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Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Jude 2

## Bringing Church to the Big Screen in New Bedford

*Church Planting in New Bedford and Providence*

By Travis Mullen

The words hung in the air. “There are reasons they call New England *the church graveyard*”, said my ministry coach as I told him God was calling us to church plant in Providence, RI. He was advising me against the idea of going to the most difficult place in the United States for the gospel. This has been what the statistics are saying; of the 85 largest cities in the country, Boston, Providence, and New York City have the lowest percentages of people who fit the “born again” criteria according to a Barna Research Group report in 1995. You would think that if New England was the most ‘unreached’ area of the U.S. for evangelical Christians, that it



New Hope plants a church in Flagship Cinema

would attract the most missionaries and church planters. Well, it doesn’t. While New England has the lowest evangelical saturation in the country, it also has the fewest Christian workers per capita in the country. So when I moved to New England, to some degree I expected to find ‘not much going on.’

But statistics can skew things to seem like nothing good is happening, when in fact many ministries and churches are serving the poor and reaching out evangelistically. Wherever God’s Spirit is alive and well in a congregation he’ll be pushing for the church to make Jesus known among new peoples.

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## Tom’s Cross Walk

By Ralph Davis

It was a drizzly afternoon in late July when cars slowed so that drivers could gawk at a most unusual sight on Post Road in Warwick, RI. Trudging along, wearing a backpack and an enormous eight-foot-long wooden cross on his shoulder was Thomas Helling, age 44.

Tom left his home in Tucson, Arizona after giving all of his earthly possessions away. He flew to Milwaukee where he built his cross then boarded a bus to Bangor, Maine. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, with only a \$20.00 bill in his pocket, he walked away from Bangor, heading south. His goal is to walk all the way to Mexico.



Thomas Helling in South County

Tom is approached by many people along the way; some just curious, some wanting to pray. He laughed when he said some will stop a distance away to snap a picture of him and then drive guiltily away. Most people are supportive, loving, and even contribute money for a meal.

Some people, however, try to challenge him. They try to trip him up by challenging him about his knowledge of the Bible. Tom has come to a point in his life, he says, when “There are only three things that I know for sure,” and they sure are different from

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## Oh Little Rhody, where do you stand?

by Fred Comella

While the health care debate rages across the nation, Rhode Island and her Christian populous may find themselves in a bit of a political pickle when it comes to some of the specifics. As I have written in the past, I struggle personally with the idea that any Christian believer could support the practice of abortion. On its face it simply doesn’t wash. That said, I have had the opportunity to read some of the “finer” points of HR 3200 (The health care bill and its Cousins) and have tried to look at them as they might apply to a person of faith. For those of you who may have been stuck in a street crack somewhere, it don’t look good.



Obamacare - a life or death decision

it did for the rest of the country except to remove any state or local obstacles to abortion. From a purely philosophical perspective, I suppose the Supreme Court simply made it easier for folks to justify the practice in their own minds, as well as allowed some closet Abortionist to bring their “trade” out into the mainstream. But now it seems “Big Brother” wants to use “Health Care Reform” to exert a lot more control over the “application” and “funding”. Uh-oh...

This is what happens when we allow the Government to sneak up on us. HR 3200 and its Senate cousins represent potentially the largest single takeover of a field entity, representing (1/6 of this country’s total economy), in American history, to say nothing of the manner in which it is to be administered, which is frightening to say the least. I have also

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## Has The Church Become Irrelevant?

By Chuck Baldwin

America’s Christian heritage is both rich and deep. What most historians and educators refuse to acknowledge, our forebears understood clearly: it was mostly Christians and churches that formed and shaped the new land that became known as the United States of America.

For example, when discussing the brave exploits of the passengers on board the Mayflower, people seem to have forgotten that the voyage was mostly the endeavor of a single church congregation. And don’t forget that it was Pastor Jonas Clark’s male congregants who withstood British troops at Lexington and fired the very first of the shots heard ‘round the world. The famous French historian, Alexis De Tocqueville, credited the pulpits

and churches of Colonial America with inspiring America’s successful War for



Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.

Alexis De Tocqueville

Independence and subsequent prosperity much more than its institutions of learning, halls of Congress, or industries of invention. From the very beginning, America’s Christians and pastors were intricately involved in the establishment and building of this republic.

It is no hyperbole to say that without the influence, sacrifice, dedication, blood, sweat, and tears of America’s early Christians, this country would not exist.

But what do we see today? We see pastors and church congregations who are, for the most part, totally ignorant of their own

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Right to Life  
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# Right to Life Alert

**Condition Red: President Obama and top Congressional leaders are pushing hard for health care bills containing the greatest expansion of abortion since Roe v. Wade!**

## Action Alert!

**This is the most urgent alert Rhode Island Right to Life has ever issued.**

It is absolutely imperative that you contact your legislators NOW. **Visit them**, call them, fax them, email them, and write them letters. Keep contacting your legislators until you hear from us, not them, that the threat has passed. Keep your message simple...

**Abortion is not health care! Abortion must not be defined as an "essential service" under any health care reform legislation. Rather, abortion must be explicitly excluded from all government health care mandates, and government funding for plans that cover elective abortion must be expressly prohibited. Furthermore, health care restructuring must protect Americans from rationing or denial of treatment based on age, disability, or "quality of life." Please vote against any plan that includes abortion coverage or elements that lead to health care rationing.**

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On July 17, 2007, then-Senator **Barack Obama** said to the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, "Reproductive care is essential care, basic care so it is at the center, the heart of the plan that I propose..." And Secretary **Hillary Clinton** confirmed, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee this past April 22, that "Reproductive health includes access to abortion..."

Without an amendment excluding elective abortion from any government-defined or government-subsidized health insurance plan, the health care reform bills currently before the Senate and the House would be **the most radically pro-abortion initiatives to ever make it to the floor of Congress!**

*Do not be misled if the bills do not explicitly authorize public funding for abortion. "Time and again, bureaucrats and courts have decided that abortion must be included in public health programs unless the Congress explicitly provides otherwise." (Congressman Chris Smith, R-NJ) This is why explicit exclusions of coverage for elective abortion have been attached to Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan, amongst other federally funded health programs.*

*And do not be misled by statements that "federal funds" will not be used for abortion. Language was added to the House bill creating a legal fiction, a paper separation between federal funding and abortion. The amount of money spent for abortions by the public plan and by qualifying private plans would be counted against the funds obtained from private premiums rather than from those obtained from federal subsidies. This is nothing more than a bookkeeping sham!*

**President Obama and his allies in Congress audaciously hope to mislead you** into believing that they would "rather not wade into" questions about abortion coverage, that the issue is "better left to experts," or that abortion is "not the issue." Yet they have already defeated every committee amendment that would have excluded abortion coverage.

