach

Darrell Smith briefly considered that choice.

"[T]he thought did cross our minds as an option," Danvers told the Telegraph, a London newspaper, in May 2004 before citing



Mark 8:36. "But this line from the Scriptures kept coming into my head: 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

"For me, the whole world was the Olympics. At the same time, I felt I would be losing my soul."

She gave birth to a son, Jaden, in

December 2004 and started on the road back to the Olympics. Her surprising bronze medal in Beijing came after a series of health setbacks, including an injured Achilles tendon and torn hamstring muscle, had produced a disappointing pre-Olympics season.

"Don't ever give up," Danvers said after winning the bronze medal, according to The Times of London. "That's what I want the next generation to understand. Everything doesn't come up all roses all the time. That is the nature of this athletics game."

Tasha Danvers of Great Britain shows her bronze medal for the 400 meter hurdles during the event's awards ceremony at the Beijing Olympics. Four years ago, she chose motherhood over an abortion that would have cleared the way for her to compete in the Athens Games. - Photo by Newscom/Xinhua/Liao Yujie

## Bryan Clay gets decathlon gold; Robinson, BMX bronze

By BP Staff

BEIJING (BP)--Bryan Clay, in winning the gold medal in the decathlon Aug. 22 and the unofficial title of "world's greatest athlete," tallied the largest margin of victory in the epic Olympic competition since 1972.

The U.S. Olympian's 8,791 points in Beijing topped silver medalist Andrei Krauchanka of Belarus by 240 points. Leonel Suarez of Cuba won the bronze.

Clay's commanding performance during the two-day 10-event competition, however, fell 235 points short of the world record and 102 shy of the Olympic record, both notched by Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic in 2001 and 2004, respectively. Clay won the silver medal in 2004 in the Athens Games. In Beijing, Sebrle came in sixth with a total of 8241 points.

Clay, 28, led the competition from the start, winning the 100 meter, and was never challenged as he finished first or second in four other events and third in two more. Clay finished last in his heat in the final event, the 1,500 meters -- which one of his coaches described as the decathlete's least favorite part of the decathlon. But by then, his overall lead had become insurmountable.

Fellow U.S. decathlete Trey Hardee, in his first Olympics after finishing second in the 2008 Olympic Trials, was not among the top finishers in Beijing. Dan O'Brien was the last U.S. athlete to win the Olympic decathlon, at Atlanta in 1996.

Clay's website noted that at 5'10" and 183 pounds, he was by far the smallest athlete at the top level of

the decathlon, where the average athletes are 6'3" and 205 pounds. The website also notes Clay's faith in Christ.



Bryan Clay

Clay, who grew up in Honolulu and competed in as many as six events at high school track meets, is described in the website's biography section as a rebellious teenager who often found himself in trouble.

"Bryan credits two things with getting his life back on track: His success in sports that led him to college, and his belief and acceptance of the Christian faith," the site says. "At [Azusa Pacific University in Southern California] Bryan really began to accept the Christian faith that his mother had been trying to instill in him for many years."

Clay told Christianity Today, "A huge reason why I haven't been tempted to take drugs or do anything of that sort is because I realize that winning is not my life, it's not my identity. I know that God has me doing what I'm doing. I know that yes I can win. I also know that I'm not going to win all the time and I know that either way, win or lose, that God is going to provide for me."

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our tables, volunteers and virtually anyone in my path. These folks are my sounding board for what to write in many ways since I get their "take" on Soulfest. Many people echoed the same thoughts; at Soulfest you get spoiled by all of the greetings and smiles we get from strangers and then, sadly, we go back to the "real world" where such things don't exist.

The first person I had contact with was Sarah French, a Soulfest employee whose smile,



The Boston based group Maeve performing onstage at Soulfest 2008

sense of humor and competency helped smooth out the initial confusion in obtaining our press passes and other credentials. Sarah seemed to always be in action each day as she went about coordinating things and attempting to solve some of the frequent issues or problems that arise. Sarah said that she was originally drawn to the festival out of a love of planning events, and a passion for Christian music in particular and "I soon discovered that Soulfest was a community made up of Christians who passionately believed in its crusade of True Love."

US Navy Sonar Operator Kevin Rasmusen came to Soulfest from New London, CT where his submarine is based. He told of the long hours and tight quarters on submarines

and how hard it is, with the intense work schedules, to attend a church service while deployed. Soulfest was a chance to recharge and to enjoy some of the excellent music and speakers, he said.

I spotted twenty-year-old Brenda R. lying on her stomach on the grass intently writing in a small notebook. I learned that she had traveled alone to Soulfest from Montpelier, VT and was feeling quite sad and lonely and was in despair when she got there. She was, she said, hoping to "find God" and she said that she did. She said that she heard a teenage girl on a stage speaking about her life and how she had been hopelessly dependent on unwholesome relationships with men. The girl explained how she had let God take over her life so she now depended on him for love instead. Hearing the girl, Julie talk, hit a chord in her and Brenda made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior too.

The table next to ours in the tent was manned by Kelly Roy, New Hampshire State Leader for Operation Outcry and others. Operation Outcry, among other things, offers hope and help to those hurting from their decision to have an abortion. They are actively seeking personal stories of how abortion has hurt women and men to use as evidence to help end abortion by presenting these priceless declarations before the US Supreme Court. If you have been hurt by an abortion, join their One Million Voices, visit [www.operationoutcry.org](http://www.operationoutcry.org) to provide your information.