**Unborn children need you to ACT NOW!**

For further information, press releases, action item lists, downloadable resources, and frequently updated information, please visit:

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or call us at 401.521.1860.

# Take action NOW to defeat the Abortion Industry Bailout Act of 2009!

# Alleged Christians

By John Arcaro

This past month, my wife and I rededicated our marriage vows at a wonderful celebration put on by the Rhode Island chapter of the National Organization for Marriage. Our children were with us to share in this great day, as we witnessed hundreds of couples once again commit themselves to one another. This tremendous event took place at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, a beautifully scenic property overlooking the bay.

Less than a week later, a friend asked me if I had seen the huge mob of demonstrators at the ceremony. While we had seen a handful of protesters holding up signs outside the grounds of the property as we drove through the gates, I had no idea what he was talking about. Thus, I was shocked when he e-mailed me a "report" by an alleged Christian "investigative reporter" which recounted how an unruly pack of homosexuals climbed over fences and surrounded the couples, wrapping them all up with white ribbon. This alleged Christian "investigative reporter" was not present at the ceremony, but had merely watched a short local news clip and jumped to his own

conclusions.

At first I thought about how his "report" was extremely exaggerated, but, upon reflection, we must call this "report" what it is: a **LIE**. Yes, if this alleged Christian had been at the ceremony, he would have known that the white ribbon was used to rope off the section for the couples. He also would have witnessed one lesbian couple who exchanged vows in protest.

Alleged Christians do more harm to the body of Christ than all the ungodly protesters in the world. They discredit the Church by legalism, ignorance, and - as in this case - lying. Don't you get upset when ungodly groups tell lies about Christianity and Christians that get widespread mass media coverage? So then how can you expect the unsaved to ever come to know the Lord when alleged Christians tell lies about them? God's word is the truth, and the truth doesn't need any "extra" attached to it, for it stands on its own.



One lesbian couple who exchanged vows in protest.

After this incident, I thought about all the alleged Christians there are out there. You probably know a lot of them. Maybe you are one yourself. Common traits include: repeated, willful violations of the Ten Commandments; cussing; lying (and labeling it "exaggerating" or "stretching the truth"); adultery; cheating on your taxes (and calling it "fudging numbers" or "creative accounting"); drunkenness; honoring your boss more than your spouse and children; physical and mental abuse; expecting the lost to act like they're saved; and acting like the lost and rationalizing about it.

Face it, folks: alleged Christians have defiled the name of God and destroyed more churches and families than any totalitarian regime in history. Churches have been split apart by feuds and families have been destroyed by divorce because of alleged Christians. Though they will immediately claim that they are indeed going to heaven, that their salvation is assured because one day a long time ago they repeated a

few phrases at an altar in some church somewhere, **beware**: you will know them by their fruit. Unfortunately for these alleged Christians, they will be in for a rude, irreversible awakening at their judgment day.

So, should we focus on reaching the lost, or saving alleged Christians? It is possible to do both, but some would argue that you should spend more time preaching to the unsaved, since alleged Christians



Many married couples renewing their marriage vows.

have already heard - and allegedly accepted - the Good News. Two very different approaches are needed for these two groups. To reach the lost: preach the Gospel, and show them that you truly care about them by being a godly example. To bring an alleged Christian to repentance: bring their attention to Matthew 22:37-40, and show them that you truly care about them by challenging them. Sure, the truth may hurt a bit initially, but it is eternal, rather than temporary.

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."**

A final word to those who will hear and listen: be sure that you are **living** the above passage before you share it with someone, whether they be unsaved, or an alleged Christian. If you are not, then you must re-read it and start living it until you yourself are no longer an alleged Christian.

If you couldn't make it this year...Good News...mark your calendar...The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrate Marriage and Family Day will take place next year on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Until then, protect traditional marriage at [www.nomri.org](http://www.nomri.org).

*The writer is a former atheist and a former alleged Christian who gives thanks to God every day for saving him from the former and prays to God every day to keep him from ever returning to a life of the latter.*

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heritage and history. They have little or no understanding of the principles of Natural Law--something America's founders knew almost by second nature (no pun intended). They seem to know next to nothing of the Biblical principles of liberty and government. All they seem to be able to do is regurgitate some mindless interpretation of Romans 13--an interpretation that could have been written by King George III or even Adolf Hitler.

Ignoring the great examples and exhortations of both Testaments, today's Christians seem to have lazily latched onto a modern-day "divine right of kings" philosophy, through which they have become the pathetic slaves of arrogant and pompous political wolves dressed (barely) in the sheepskins of legitimacy.

Where are America's watchmen on the wall? Where are the great stories of courage and commitment demonstrated by America's founders that once emanated from church pulpits? How is it that today's Christians know more about sports celebrities than they do America's heroes? How is it that these lying, conniving, con artists called politicians can sucker church members as easily as they do the un-churched? How is it that Christians do not seem to recognize the devilish doctrines of socialism, fascism, elitism, or globalism for what they are? How can they be so easily manipulated? How is it that these corrupt politicians--who vote to kill unborn babies, merge America into internationalist and global entities, strip Americans of their God-given natural right of self defense, promote homosexual marriage, or allow America to lose its identity, culture, and heritage through unbridled illegal immigra-

tion--remain in "good standing" with any number of supposed "Christian" churches?

Even though there are more churches in America than anywhere else in the world, the pastors and Christians of this country have, for the most part, become completely irrelevant to preserving "the blessings of liberty"--or even fundamental Biblical principles, for that matter.

Churches used to be respected as lighthouses in communities: places free from the jaundiced juxtaposition of political correctness and avarice. Today's churches are filled with both. Where once churches stood as guardians of truth, they have now become progenitors of error. Where once preachers stood in the similitude of Elijah and John the Baptist, they now grovel in the image of Joel Osteen and Rick Warren. Sunday Schools were once bastions of Bible teaching; today they are glorified coffee shops and playgrounds. The modern Christian home cannot even disciple its own children: how can it then be expected to "make disciples of all nations"?

I repeat: the modern American church has, for the most part, become irrelevant.

It is little wonder that more and more people are losing interest in the organized church. Instead of finding Christian love and kindness, they find the same kind of gossip, slander, petty bickering, favoritism, and selfishness that they might find at any office water cooler. Instead of hearing a prophet of God declare the Word of God, they hear a milquetoast minister meekly musing the latest self-help book.

The complete irrelevance of today's organized church in America to the preservation of Christian liberty and constitutional government is especially disconcerting to those of us who still have freedom's fire burning in our souls. Where do we go for respite and instruction?

I tell you the truth: there are hundreds of thousands of patriotic,

***...Christians all over America who have had it "up to here" with these spineless social clubs called churches!***

freedom-minded Christians all over America who have had it "up to here" with these spineless social clubs called churches! They are tired of petrified pastors groveling before corrupt politicians and businessmen. They hunger for truth, and they are not finding it in most organized churches.

As an example, go to my list of people who have written me to let me know that they are desperately seeking a Black Regiment-type church that they can attend. The list grows by the day. See the list at [www.chuckbaldwinlive.com/blackregiment.php](http://www.chuckbaldwinlive.com/blackregiment.php)

These people are not looking to be entertained or pampered. They do not care about social standing or making "business contacts." They don't care which church has the "most exciting" youth program, or how many softball teams it has. They want a church where the pastor isn't afraid to speak truth to power and take a stand for liberty. And, unfortunately, such churches are getting harder and harder to find.

In fact, I submit that the true church is not "emerging"; it is "submerging." As in totalitarian regimes all over the world, where there are basically two types of churches: the organized State-approved church, where people who worship the State go to put on a religious show; and the underground church, where real Christians go to worship God with honest, like-minded believers.

The "underground" church in America is not totally underground--yet. But the schism is taking place rapidly. Unlike the houses of State Worship, which enjoy large congregations and ornate buildings, underground churches are, for the most part, small and unassuming. Home churches are also mushrooming and must be considered part of the underground church movement. And, of course, Black Regiment churches are springing up all across the country. You can

find a list of them at our website.

I am convinced that it is through these independent, unaffiliated, unorganized, or underground churches that relevancy will return. It is in these churches where Christians can be taught the Biblical principles of Natural Law, where children who are disciplined and know how to behave are not considered oddities, where pastors aren't afraid to proclaim truth, where people are still committed to constitutional government--and understand the difference between a democracy and a republic--and where self-serving neocons are not regarded as heroes.

So, if you are a Christian and you want to be relevant to the preservation of liberty in this country, you need to get out of these establishment, State-worshipping churches and find yourself an "underground," unaffiliated, or Black Regiment church. And you need to do it quickly!

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those of his former life. For most of his life the primary three things that Tom knew were drugs, alcohol and women. His life was one big party and over the years he married and divorced three times and left four sons in his wake.

How does a man evolve from an irresponsible party animal to one on a pilgrimage for Jesus Christ? What caused the change? His is a story of a man addicted to many things, from serious drug usage to acquiring possessions, rising and falling again and again until he became addicted to the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here is his story.

Tom was born in Iowa in 1965 to a fifteen-year-old girl who gave him up for adoption. He was adopted by a wonderful couple who later adopted another boy, David, who now lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The family was Catholic and Tom attended parochial schools. He was a good athlete, participating in basketball, football and baseball. He said that being a sort of class clown and athlete did not sit well with the ever vigilant nuns.

Tom never had thoughts of going to college. His grades were only marginal although he believes he would have been an all-state-all conference athlete. Regardless of what aspirations he might have had, things changed when his girlfriend became pregnant while in their senior year of high school. This "Threw a wrench into everything," Tom said.

They married in December, 1983 and soon afterwards, Thomas, his first son, was born. Becoming an adult and a father so abruptly was very difficult for Tom. He said that he began drinking and using

drugs to replace the fun and excitement that he used to have playing sports.

When baby Thomas was less than a year old, Jeremy was born and about one year later Tom began to use cocaine. His life became a blur of smoking weed, snorting cocaine, drinking and chasing after women. By age 22 he had a severe addiction to cocaine. Then, along came Cole, son number three.

The inevitable divorce took place, and as a result of a relationship with another woman, another son was born. By 1992, Tom was obsessed with cocaine or getting high in any manner possible.

Tom took a job as a bouncer and his six-foot-four-inch menacing persona made him quite successful. He "beat up people for a living. I was an enforcer if anyone got out of line. I actually enjoyed it."

Tom moved to Tucson, Arizona with a woman who would later become his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. He did not tell her that his primary interest in moving to Arizona was that the drugs are cheaper there. He was employed by a contractor remodeling homes, earned good money, and stayed on for about fifteen years. Tom said that he would "disappear" for a while occasionally to binge on cocaine. This eventually led to his termination.

For a while Tom had a stint smuggling marijuana from Mexico into the United States which was quite lucrative. All of his money was used for "constant partying," though. He was, "like a big kid who always wanted to play" he said. As a result his bills piled up, he got evicted a few times and was homeless for a while, living in his

pickup truck.

Around the end of 2002, Tom entered a detox facility, something he had tried a few times before and it never worked out. While there he was arrested for an old charge and spent 23 days in jail. He got drunk as soon as he got out but, court ordered, he returned to detox.

It was there that he met Pastor Larry Munguia, an ex-hippie, former-cocaine addict and previous drummer in a band. Larry was a group leader and Tom had to attend his groups because he had to have his attendance sheet signed to satisfy the courts. Larry is also a Christian who encouraged Tom to turn to God.

Tom kept debating, arguing every point to the extent that Larry offered a challenge. He suggested

married again, in 2006, only to divorce in 2007 and then another relapse.

Along the way he helped Larry start up The S.O.B.E.R. project located in Tucson, Arizona. The acronym is for **S**ervice **O**bedience **B**onding **E**ducation **R**elationships. The S.O.B.E.R. Project is a faith-based 12-step program and recovery church which began in 2004. So far this year 7,858 have attended a Bible based 12-step meeting. 143 made a salvation commitment. You can learn more about this project by going to [www.thesoberproject.com](http://www.thesoberproject.com)

Tom could not understand that no matter what level of involvement he had with the church he could not recapture the feeling of excitement he

had when he first accepted Jesus Christ. He kept falling down and getting up. Several years ago he had proposed to Pastor Larry that he embark on a walk for the Lord but the pastor cautioned that he was not ready/stable enough and to wait a while. Tom began to increase his time reading the Bible and studying but what he really wanted to do was walk.