Hundreds of people stopped by the Operation Outcry table to examine a small collection of baby shoes, each tagged with a baby name and a heartrending note written by a mother, father or sibling of an aborted baby. These shoes are a small portion of a huge number of shoes being displayed by *A Cry Without a Voice*, a component of Operation Outcry and coordinated by Rebecca Porter of Tampa Florida. The group is gradually reaching their goal of collecting 3500 pairs of shoes which represents the approximate number of abortions that take place every day. They present the shoes in large public settings to create awareness and to bring grieving people forward. The complete story of this ministry will appear in a future issue. Rebecca can be reached at [Rebecca@crywithoutavoice.com](mailto:Rebecca@crywithoutavoice.com). Please note that if you are hurting from an abortion decision and would like immediate assistance call the 24/7 National Helpline at 1-866-482-5433.

An extreme departure from the clothing fashions mentioned above was the garb worn by Susanna, Shannon and Rose, located directly across from us. Each wore neck to ankle dresses and each had wreaths of flowers on their heads. There were two males with them, Jordy and Pete, and the group was from a commune-type living arrangement located near Woodstock, NY. I grew to care for each of them and we became friends. Based on the model founded by J. Heinrich Arnold in 1938, this "Bruderhof movement" was bred on Arnold's selective and unique interpretation and paraphrases of the Holy Bible which clearly omits the gospel message in exchange for the Sermon on the Mount. Their presence led to many lively Biblical challenges and discussion between us and many who stopped to talk with them. To

learn more about their community you can call 508-589-5103.

I thought I was on a break from talking and listening when I went to the Mercy Street Café for a snack but this was not to be. Joy Wheeler and Karen Murray are two friends who were sitting at an outdoor table overlooking the grounds and they are regular attendees at Soulfest. They have followed the Christian Music Festivals since they began in the mid-nineties. Karen said that originally there was only music and vendors at the festivals with no speakers or workshops. They both believe that it is better since it became *Soulfest* since there is much to be learned from the workshops. One conviction that Karen has received from her Soulfest experience this year is "to stop being complacent; be ready to serve Him." Joy said that "We need to be ready when he calls; not just sitting back."

I was shaving on the final morning and in the mirror I saw a Pastor from Pittsburgh waiting his turn to shower. We began to chat and



Susanna, Shannon and Rose from a commune in Woodstock, NY

I learned that he went by the name "MK" and he was part of a youth group from Grace Chapel in Lexington, MA. Their pilgrimage to Soulfest had an unusual twist; all of their

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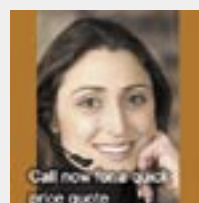
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four cars were involved in a single accident with one of the cars totaled. No one was seriously injured and, although shaken by the experience, the group continued to attend concerts and events and to worship and, as MK put it, to "Savor the Savior in all things, good or bad." The night before a sixteen-year-old girl was raced to the hospital due to dehydration. Although the kids were distressed they chose to continue to glorify God by receiving communion that morning as planned.

I had the pleasure of meeting Judy Pelletier of 90.1 FM, WYCM, *Your Christian Mix* radio station managed by Stephen Binley. The mission of the station is "to encourage the heart of the believer, to reach the heart of the unbeliever and to draw all hearts into praise and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ through quality contemporary Christian music." Judy is genuine and



**Judy Pelletier of WYCM**

obviously deeply committed to the Lord and to helping the station achieve its vision of expanding throughout the New England area. The station currently serves southern Worcester County, Northern CT and a tiny NW edge of RI. This 100% listener supported station which seeks to glorify God and edify the listener through the ministry of music has been blessed by God in many ways and will continue to be as He helps them grow. You can contact Judy at 508-764-9010 or [jpelletier@wycm.com](mailto:jpelletier@wycm.com) if you would like more information about their progress or to find out how you can help.

Most of the people who make Soulfest happen do it for free; volunteering their time and energy because they believe in the festival. A few examples are: Leo who said that he and his friends from Leominster, MA do it to get to see the concerts for free but, he said, "We also love Jesus." Carrie

said that she has been volunteering for three years and takes the week out of work to come. She loves the atmosphere and tends



**Chris, Shannon and Nevaeh Tomlinson**

to stick to the "Mountain Top Stage" with its magnificent view of the Lakes Region. Mandy said that she and several of her college mates come together every year to save money (Free concerts, camping) and that they enjoy the bands and "just the whole scene." Some came to re-connect with old friends and some in hopes to make new ones. Whatever the motivation, this army of volunteer's work hard and exhibit good attitudes as they fulfill their responsibilities each day.

He was twenty-two months when he somehow broke free of his playpen and went into the utility room where he began to douse himself with gasoline. When the water heater pilot light ignited, so did he and over ninety percent of his body was severely burned. Expected to die the first night and later projected to be severely mentally impaired with no chance of ever walking, 23 year-old Chris Tomlinson is alive, alert and ambulatory. He is also married to Shannon and has a bright and beautiful daughter, Nevaeh (Heaven spelled backwards) and has another baby due at the end of September.



**Colleen Clancy**

In a coming issue, read the amazing story of how Chris, after undergoing over two hundred surgeries, is a strong witness for God and is active in several ministries

Coleen Clancy was an exuberant young woman helping run The Word of Life Bible Institute booth from which she recently received her certificate. Her next stop is the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. What especially impressed me about her was her direct, sincere manner and the fact that she would even

want to complete two years at Word of Life where the sole purpose is studying the Bible; such a departure from the average teenager! She loved volunteering for the school and said that her favorite band

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was *Flyleaf*.