Tom began to realize that during the seven years that he tried to push drugs out of his mind and life, he was substituting them for something else: things which society deems important. He found that in between serious relapses, he became addicted to nice clothes, cars, a motorcycle, tools, etc which he finally saw as taking things away from the Lord. "Things of the world are not bad," Tom said. "it depends on what we do with them." He decided to give his life over to the Lord once and for all. That was a pivotal time, a time when he further determined to walk for the Lord. Ironically, a friend took him to see a film about Arthur



Thomas Helling leaving Rhode Island

that Tom pray one prayer for seven days, that if God were real that he would give him a sign so that he would know He was real. Tom decided to do it, not believing that it would work

A few days afterwards, Tom was sitting on a park bench dialing the number of a drug dealer on his cell phone. Then, looking down between his feet, he saw a cross, woven out of reeds. Awestruck, viewing that as his sign, he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ that night. "That was when," Tom said, "I stepped into the battle." By this he meant the fight to keep his mind fixed on Jesus Christ while smothered by all that the world hurls at us.

He stayed clean of drugs for six-teen months before he turned his attention and reliance away from Christ. He began his own remodeling company. Did well at it and got

*Tom was sitting on a park bench dialing the number of a drug dealer on his cell phone. Then, looking down between his feet, he saw a cross, woven out of reeds.*

Blessed, a man who walked with a cross throughout 315 countries, 7 continents, and 38,102 miles. The Guinness Book of World Records 1996-2008 lists this as 'The World's Longest Walk.' A story about Mr. Blessed's walk appeared in the July 09 issue of this paper. You can learn more about the odyssey of Arthur Blessed by visiting [www.blessitt.com](http://www.blessitt.com)

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"It is awesome that so many people stop to talk or pray with me." Tom assures us, "I am not doing this to get to heaven. I am doing this because I am going to heaven and I want people to go there with me. I don't beat people over the head with the Good News of Jesus Christ; I let them come to me because they are curious about the cross and I tell them my story and what Jesus did for me."

Recently Tom's brother-in-law Paul mentioned Tom's walk to a fellow churchgoer, Kyle Tekiela, an Emmy award winning video-producer. As a result Kyle felt led to develop a website, [www.tomscrosswalk.com](http://www.tomscrosswalk.com) where

anyone can track Tom's progress and communicate with him during his walk. After all is said and done Kyle will be creating a documentary of Tom's journey. If you have had contact with Tom or have something to contribute send info to Paul Marotte P.O.

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In this state and throughout the world there are so many people addicted to drugs and other substances. More are addicted to other worldly things. The end result of it all is an unhappiness that never leaves. As Tom has learned, it is impossible to find true piece of mind without Jesus Christ. He has his days when he is struggling, perhaps when he is soaking wet and weary or times when he has been insulted by people driving by. It is at these times that he pulls himself up by what he knows best: God loves him and all people and he should Love God with all his heart, mind and strength...

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that the church has turned many people off before they ever had the chance to understand a full presentation of the gospel with lives that back it up. So they are hoping to demonstrate the gospel with their lives and as a church while communicating it through relationships and teaching. They also want to see the Church more unified through pastoral prayer meetings and all-city ministries.

Among the other new churches that are seeking to reach new people in Providence are Downcity Church, Grace Harbor, Providence Christian Center, and more. Please join New Hope and the church plants in Providence in praying “your kingdom come and your will be done.” May God’s kingdom be expanded through churches that are fulfilling the Great Commission to “go and

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We are excited for New Hope to be reaching out to New Bedford and our prayers will be that many unbelieving people of New Bedford come together to encounter God in a fresh new way.

While New Hope is expanding into New Bedford, a cluster of pioneers are church planting in Providence. Providence is home to its own cultural paradoxes, from rich to poor, from PhD’s to non-English speaking, blue collar patriots fans to bike riding vegans, and the paradoxes go on. How does the church respond to such a place?

**Renaissance Church** has been in Providence for about 6 years. Planted by North Providence Assembly of God and led by Scott Axtmann, Renaissance has been one of the leaders in penetrating the culture of Providence. Consisting of large percentages of RISD and Brown students they have cultivated faith among the intellectual and the artists. These two demographics have been very difficult for many churches to connect with. Renaissance has moved around a lot, from the West End back to the East Side, in the Benefit St. Armory for a number of years, to an elementary school on Wickenden. In the spring of this year, God crushed

Pastor Scott Axtmann’s heart for South Providence. “I was driving through and praying for God’s lead and God’s will for where we were to move, and as I was driving through South Providence and Elmwood, my heart just broke for the poverty, I began weeping.” Six months later they are negotiating a lease to move into a Hollywood video plaza off of Reservoir Ave. They have a vision to see a racially and socio-economically diverse church birthed in the South Providence neighborhoods that would reflect the diversity of the area and would also serve as a source of hope and service to those broken down by poverty.

**Providence Mission Church** was launched in the fall of 2008 in the West Side Arts Gallery on Westminster St. in Providence’s West End. Their vision is to call the city to reconsider the gospel. Believing that many people feel as if they are “over it” or “have been there done that” with Christian faith, Pastor Travis Mullen believes

church planting strategy. We will be hanging 1,500 door hangers on the neighbor’s doors on a coming Saturday, we advertise on our radio and cable tv shows and we hope the The Good News paper will give us much public awareness. Not that we want to draw Christians from other churches, but we’re hoping Christians will tell their non-Christian friends about ‘church at the movies’ and their curiosity will get them there.”

### What are you excited about? What obstacles will there be?

“I am excited about bringing the Word of God to a new group of people, and using the technology available to make it happen. We will have a live worship team and a volunteer staff. The message will be streamed on the “big screen.” People can expect a contemporary service, greeters, live band, announcements, etc. Everything will be live except for message portion. Hopefully, the people will adjust to this new format.”

### What do you have in place for the New Bedford people to grow and stay connected?

“We offer a “home group” in New Bedford that I teach every other Monday night. For more info on the home group, call the church

*We hope to plant a string of churches in movie theaters as it is affordable to do, centrally located for each community, and far-reaching.”*

(508-324-4500). There is a chance that more groups can develop from this new congregation.”

### Do you see church planting as a major vehicle of fulfilling the great commission?

“I love church planting because it brings the church “to the people” rather than make everyone come to one location. The church plant reduces driving distance and allows the church to have a farther-reaching impact.”

### Any other key thoughts, points or stories you’d like to share?

“This idea of “church at the movies” is popular in the mid-west and on the west coast. Some churches use movie theaters to hold their services but we are the first ones I know of (in this area) to run a video of the main message. We hope to plant a string of churches in movie theaters as it is affordable to do, centrally located for each community, and far-reaching.”

### Big Screen from Page 1

So despite the decline of active Christian faith in New England over the past 3-4 decades, there is a resurgence of churches and church planters that God is calling to reach new people in this region.