Andrea Schiarizzi, a student at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI stopped by our booth and asked if we were in need of another writer. We sure are! We have been in contact with her since and you might be treated by an article of hers in an upcoming issue. All others interested in volunteering to write, help with graphic arts, deliver or offer any other skills to help us do the Lord's work feel free to contact us at [Larry@thegoodnewstoday.org](mailto:Larry@thegoodnewstoday.org) or call the office and speak with CherylLynn at 401-619-0418.

Finally, Jamie Tarricone hails from Rhode Island and came to Soulfest again this year with six kids and his pastor from the Acoaxet Chapel in Westport, MA. Jamie said that he is involved in several music ministries that are "specifically directed to re-capturing the youth of our area for Christ" so he comes

to Soulfest to learn what is happening in "their types of music." At Soulfest, he said the peer pressure is for the kids he brings to be "Godly, not worldly and that, he thinks, is the biggest draw that keeps him bringing kids back again and again."



**Grace, Soulfest's newest fan**

I could go on and on mentioning all of the people I encountered at Soulfest which touched me and shaped my thinking in a number ways but this would be impractical due to space. Suffice to say that many who came to Soulfest empty, left recharged by the Lord. Many who came charged up left even more excited to share the Word of God and His magnificent love for us all by providing His Son Jesus Christ as our salvation, our only way to Heaven. Even those who came "just for the bands" or are cynical of Christianity in general likely left with a seed or two sown in their hearts of God's wonderful grace.

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# Entertainment

## FIREPROOF the movie becoming a movement ahead of its release

By Michael Ireland

ALBANY, GEORGIA (ANS) -- It's no secret that U.S. marriages are in crisis. The U.S. Census Bureau and marriage organizations vary on the stats but agree that nearly half of all weddings lead to divorce -- with rates highest in the Bible belt. Some 25 percent of U.S. adults divorce at least once; and given the abundance of poor marriages, many couples skip it outright.

Already the movie FIREPROOF, [www.FireprooftheMovie.com](http://www.FireprooftheMovie.com), is uniting marriage advocates from across the U.S. The new action/relationship film -- from the creators of "Facing the Giants" and "Flywheel -- has become a movement of marriage advocates ahead of its release this September from Sherwood Pictures and Provident Films.

National groups such as Focus on the Family, Outreach, FamilyLife, The Marriage CoMission, America's Family Coaches, AMFM, Marriage Alive Communications, and MarriageToday endorse the movie and are urging their constituencies to see it. Influencers such as marriage expert Gary Smalley and Bubba Cathy of Chick-fil-A are also working to spread the word.

"Fireproof" mirrors the problems of many marriages, in this case through a firefighter, played by Kirk Cameron, whose high-stress job spills into his home life. Hitting on pain points common to married life -- from indifference to insults to emotional affairs and internet porn -- the story opens with a couple's disintegration.

"Most movies are about relationships that lead to marriage," Michael Catt, of Sherwood Pictures said. "'Fireproof' picks up seven years into a marriage headed for divorce. And the question is: Can a cold marriage revive? Why stay together?"

Given that firefighters have one of the nation's highest divorce rates, "Fireproof" also has the support of many firefighters and

related organizations. John White, former head of the Los Angeles Fire Department's Search & Rescue Team, is urging firefighters across the country to see it.

Sherwood's aim to "reach the world from Albany, GA" rides on first-rate entertainment packing powerful messages. Its first movie, "Flywheel," explored business integrity. "Facing the Giants" tackled personal fear and failure. Now "Fireproof" asks what makes a true hero.

"This movie is about fireproofing your most important earthly relationship," Executive Producer Jim McBride said. "Our hope and prayer is that people will be touched by the story of Caleb and Catherine and commit to fireproofing their marriages -- no matter what state those marriages are currently in."

### A Sampling of Endorsements

"The time has come in America when the devastating impact of divorce and the breakdown of the family are un-masked. [This movie's] challenge to 'never leave your partner behind' brings to us a dramatic experience of the power of sacrifice and forgiveness in restoring hope for a strong, lifelong marriage. I expect this film will save marriages that are faltering, enrich good marriages, and give all viewers more confidence that great marriages can be a reality." Dr. Jeff S. Fray, Chair, The Marriage CoMission

"[After] a few days of filming, I was most impressed with how [directors] Alex and Stephen [Kendrick] began the day with prayer and a short teaching from the scriptures. The clips have gotten me excited about the potential of this film, first, to present the Gospel, second, to give hope to struggling marriages. And third, to say to those struggling with addictions that the cycle can be broken." Bob Waliszewski, Director, Focus on the Family's Plugged In

"Fireproof" is going to do more than entertain and stir hearts when it comes to movie theaters (this fall). This is a movie that will impact couples in a profound way for decades to come."

Dennis Rainey, President, of FamilyLife

For more information about "Fireproof," how individuals and organizations can get involved, and in what theaters the movie will open, stay current with [www.FireprooftheMovie.com](http://www.FireprooftheMovie.com)



## New Comic Book Series Brings 'New Twist' to 'Old Testament'

FLANDERS, New Jersey - JMG Comics, a division of JMG Studios, is pleased to announce the release of its first comic book series, MECHA MANGA BIBLE HEROES.

MECHA MANGA BIBLE HEROES brings classic bible heroes to life in a whole new way. This action-packed series is drawn in the popular manga (Japanese comics) style and features "mecha" (robots). The characters, themes and stories remain the same, only the setting has changed -- to a futuristic world of aliens, robots and advanced technology.