One of these churches is **New Hope Christian Church** of Swansea, MA. Pastor Dave Therrien has been serving at New Hope since 1991. Their vision is to “*love God, Love each other, and reach the world.*” There is no doubt that they are committed to ‘reaching the world’ when one looks into their portfolio of service and mission. Pastor Dave took me by the wall in the church where they post pictures of all the missionaries and ministries they are supporting. Among those on the wall includes a group of pastors and medical clinics from a major work in Togo Africa as well as many outreaches to the poor and homeless.

I got the opportunity to interview Pastor Dave about the New Hope New Bedford church plant, which starts Sept 20th.

### How did you feel God leading you to start a new church?

“For the last several years I’ve had a burden for a city, either Providence, Fall River or New Bedford. Where there is a great concentration of people, there is a wider harvest field. I started hearing about churches in movie theaters and approached the Flagship Cinemas. The manager was very enthusiastic to have a church service in his theater.”

### Will this be the first church plant of New Hope?

“This will be our second church plant. Our first church plant is in North Kingstown, RI under Pastor Peter Atkin, who was formerly my assistant. His goal was to have a church so we worked with him to make that happen.” *Recently Pastor Peter and his congregation at Living Hope Christian Church celebrated their Tenth Anniversary in their new church building after meeting in the North Kingstown High School for over 9 years.*

### What is the goal/vision of the church plant in New Bedford?

“The goal/vision of the New Bedford church is to reach as many neighbors as possible but keep this branch “connected” to New Hope. It will not become an independent ministry.”

### How are you going about planting the church in New Bedford?

“Promotion is a big part of the



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# National News

## Marriage Supporters Turn in Marriage Petitions

(EP News)--The Stand for Marriage Coalition in Maine is asking for a question on the November ballot that would restore the definition of marriage as one man and one woman. To that end, they have turned in 100,000 petition signatures. They only needed 55,000 signatures to qualify. In May, the Legislature voted to allow gay marriage, making Maine the fifth state to okay the practice. Gov. John Baldacci signed the bill into law. Question 1 would repeal the law. Executive Director of the Christian Civic League of Maine Mike Heath says the response is encouraging. "As we've known for years," he said, "when this matter is made plain to the public there is huge resistance to it and opposition to it."

## Massachusetts Law Enforcement Braces for Gambling Trouble

(EP News)--Massachusetts will likely legalize slot machines this fall in an effort to solve its budget woes. As a preventative measure, Attorney General Martha Coakley and a handful of lawmakers are pushing for a crime bill that would help law enforcement fight the criminal activity that always accompanies gambling expansion. Family advocates, like Evelyn Reilly, director of Public Policy for the Massachusetts Family Institute, see the crime bill as missing the point. "What should be the focus of concern here," she said, "is the heart of this entire enterprise, which is the legalization of slot machines." Research shows video slot machines are particularly addictive.

## Americans Are Clear: We Do Not Trust "Obamacare"

(EP News)--As news rolls in of Americans participating in town hall meetings in record numbers, a recent Rasmussen poll shows that support for President Obama's health care plan is waning quickly. Just 42 percent of Americans currently support the President's plan, while 53 percent oppose it. "As details about abortion funding, rationing of care, higher costs and less access to health care surface, Americans are expressing their distrust of a government-run system. Average Americans who have never been politically involved before are coming out in droves. They fear that their government officials, who have spent trillions on pet projects like obscene art and luxury planes, now plan to hijack control of our health care. "The message is clear: We don't trust Obama or Congress -- especially with our health care," stated Concerned Women for America's President Wendy Wright.

## New Hire at DOJ to Handle LGBT Issues

(EP News)--The Department of Justice has hired gay-identified attorney Matt Nosanchuk as point person on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues for the Civil Rights Division. Nosanchuk was a leader in the LGBT policy group during the Obama campaign. Joe Giganti, a conservative talk-show host from Washington, D.C., said he thinks it's the administration's way of calming the demands of gay activists. He says the new post also legitimizes the gay-activist movement. "By putting a gentleman like Matt Nosanchuk in there," he said, "they are insulting real civil-rights laws and the people that have struggled in the history of our country due to race, color and creed."

## Minnesotans Challenge Hotel Porn

(EP News)--Commissioners in Olmsted County, Minn., are planning to ask area hotels to stop offering pay-per-view pornography. The commission is also planning an ordinance directing county employees to stay at "clean hotels" when traveling on business. Vickie Burress, assistant coordinator for Citizens for Community Values (CCV) in Ohio, said accessibility to in-room pornography is bad for families. "We applaud the commissioners in this Minnesota county," she said, "because there are so many people affected by pornography across the nation. We don't want our tax dollars going to pay for people to use hotels that have hardcore, explicit pornography." CCV has surveyed hotels across America and identified those that do not offer pornographic movies.

## Evangelist regains First Amendment rights

**By Charlie Butts**  
(OneNewsNow) A street preacher's free-speech rights have been recognized in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 2004, Jesse Morrell traveled to an area of New Haven where young adults frequented bars -- and where he hoped to share the gospel peacefully. Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) attorney Jonathan Scruggs picks up the story.

"On four separate occasions, two police officers essentially came up to him and ordered him to move, ordered him to stop speaking because he was annoying people," he recalls. "Evidently his message was not being well received by the college students."

Scruggs says the police did not receive Morrell's message well either. "The police officers who were working at the bar came and forced him to leave and,

## Lutheran Denomination Liberalizes Sex Teachings

(EP News)--The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly, meeting August 17-23 in Minneapolis, adopted a new policy that departs from traditional Christian teachings. The new policy leaves room for the church to approve and bless non-marital sex, both homosexual and heterosexual.

The 4.6 million member, mostly liberal-led ELCA, has lost nearly 1 million members across 4 decades.

Previously, the ELCA declared that marriage "is the appropriate place for sexual intercourse." The new policy deletes that standard, instead calling only for "social trust" in associations that are "loving," "life-giving," "fulfilling," "nurturing," and "commit-

ted." It suggests that heterosexual relationships "are best served through binding commitment, legal protections, and the public accountability of marriage;" but it concedes that "some cohabitation arrangements can be constructed in ways that are neither casual nor intrinsically unstable."

Regarding homosexuality, the new ELCA policy claims that "consensus does not exist." It presents four "conscience-bound beliefs," ranging from disapproval of all same-sex relations to honoring them as marriages, as equally valid. It makes no effort to discern which view is more faithful to Scripture or Christian tradition.

Mark Tooley is president of the Institute for Religion and Democracy. His group monitors

the actions of mainline churches. He said, "How sad that the ELCA no longer affirms the timeless Christian understanding of marriage. Instead it is touting secular psycho-babble about 'fulfilling' and 'nurturing' relationships. How will the church's young people interpret this tacit approval of at least some non-marital sex?"