"Just like modernized versions of Shakespeare's plays, by taking a solid, meaningful story and translating its elements as faithfully as possible into a new setting, we hope to bring out some of the more amazing details that might get missed by today's readers," said co-creator and co-writer Tom Hall.

The first issue re-imagines the legendary tale of David, the shepherd boy who took down the giant, Goliath. The 32-page, full-color comic book retails for \$2.25 US.

"David is a young kid who has to go toe-to-toe with a giant super robot," said Hall. "Other than that, everything is what the Bible describes, down to the small details

that most Sunday School versions gloss over."

"The stories of the Old Testament are universal and can be found among several religions and cultures," said Managing Editor Paul Castiglia, veteran comic book writer/editor for Archie Comics. "Our creative team consists of Christians who love both comics and the bible, and we've made this the coolest Christian comic book ever!"



The creative team also includes Joey Endres, Thom Pratt, Daniel Bradford and Jeff Slemons. Editor-in-Chief and JMG Studio owner John-Marc Grob has introduced several successful products into the Christian bookstore market.

In addition to all the action and adventure, Castiglia is quick to point out that the main goal is to encourage kids to read the actual bible.

"Right on the first page of our debut issue we proclaim, 'If you think this comic book is exciting, check out the real story in the Holy Bible! You'll find it in the book of 1 Samuel, Chapter 17, verses 1-58.' If our comic inspires even one reader to pick up the real bible we'll consider the project a success. We're doing this to help spread the Word, ultimately."

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## THE FRUIT

By Dick Evans

*2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine. Test yourselves. If you cannot tell that Jesus Christ is among you, it means you have failed the test. (NLT)*

It is not about how many Sundays you do not miss. It is not about carrying your Bible everywhere you go. Those things are not the test. The question comes down to evidence. What evidence is there in our lives that Jesus is alive? What fruits are there in our life? Can others tell by our lifestyle who lives in us? Or do they only know because we tell them so?

We must listen to that still small voice, the Holy Spirit within us. As we obey Him, the evidence will unfold and His light will shine for others to see. Was fruit evident in your walk today?

## ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell(mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' ( In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.' For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

## Editorials / Commentary / Letters to the Editor

### Dear Friends,

Ever heard of the *Bakken Formation*? GOOGLE it. It will blow your mind.

The U.S. Geological Service issued a report in April ('08) that only scientists and oilmen knew was coming, but man was it big. It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since '95) on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota; western South Dakota; and extreme eastern Montana. The report states:

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable... at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion.

'When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their

jaws hit the floor. They had no idea', says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyst.

'This sizable find is now the highest-producing onshore oil field found in the past 56 years,' reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. It's a formation known as the Williston Basin, but is more commonly referred to as the 'Bakken.' And it stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. For years, U. S. oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the 'Big Oil' companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago. However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's massive reserves... and we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 PER BARREL! That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 41 years straight.

If THAT didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one

should - because it's from TWO YEARS AGO, people! U.S. Oil Discovery- Largest Reserve in the World! Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006 Hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world is more than 2 TRILLION barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush mandated its extraction.

They reported this stunning news: We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on earth. Here are the official estimates:

8-times as much oil as Saudi Arabia, 18-times as much oil as Iraq, 21-times as much oil as Kuwait, 22-times as much oil as Iran, 500-times as much oil as Yemen- and it's all right here in the Western United States.

HOW can this BE? HOW can we NOT BE extracting this!?! Because the democrats, environmentalists and left wing republicans have blocked all efforts to help America

become independent of foreign oil.

James Bartis, lead researcher with the study says we've got more oil in this very compact area than the entire MiddleEast - more than 2 TRILLION barrels. Untapped. That's more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the world today, reports The Denver Post.

Take 10 minutes and compose an e-mail; fax or good old-fashioned letter to all your friends and associates. Alert them to the fact that democrats and "liberal" republicans have been and will continue to obstruct all plans to make America independent of foreign oil. The only solution is to vote all democrats and Marxist oriented republicans out of office.

If you don't take a little time to do this, then you should stifle yourself the next time you want to complain about gas prices ... because by doing NOTHING, you've forfeited your right to complain.

## Homeschooling - A Whole Way of Life

By Michael Pearl

The number of homeschoolers is rapidly increasing. Home-schooling is not just an alternative educational procedure; it is one of many expressions of a whole way of life.

It is the result of loving parents putting on the brakes and saying, "No" to this stampeding system of child-trampling New Agers. Our families will not be devoured and digested, becoming part of the feces of this carnivorous monster called public education, generated by the twisted minds of

the morally ill.

As homeschooling parents, you have taken charge of your life to give God his rightful place in training your children. To teach biology in an environment that denies the Author of life is like eating an egg and denying the chicken. Such a process is stupefying—degrading to the intellect. To teach history apart from God is to praise the sculpture and deny the sculptor. To learn science and mathematics apart from the omnipotent God is to throw out the computer and do your computa-

tions with a roulette wheel. To teach children to read and then outlaw the reading of the only book written by the God called the Word is like giving a blind man sight and then outlawing seeing.

The public school expelled God from the class room, but when the immorality became a threat to personal satisfaction, as well as personal safety, they started talking about values. They will not get their values back any more than a man will get peaches from a tree he cut up for firewood.

We are not rebels; quite the opposite; we are just the minority who refuse to join a rebellion against God and the truth. We are taking our children to the tree of life growing beside the fountain of knowledge to be refreshed by the Author of life. We will not stoop for anything less. We will not compromise. We will not allow state testing to dictate our curriculum. They have made their position on God and morality clear. We are making our position clear. We will not attend their party, dance to their tune, or employ their fiddler.

## Do Not Be Given To A Spirit Of Fear

By Bill Wilson

World events are moving so fast, one upon another, that even journalists for major news services are taking notice and wondering what is going on. The Associated Press has written a story that asks in its lead, "Is everything spinning out of control?" The authors of the story cite a laundry list of catastrophes occurring right before our very eyes. They include the floods in the midwest, where entire towns are under water; the declining values of homes; unaffordability of air fare, college tuition, and health care; wars raging without end in Iraq and Afghanistan; and worldwide disasters killing tens of thousands.

The story says that Americans need to do no more than check the weather, look in their wallets or turn on the news for their daily reality check on a world gone haywire." The story points out that food is becoming scarce and more expensive because of countries like China, consuming energy and resources at alarming rates. There are running blackouts in America because suppliers cannot keep up with energy demand. And Americans are blaming government as the President's approval ratings are about one in three and the Democratic-controlled Congress fares even worse. Only 17 percent of Americans think the country is headed in the right direction,

according to the story.

The AP story then concludes that America has endured comparable periods, even worse, throughout its history; claiming the Iran hostage crisis, the cold war, the Korean War, the Great Depression and the hunt for communists in the 1950's were similar. The AP writers seemed resigned to an America without positive direction and without leadership that provides solutions, concluding: "Eroding it is a dour powerlessness that is chipping away at the country's sturdy conviction that destiny can be commanded with sheer courage and perseverance." It says that the 21st century may just be about "a great unraveling of some things long taken for granted."

Understanding the current situ-

ation around the world is just a book away. The AP reporters ought to read Matthew 24 in the Bible to gain a clear understanding of what is happening. Jesus Christ explained that in the "beginning of sorrows", "You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars...nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places." But, as the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." In that, has been the blessing of the Christian nation of America. Let us as Christians rise to the occasion, for we have the full knowledge of Christ and His plan.

## He rode 300,000 miles on horseback!

By Bill Federer - American Minute

300,000 miles on horseback, from the Atlantic to the Appalachians, from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico, for 45 years, he spread the gospel. This was Francis Asbury, Methodist Circuit riding preacher who was born AUGUST 20, 1745.

When the Revolution started, he refused to return to England: "I

can by no means agree to leave such a field for gathering souls to Christ as we have in America." He befriended Richard Bassett, a signer of the U.S. Constitution, who converted, freed his slaves and paid them as hired labor.

Francis Asbury dedicated the first African Methodist Episcopal Church and met personally with George Washington, congratulat-

ing him on his election. By the time he died, the Methodist Church in America had grown from 300 members to over 200,000.

Unveiling the Equestrian Statue of Francis Asbury in Washington, D.C., 1924, President Calvin Coolidge stated: "Our government rests upon religion It is from that source that we derive our reverence for truth and justice, for equality and liberty...This circuit rider spent his life making stronger

the foundation on which our government rests."

Coolidge concluded: "Francis Asbury is entitled to rank as one of the builders of our nation."

**This statue of Francis Asbury on horseback can be found at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.**



# Inspiration

## RICE BIBLE SCENES

By Rev. Doug Forbes

Rice Bible Scenes are fun to make, and they provide a lasting reminder of a favorite Bible story and moral. To make Rice Bible Scenes you need: Bibles

and Bible concordances, newspaper, poster board, pencils, tacky glue, rice, food coloring, and empty jars with tight lids.

Ask your students to use their Bibles and concordances to find

a favorite Bible story they would like to illustrate in a rice drawing. Allow time for each child to share his or her favorite story. Cover the table with newspaper to protect it, and give each child a piece of poster board and a pencil. Ask your young people to draw the Bible scene they have chosen on the poster board and write which colors of rice they wish to use in each section. Review each drawing and pro-

vide assistance as needed.

Fill jars one half full of rice and add a few drops of food coloring, a different color for each jar, seal the jars and shake well. Add more food coloring if necessary and shake again. Allow the rice to dry and then apply glue to the drawing for one color at a time. Sprinkle that color of rice on the glue and gently press down. Carefully blow any loose

rice away and repeat the process until each color has been embedded into the drawing. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly before taking home.

The children now have a beautiful piece of artwork to remind them of their favorite Bible story! The Rice Bible Scene would also make a wonderful gift for a family member or friend.

## Hands-On Boys

By: The Otto Brothers

Most men work with their hands. Even those who are stuck with an office job tinker around with a lawn mower or garden on the weekends.

Boys have a natural inclination to want to investigate, discover, and build. Every parent, including single moms, can answer this call by providing for their son some junk...yep, you read it correctly...junk. Allow your boys time and space to build things out of cardboard boxes, discarded wood, nails, hinges, wheels, rope, gears, motors, bikes etc. "Junk" is several steps up from Legos, Lincoln Logs, Erector Sets, and similar prefabricated learning toys. It's more like real life, where it doesn't all fit together so perfectly and you have to use your imagination to improvise. And it never gets boring. Real stuff has to be cut and drilled, sanded and fitted, carved and shaped, glued and clamped, torn down, tied together, rebuilt and bolted in, cleaned up and soldered, welded, sanded and painted. And the great thing about boys creating something out of junk is that they are allowed to make a wrong cut, or some sort of "oops", without wasting what would otherwise be expensive and important material. There is no condemnation in failure.