"In embracing moral relativism, the ELCA assembly has disregarded the Bible, the views of its own members, and the pleas of Lutherans in Africa and Asia. It has left the mainstream of U.S. and global Christianity, instead following other shrinking denominations like the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ towards internal division, accelerating membership loss, and cultural irrelevance."

## White House says ‘drill, baby, drill’ - in Brazil

**By Jim Brown**

(OneNewsNow) An energy analyst says he cannot understand why the Obama administration is borrowing money to lend money to Brazil so it can conduct oil drilling off its eastern coast, yet will not support oil drilling in American waters.

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that the Obama administration has agreed to lend \$2 billion to Brazil's state-owned oil company, Petrobras, to finance oil exploration off the country's coast near Rio de Janeiro. The U.S.

At least two dozen protesters gathered in small groups outside, handing out pamphlets and holding signs criticizing the overhaul, Obama and Frank. Some of the posters read: "It's the economy stupid, stop the spending" and "Healthcare reform yes, government takeover, no. Tort Reform Now".

Audrey Steele, 82, from New Bedford, said she does not want the government to get involved with health care because "they just make a mess of everything," referring to the \$700 billion bailout of financial institutions that was used to pay for lavish conferences and hefty executive compensation.

Others at Tuesday's meeting were more supportive of reform. Dr. Sheila Leavitt, a physician from Newton, said she hoped for changes that would support primary care physicians who aren't paid as much as specialists. She said some of the rowdy critics at Tuesday's meeting appeared to be using the same "talking points" as those who showed up at similar meetings around the country.

Export-Import Bank has issued a "preliminary commitment" of \$2 billion to Petrobras, but may loan more. Earlier this month, a Brazilian official said the U.S. could provide up to \$10 billion for the drilling project.

David Kreutzer is senior policy analyst in energy economics and climate change at The Heritage Foundation. He questions why the United States is not drilling in its own deep-water oil fields.

"Why aren't we getting oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?" he wonders. "There are tens of billions of barrels of petroleum that we could get in our own water, and even onshore, that have been blocked by people in Washington; and here we're lending money to people in Brazil to get oil -- it does seem silly, and I can't explain the thinking."

Kreutzer says U.S. opposition to drilling in its own oil fields is stupid in its own right, but that giving money to state-run oil companies to drill in foreign oil fields is more silly -- especially given the fact that the Obama administration's "cap-and-trade" policy seeks to limit America's use of petroleum and other fossil-based energies.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg.com is reporting that George Soros, a major contributor to the Democratic Party, is also a major investor in the Brazilian oil company. According to that report, he recently repositioned himself in that investment by trading his common stocks for preferred stocks, which offer a larger dividend.

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# New poll shows most Israelis want Temple rebuilt

By Michael Ireland

**JERUSALEM, ISRAEL (ANS)** -- A recent survey has found that 97 percent of Israeli adults surveyed know the Jewish date of the Holy Temple's destruction falls on Tisha B'Av, the annual day of mourning and fasting which was marked on Thursday.

In another remarkable finding, two-thirds of Israelis would like to see the Temple rebuilt, according to the Ynet-Gesher survey released today, according to the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ).

Some 64 percent of Israeli adults

surveyed, including about 47 percent of secular Israelis, said they would like to see the Temple in Jerusalem rebuilt. Eighty percent of respondents said they think it is justified to mark an event that happened 2,000 years ago, while 13 percent said only events related to the modern state of Israel should be marked.

## Second Temple era inscription unearthed in Jerusalem

Meanwhile, ICEJ also reports that a stone cup used by Jews in the Second Temple period for ritual hand washing before meals has been uncovered in a dig on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. On the cup is

carved an unusual inscription in Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, that archeologists are having difficulty translating.

"This is a difficult script, not one that is worn or graded, which demands research," said Prof. Shimon Gibson, of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, who is co-directing the excavation close to the Zion Gate into the Old City.

He estimated that it could take months to decipher the inscription, which is a rare example of writing from the Second Temple era. The dig has also uncovered buildings that show the Jewish nature of construction in the area in the first century AD, as well as floor mosaics used in Christian churches from the later Byzantine period.

# Netanyahu on European junket to defend Jerusalem

By Shalle' McDonald and Aaron Hecht

(ICEJ) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu departed Monday on a four-day trip to Europe, where he is expected to tell EU and US leaders that Jerusalem will remain outside any settlement freeze and Iran is a much more urgent world problem to be dealing with.

Besides meetings this week with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Netanyahu is to rendezvous in London on Wednesday with US special Middle East envoy George Mitchell for critical talks on the Palestinian peace track.

One main topic in all his meetings will be US and EU demands that Israel freeze all Jewish construction in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. But Netanyahu will make it clear that Israel will not accept any limitations on its sovereignty in Jerusalem, said sources at the Prime Minister's Office. The PMO sources said Netanyahu also stressed that normal life in the settlements will need to be assured.

A source in Jerusalem said Saturday night that the gaps with Washington are closing but that several further rounds of talks will be necessary in order to reach a final understanding on the future of settlement construction, culminating in a meeting between Netanyahu and US President Barack Obama in September. Latest reports indicate the "face saving" deal may involve a nine to 12 month building freeze which would not apply to eastern Jerusalem or housing units already under construction.

Netanyahu said over the weekend that peace talks with the Palestinian Authority could start again by late September, but PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas continued to insist that suspended negotiations could only resume after a total settlement freeze, including in Jerusalem.

Meantime, while in the UK and Germany this week, Netanyahu plans to tell Brown and Merkel that if the EU does not impose tough economic and diplomatic sanctions on Iran now, it will make "non-diplomatic" actions later more likely. One official

said that there was reason to be optimistic because since the disputed Iranian presidential elections in June and their bloody aftermath, there is now a "greater understanding in the international community as to the character of the Iranian regime," and therefore a "greater appetite to place pressure on that regime to" halt its renegade nuclear program.

"Sometimes the Europeans get very concerned when people talk about options other than diplomatic ones," the official said. "They have to understand that the more serious the steps today, the less there would be a need to resort to non-diplomatic steps later."

The Islamic Republic would be highly vulnerable to sanctions on such products as refined gasoline and diesel, since it imports almost its entire supply of these commodities, despite holding vast crude oil reserves. Other sanctions could include revoking the landing and docking rights of Iranian aircraft and ships around the world, and bans on doing business with Iranian banks and other institutions.

# Israelis remind US of its land-grabbing past

By Israel Today Staff

A group of Israelis on Wednesday protested US President Barack Obama's demand for a Jewish settlement freeze by dressing up as Native Americans outside the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. The protestors noted that not so long ago, the US seized land it has no prior connection to in order to expand its borders, while Obama is

denying Jews the right to live on lands that form the very cradle of their civilization and faith.