Messing with junk is an inexpensive way to allow them to develop confidence and creative imagination. Furthermore, when a boy is consumed with his latest project, he will not be wanting to watch television or play some electronic game. He will be highly motivated from daylight to dark, rising early to "get back to work."

I was recently speaking with my older brother Chris, whose parenting I highly respect, and he recalled his early experiences of "playing" with junk as a kid and how he developed strong mechanical skills at an early age. So I asked him to write about it and to tell us what he's now doing with his six boys.

**Chris Otto writes:**

When I was a kid, my mom used to give me old junk appliances, radios, blenders and all sorts of stuff to take apart. I remember that, at first, I could never figure out how to get the

stuff open, so I would take a hammer and break it to see what was inside. I didn't understand what all the different stuff was, but I remember I liked breaking the old tubes inside TVs because they made a loud pop (Later they told me that was pretty dangerous.)

The junk kept arriving, and in time I learned how I could get it apart with a screwdriver and other simple hand tools. As I continued, I learned to pull off switches and buttons to make my own inventions, like an electric shocker doorknob to surprise my younger brother (Later they told me that was pretty dangerous, also.) As I got older, my interest shifted to cars and motors. I knew very little about how an engine worked, but was offered the opportunity to work for a well-respected mechanic who lived nearby. I started out just washing parts and cleaning up, but before long there was a blue AMC Hornet that came into the shop. I will never forget it. It started up, but it ran rough and choppy. My boss diagnosed the problem and did a lot of work on the motor, expecting to solve the trouble. But still, it continued rough and choppy. Twice this happened, and the second time my boss got mad and took a trip into town to get something, leaving me there alone with the car.

As I sat there thinking it over, I considered what I knew about how an engine worked, and what might be happening. Then it occurred to me, "Maybe the exhaust is plugged!" So I proceeded to disconnect the exhaust to see what would happen. Sure enough, I was right. I had solved the problem, and gained the respect of my boss when he returned. Those were important years for me, even though I didn't pursue a career as a mechanic. When people hear about the many things like this that I have done, they say, "How did you know that?" But as I've thought about it, it's really not so much about experience and knowledge as it is confidence, confidence I had gained much earlier, through tinkering with old appliances.

What happens then when the microwave oven doesn't go on, or water doesn't come out when you turn the handle at the sink? The standard answer is "Time to buy a new microwave!" and "Call the plumber." I know many of you are thinking or saying, "I have more important things to do with my time." But your sons are not going to develop confidence and

self-reliance in practical living if they are not exposed to creative repair and construction.

There will be many broken items that we dads cannot fix, but at least we will know what went wrong, and we will not be at the complete mercy of the repairman. The first response that runs through the mind of a man when the microwave doesn't come on should be, "Let's open it up and see what's wrong with it," not "I wonder how much a new one will cost me?"

Father, and even single moms, you may protest that you are too



ignorant to fix anything. Don't be afraid to do something just because you have never done it before. Start out with some of your old junk, like a broken vacuum cleaner, blender, food processor, or fan. If you don't have any of this stuff and you don't want to wait around for yours to stop working, talk to a friend or neighbor or go to a second-hand store or a garage sale and buy something just to "tinker with it". If you have a friend who is a bit handier with repairing things, he's likely to be able to answer your questions or steer you in the right direction. Try setting apart a couple hours every week just to tinker together on a project with your boys. We do this a couple times a month on Saturday mornings. We invite any young boy who has any desire whatsoever to work in the shop with us. We have done things like fixing the recoil on a chainsaw, taking apart old appliances, pulling the motor out of a truck, tearing apart a small V-6 engine and learning how all the parts work together. We've also built a basement bedroom; and currently we're tearing a Jeep down to its frame and rebuilding it.

**Tim Otto writes:**

My brother Chris went on to tell me a story about his two oldest boys, Zach and Sam, ages 14 and 12: A woman from church pulled into their driveway with a couple boxes of brake pads, asking if they could help fix the brakes on her car. Zack and Sam jacked up

the car, and totally completed the brake job from start to finish, as my brother watched in his clean church clothes. "I didn't get a spot of dirt on me," he recalled with a grin. "They really did it all. All I did was make sure all the bolts were tight enough when they were done."

Not every boy is going to choose to work with his hands when he is grown, but I contend that it's a much more constructive way to raise boys than allowing them to "play" with those "sugar-toys" I see advertised out there. I've generally kept that candy-colored trash and those electronic nuisance-toys out of my house. I think it creates a buzz that runs contrary to natural order. Besides, the abundance of it in a home leaves less room for a child to be creative with scraps of wood, cardboard, or other available resources.

Recently, my 9-year-old boy wanted to give his sisters a ride around the driveway in the wheelbarrow, but he found that it was still a little too big for him. So he went ahead and made his own wheelbarrow out of some scrap wood and a junk wagon wheel. He was pretty tickled to show me what he had done, and I savored the revelation of his spawning ingenuity. My friend's son (13 years old) showed me the beginnings of a pontoon boat he's building out of wood from his dad's sawmill. His first attempt sank to the bottom of the creek, but he's back at it, working out a better design. These boys are being taught to use real tools and materials, overcome difficult obstacles, and to solve real problems.

If you see the value of raising "hands-on boys", then be a "hands-on dad". When a parent allows their child's course to be set by the wind of chance, the current of the Nile, or the vapor of mere academics, they're either praying for an unlikely miracle or are guilty of neglect. So, train

up your boys in the way they should go, and a few positive experiences can lead to a few thousand more. Watch over them. Teach them to be safe. Help give them what they need to succeed, and let their appetite for manhood begin!

Speaking of beginnings...have you been born again? Have you allowed God to take complete control of your life? Isn't it time that you let the Lord of lords build something wonderful from the junk in your life?

Why not offer God, your Father, the very best gift possible? Recognize His Son as your Lord and Savior, turn from your sin and ask Him to forgive you for ignoring Him. The bible tells us, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9 I know it sounds to simple to be true, but it is. Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

*Jesus, please forgive my unbelief. I know that I've been living as if you don't exist. I haven't done everything that I should in my life and I regret it. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears and problems of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen*

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

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

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**Making Coffee**

A man and his wife were arguing about who should brew the coffee each morning. She said, 'You should do it because you get up first. He said, 'But you're in charge of cooking around here so you should do it.' The wife replies, 'No, you should do it, because it's in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.' He replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.' So she fetched the Bible and opened the New Testament. She showed him at the top of several pages, it indeed says 'HEBREWS'

**Mistaken Identity**

The old man had died. A wonderful funeral was in progress and the country preacher talked at length of the good traits of the deceased -- what an honest man he was, and what a loving husband and kind father he was. Finally, the widow leaned over and whispered to one of her children, "Go up there and take a look in the coffin and see if that's your pa!

**How Many Christians Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?**

**Charismatic:** Only 1 - Hands are already in the air.

**Pentecostal:** 10 - One to change the bulb, and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.

**Presbyterians:** None - Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

**Roman Catholic:** None - Candles only. (Of guaranteed origin of course.)

**Baptists:** At least 15 - One to change the light bulb, and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad and fried chicken.

**Signs and wonders**

Reverend Ole was the pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church, and Pastor Sven was the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road. One day they were seen pounding a sign into the ground, that said: "DA END ISS NEAR! TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE" As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash... Rev. Ole turns to Pastor Sven and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say 'Bridge Out'?"

**Dumb Questions from Lawyers**

The following questions by lawyers were taken from actual court documents in America:

"Was that the same nose you broke as a child?"

"Now doctor, is it not true that when a person dies in his sleep, in most cases he just passes quietly away and doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?"

Q: "What happened then?" A: "He told me, 'I have to kill you because you can identify me.'" Q: "And did he kill you?"

"Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?"

"The youngest son, the twenty year old, how old is he?"

"Were you alone or by yourself?"

"Do you have any children or anything of that kind?"

Q: "I show you exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture?" A: "That's me." Q: "Were

you present when the picture was taken?"

Q: "Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?" A: "By death." Q: "And by whose death was it terminated?"

"So you were gone until you returned?"

Q: "She had three children right?" A: "Yes." Q: "How many were boys?" A: "None." Q: "Were there any girls?"

"Mrs. Jones, how many times have you committed suicide?"

"You don't know what it was, and you didn't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?"

Q: "You say the stairs went down to the basement?" A: "Yes." Q: "And these stairs, did they go up also?"

Q: "Do you recall approximately the time that you examined the body of Mr. Edington at the Rose Chapel?" A: "The autopsy started about 8:30 p.m." Q: "And Mr. Edington was dead at that time?"

**Back to school**

The teacher of the earth science class was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes the teacher asked, "Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude...?" After a confused silence, a voice volunteered, "I guess you'd be eating alone."

The child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks, "What did you learn today?" The kid replies, "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

Teacher asked George: how can you prove the earth is round? George replied: I can't. Besides, I never said it was.

Teacher: If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got? Patty: Seven! Teacher: No, listen carefully again. If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got? Patty: Seven! Teacher: Let's try this another way. If I give you two apples and two apples and another two apples, how many apples have you got? Patty: Six. Teacher: Good. Now if I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got? Patty: Seven! Teacher: How on earth do you work out that three lots of two rabbits is seven? Patty: I've already got one rabbit at home now!

**Episcopalians:** 3 - One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks, and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

**Mormons:** 5 - One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

**Unitarians:** We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, you are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your light bulb for the next Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, 3-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

**Methodists:** Undetermined - Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the Sunday lighting service and a covered dish to pass.

**Nazarene:** 6 - One woman to replace the bulb while five men review church lighting policy.

**Lutherans:** None - Lutherans don't believe in change.

**Non-Denominational:** Whole congregation. One to make the change and the rest to hold a prayer meeting to sanctify the light bulb.

**Amish:** What is a light bulb?

**Soul Food**

**"CHURCH FOOTBALL" - THE OTHER SUNDAY SPORT:**

**BACKFIELD IN MOTION:** Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

**BENCHWARMER:** Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

**BLITZ:** The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.

**DRAW PLAY:** What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

**ENDRUN:** Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

**FLEX DEFENSE:** The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

**HALFBACK OPTION:** The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

**HALFTIME:** The period

between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.

**INSTANT REPLAY:** The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

**QUARTERBACK SNEAK:** Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.

**STAYING IN THE POCKET:** What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

**SUDDEN DEATH:** What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime".

**TRAP:** You're called on to pray and are asleep.

**TWO MINUTE WARNING:** The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

**Top 10 Signs You May Not Be Reading Your Bible Enough**

10 The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the table of contents.

9 You think Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.

8 You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.

7 Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.