To demonstrate the absurdity of Obama's position, the protestors carried signs insisting that the US surrender lands it stole from the Native Americans. They read: "Three countries for three races" "America, we understand you -- understand us, too"

"Freeze building west of the Atlantic Ocean. Red-skinned American within 1492 border"

Organizers told Ynet they were unable to obtain a permit to hold a larger demonstration, but that many tourists and passersby saw what they were doing and joined in the protest.

# World News

## "Can Your Jesus Heal My Daughter?"

By Gospel for Asia

**SOUTH ASIA (ANS)** -- Vatsala Shah listened as women from a Gospel for Asia-supported fellowship spoke about Jesus Christ. Learning about the love He had for His people, the miracles He performed and the people He healed made Vatsala wonder if she and her family could also be included.

"Can your Jesus heal my daughter?" Vatsala asked. She wanted to believe there was still a chance for her little girl to live a normal life. "Our God is powerful," the women said. "He can do anything beyond our expectation."

A hope sprang within Vatsala. She brought the team of women back to her house to pray for her little girl. Divya was only three years old, but an unknown illness prevented her from growing like a normal child.

## BBC says North Korea 'executes Christians'

By Michael Ireland

**SOUTH KOREA (ANS)** -- Human rights groups in South Korea say North Korea has stepped up executions of Christians, some of them in public, according to a report by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The communist country, the world's most closed society, views religion as a major threat, the BBC says in an online report. Only the founder of the country, Kim Il-sung, and his son, Kim Jong-il, may be worshipped, in mass public displays of fervor, the BBC says.

In its article, the BBC says that despite the persecutions, it is thought up to 30,000 North Koreans may practice Christianity secretly in their homes. A report by a number of South Korean groups highlights one particular case of a woman allegedly executed in public last month, in a northern town close to the Chinese border. She was accused of distributing Bibles, spying for South Korea and the United States and helping to organize dissidents. Her parents, husband, and children were sent to a prison camp.

The BBC says such reports are hard to verify, but North Korea is known to be intolerant of religion

She was born premature, and the doctors said she only had from a few months to a year to live. Three years had since passed but with no improvements to Divya's health.

She wasn't able to sit up or do things on her own-she didn't even know her name. All she could eat was milk. Compassion overwhelmed the women as they saw the condition of Vatsala's daughter. They began praying for Divya and afterward invited Vatsala to come to church. Vatsala didn't hesitate. She started attending the church services every week and even went to the Women's Fellowship meetings with her little girl.

Although there wasn't a sudden, significant change in Divya's health, little by little she began to improve. She started to eat rice and chapatti bread, and now when someone calls her name, she responds with a smile.

Seeing the gradual change in her daughter, Vatsala has come to know the salvation of the Lord. She asks for continued prayers for her daughter's complete healing, and also that her husband will come to know Jesus as his personal Savior.

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-- it views any form of alternative social organization as a competitor for its own, religion-like ideology. The US government says just owning a Bible in North Korea may be a cause for torture and disappearance, the BBC stated.

"Pyongyang's position appears to have hardened on everything from human rights to defense policy and international relations in the last year or so," the BBC explained. The BBC says it is thought this may be a way to shore up the government through Mr Kim's illness and the process of anointing his youngest son, Kim Jong-un, as North Korea's next leader.

# Middle East arms race could reach \$100B per year

By Shalle' McDonald and Aaron Hecht

(ICEJ) The international business consulting firm Frost & Sullivan estimates that over the next five years countries in the Middle East will buy as much as \$100 billion a year worth of military equipment, as fear of Iran and regional rivalries heat up.

Most of the spending will be made by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Israel. Major items on Israel's shopping list include three squadrons of F-

35 fighter jets and two new missile ships.

Iraq, Egypt and many of the smaller states in the Gulf are buying new transport aircraft, helicopters and boats, as well as law enforcement equipment to control their increasingly restive populations.

The Saudi Arabian and UAE air forces have both received large numbers of new fighters and airborne radar aircraft, as their ballistic missile defense systems

are getting major new upgrades and equipment.

Israel's own air and missile defense systems are also getting upgrades, as the Air Force last week completed work on developing a new battalion that will operate the Israeli built "Iron Dome" short-range missile defense system. In tests last month, the system successfully intercepted several incoming short range rockets such as those



that have been fired at Israel from Gaza and South Lebanon, and defense company Rafael Defense Systems announced that it would be operational by the middle of next year.

"We cannot promise 100 percent hermetic defense," said Col. Zvika, commander of the IAF's Northern Air Defense Division. "But what we can promise is that after years of rocket fire against Gaza-belt communities, there will now be an effective solution."

Israel already operates the Arrow and Patriot anti-ballistic missile system and has signaled interest in the highly advanced US built SM-3 as it seeks to deploy a layered air defense system that will protect Israel from all incoming missiles -- from short range homemade Kassam's to Iranian nuclear-tipped ICBM's. A tripartite system of SM-3, Arrow-2, and Patriot missiles would provide adequate cover for the three-tiered shield required by Israel, in addition to close-in protection provided by the Iron Dome, according to Defense Industry Daily.

Health

Obama’s Health Care Reform - A Giant Step Towards Totalitarianism & The Mark Of The Beast

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Why Everyone Who Cares About Freedom Should Oppose This Plan

The attempt to reform health care under Obama has become the cornerstone issue his presidency. Few will deny that the current system is broken and in desperate need of overhaul. The question is do we follow the Soviet model where the State manages and controls everything, or do we let private enterprise come up with a better solution and foster an atmosphere of less government regulation and interference?

Except for Republican Congressman Ron Paul, few are offering any viable alternatives to help this country out of the crisis it is in. The problem with getting any genuine health care reform done in Washington is that it is totally dominated by Big Pharma and big business. Both parties intend on selling us down the river to a fraudulent system. You just have to take your pick on which poison you prefer.

Let the facts speak for themselves. Both the Democrats and Republicans have been instrumental in creating an atmosphere where our free access to dietary supplements can be limited or taken away in the near future through regional and global harmonization. Both parties are in favor of forcing a vaccine agenda upon us all through swine flu or some other “manufactured” health crisis. Both parties have helped ramp up the CDC’s Emergency Health Power’s Act which is eerily similar to what the Nazi’s did in Germany. Both parties have done little to stop the chemical poisoning of our food supply with things like aspartame, MSG, refined sugar, refined flour, artificial colors and flavors, GMOs, pesticides and a million other contaminants that are directly responsible for destroying the quality of health of millions of people in this country.