6 A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in Psalms.

2 You keep falling for it every time when pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.

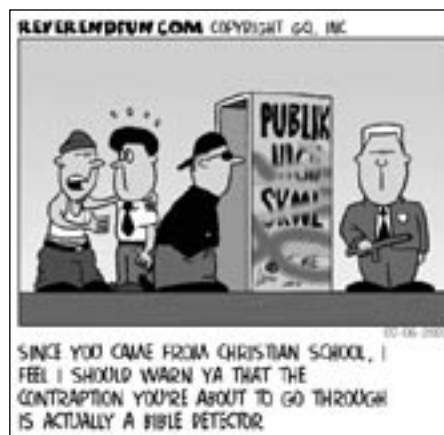
And the No. 1 sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

1 The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

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Include your children when baking cookies - Something went wrong in jet crash - Expert says police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers - Safety experts say that school bus passengers should be belted - Drunk gets nine months in violin case - Survivor of Siamese

twins joins parents - Miners refuse to work after death - Juvenile Court to try shooting defendant - Two Soviet ships collide, one dies - Red tape holds up new bridge - Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft - Kids make nutritious snacks - Man minus ear waives hearing



5 You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the concordance or the table of contents.

4 Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"

3 You think the minor prophets worked in the quarries.

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 10:45 am - English Worship Service  
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**Sept 6- 6:30 p.m. ~ Robin Mark with Heart of David Worship Team** in Concert...One Night Only; A Celestial Concert Production. Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre, 28 Monument Square, Woonsocket, RI. Ticket Outlet 401-762-4545. stadiumtheatre.com (check ad on pg 2)

**Sept 6 & 20 ~ "Breaking the Chains."** His Love Reaching Church. 651 Orchard St. Suite 302, New Bedford, MA (508) 999-5683.

**Sept 13 ~ Fall Quest 08' Jeremy Camp, The Afters, Firefight & more.** Six Flag New England Agawam MA. Rockthesoundtickets.com or 1-877-261-ROCK for more info.

**Sept 14, 12 -6p.m. Rock the Bay with NBJ and Friends.** A benefit concert for Crossroads RI. Please bring new items for the poor. Travel size toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, warm gloves, scarfs & socks. Colt State Park Hope St, Bristol RI www.nothinbutjesus.com or 401-245-6697

**Sept 18-19th ~ Comedy Nights 08 With Thor Ramsey, Daren Streblov, & John Brannan:** Thurs 18, 7p.m. Christian Hill Community Church W. Warwick RI and Sat 19, 7p.m. Heritage Bible Chapel, Princeton, MA. Tickets available at Morning Star Christian Bookstore.

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ~ Scituate Farmers Market** products grown from New England area. Every Sat Now thru 10/18/2008, North Scituate Village, West Greenville Rd. 401-647-5110

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**2 Tuesday**

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

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

**3 Wednesday**

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

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

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

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**4 Thursday**

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

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

**5 Friday**

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

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**7 p.m. ~ Core- Youth Night (Grades 9 - 12)** Every Friday. Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

**6 Saturday**

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

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

**6:30 p.m. ~ Robin Mark with Heart of David Worship Team** in Concert...One Night Only; A Celestial Concert Production. Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre, 28 Monoment Square, Woonsocket, RI. Ticket Outlet 401-762-4545. stadiumtheatre.com (check ad on pg 2)

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

**7 p.m.~ Treasured Hearts Ministry Throupe presents "The Trial"** Calvary Temple (A of God) 4321 N. Main St. Rt 24 (Exit 8) Fall River MA. 508-676-3138 www.treasuredheartsministry.com

**7 p.m. Crossback** ~ Christian 50's, 60's & 70's and Doo woop The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

**7 p.m. ~ "Flip Side" Jr. High Night: (6th -8th grade)** Every Saturday, Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

**7 Sunday**

**7 p.m. -Underground 101-** every Sunday. Gatherings feature, live music, spoken word, art exhibits, drama, movies, discussions, comedy. Ages 21 - 35. North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Avenue, N. Providence, RI 401-353-8330

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

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

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**10 Wednesday**

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

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

**11 Thursday**

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

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

**13 Saturday**

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

**11 a.m. Fall Quest 08' Jeremy Camp, The Afters, Firefight & more on 2 stages.** Six Flag New England - Agawam MA. Rockthesoundtickets.com or 1-877-261-ROCK for more info.

**7 p.m. "Crimson Rain"** Christian Contemporary/Rock The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

**14 Sunday**

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**17 Wednesday**

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

**18 Thursday**

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

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

**20 Saturday**

**7 p.m. "Troy Bourne"** Christian Contemporary/worship The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Outreach Fair** at West Lawn Projects from The "International" Church of the Nazarene, 274 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 508.993.8484

**22 Monday**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.~ "Bridging the Gap to Wholeness" Domestic Violence Seminar.** Held at Revival Deliverance Edification Media Center 122 Benefit St, Pawtucket RI. More info: www.rdedcorp.org or 401-359-6280

**24 Wednesday**

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

**25 Thursday**

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

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

**26 Friday**

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

**27 Saturday**

**7 p.m.~ Treasured Hearts Ministry Throupe presents "The Trial"** Liberty Christian Center, 161 Wintrop St (Rt 44) Taunton MA. 508-824-8434 www.treasuredheartsministry.com

**7 p.m. "4 A Cross"** Christian Contemporary/Rock. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

**28 Sunday**

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

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| Dist. 26 | Cranston .....                      | Rep. Peter G. <u>Palumbo</u> (D)                           |
| Dist. 23 | Warwick .....                       | Rep. Robert E. <u>Flaherty</u> (D)                         |
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| Dist. 43 | Johnston .....                      | Rep. Deborah A. <u>Fellela</u> (D)                         |
| Dist. 45 | Lincoln, Cumberland .....           | Rep. Rene R. <u>Menard</u> (D)                             |
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