Big international corporations run virtually everything. They influ-

ence and direct national policy whether there’s a Democrat or Republican in the White House. Some real bad things were done under George Bush that greatly empowered pharmaceutical companies and the medical industry. The model that Washington has been following for decades is a pharmaceutical one based on the drug, cut, burn and poison treatment options “they” tell us are the best there is to offer.

The naturopathic model of clean air, wholesome food and nutrition, pure water, sunshine, exercise, rest, peace of mind, and prayer is what they believe needs to be stamped out of existence. The last thing they want is a healthy planet that doesn’t rely on products marketed by pharmaceutical companies.

I know that some of you reading this article may think I am just blowing smoke. I wish that were the case. I am surprised that more attention has not been given to some of the key points they are trying to accomplish through health care reform. It should be a concern for every American, but especially Christians.

How do you feel about a new super computer controlled by the Feds with your entire health history stored in its data base? That’s part of the health care reform agenda. “Oh, the records will be kept private,” you say. Sure, do you really believe that? How many people have been victims of credit card fraud or identity theft? Part of the plan is to issue every man, woman and child living and breathing in the United States of America a new health care card similar to a credit card with the latest RFID technology imbedded into it. That’s the first step toward the plan to completely microchip the population by 2017 or sooner.

Anyone in the health care field with access to the super computer will be able to swipe your card or punch your social security number into a master database and all of your health records will be there. If you’re opposed to Real

Drug Company Money is Top Factor in Publication of Vaccine Studies

By David Gutierrez, staff writer

(NaturalNews) Flu vaccine studies that are funded by industry are significantly more likely to be published in prestigious journals and to later be cited in the scientific literature than studies without such funding, according to a survey of 274 studies conducted by researchers from the Cochrane Vaccine Field in Italy, and published in the *British Medical Journal*.

A good methodology, in contrast, had little impact on such factors. The study also found few studies providing good evidence that the flu vaccine is actually effective.

In principle, a higher quality study should be published in a more prestigious journal and should be cited more frequently than a low quality study. But the researchers found no relationship between study quality and either of those factors. Instead, having a study partially or fully funded by industry was the best way to boost the prominence of a study.

Overall, the authors also found that

most flu vaccine studies were of poor quality, with only 18 percent of them reporting conclusions that were actually supported by their findings (concordance).

“The study shows that one of the levers for accessing prestigious journals is the financial size of your sponsor,” said researcher Tom Jefferson. “Pharmaceutical sponsors order many reprints of studies supporting their products, often with in-house translations into many languages. They will also purchase publicity space on the journal. Many publishers openly advertise these services on their Web site.”

“It is time journals made a full disclosure of their sources of funding,” Jefferson concluded.

The researchers also found that studies supporting the effectiveness of flu vaccines tended to be more poorly designed than

ID or a form of national ID, then you should be very concerned about health care reform because it is both of these and then some on steroids!

I would not be the least bit surprised to see it mandated that everyone be required to submit to a set of screening so your DNA, blood type, iris scan, thumb print, etc. are all in the new federal health care database. Trust me, they are working towards setting it up so you won’t be able to step foot into a hospital or get health care in this country unless you are part of this new system.

Do you think all the futuristic Hollywood movies were just conjured up because they look cool, or has a view of the future been sublimally imbedded into the consciousness of the masses to accept these changes? I’ll leave that for you to ponder and decide on your own.

Here are some other issues that should be a cause for concern on where health care reform is going in America:

- Most innovative nutritional supplements are slated to be banned in the coming years. There are a number of ways this can happen. CODEX regulations will be finalized in the near future and they will be enforced through the World Trade Organization. The FDA and the FTC also have an agenda to ramp up their attacks against dietary supplements. The media will also do all in its power to spread fear that supplements are unregulated and unsafe. The ultimate goal is to allow only a small number of watered-down, nutritionally worthless supplements on the shelves.

- Mandatory vaccinations against swine flu and other infectious



studies not supporting their effectiveness. Concordance was also significantly lower in studies supporting vaccine effectiveness than in those refuting it -- meaning that most studies failed to support the effectiveness of the flu vaccine.

Government-funded studies were significantly less likely to find the flu vaccine effective than industry-funded studies.

Sources for this story include: health.usnews.com.

diseases the federal government or World Health Organization deems a public health threat will be enforced with military power. Resisters will either be forcibly injected against their will or sent to a federally designated quarantine center for an unspecified period of time and classified as a public health threat for refusing. (Didn’t Hitler use that as an excuse for mass roundup?)

- Federally mandated screening of the entire population for mental health issues and the forced drugging of everyone diagnosed with a disorder. (The screening is designed to make virtually everyone fail so they are put on a prescription.)

- Microchip implants will be required for Alzheimer’s patients, the elderly in nursing homes, high risk patients with heart disease, cancer, those on dialysis, prisoners, and soldiers in the military.

- RFID devices will be required on all hospital patients to supposedly avoid medical errors and allow broader federal regulation of the drugs dispensed in hospitals. Refuse the device and you will be denied treatment.

- Alternative health practitioners will either be forced out of business or face drastically increased

regulations. Under the socialist model the State will enforce its will by sanctioning what it deems is best for its subjects. Anything outside of “accepted medicine” is targeted.

- Drug companies will be shielded from all liability lawsuits and new, dangerous drugs and vaccines will flood the market with little to no pre-market safety studies.

Is this the kind of future you envision for America’s health care system or the kind of health care reform America needs? I think not! We’re supposed to be the land of the free, not the home of the enslaved.

There is a small window of opportunity to oppose this madness. That window is closing quickly. Our adversaries have made sure that we are hit from all angles simultaneously to bog us down and distract us from taking a stand. Millions of innocent lives hang in the balance. It’s time that you and everyone who cares about this country and the future we will leave for our children to stand up, speak up, and not shut up. “We The People” are supposed to be the government. There will be no America left to save soon if we remain silent.

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## Why Does God Make so Many People Poor?

By Staff

There is no shortage of books about Western missionary heroes. But in the developing world, just as in the West, the most effective way to reach the lost is through the local church. As one Indian Christian leader told missionaries from abroad, “You have been offering the water of life to the people of India in a foreign cup. That is why we have been slow to receive it. If you offer it to us in an Indian cup, we are more likely to accept it.” This is the new face of missions. The global church can learn much from the stories of indigenous missionary heroes.

In her new book, *In the Presence of the Poor*, author Kay Marshall Strom shares the amazing story of Professor B. E. Vijayam, Ph.D., a university professor and award-winning scientist who has made a career of reaching India’s poorest people with God’s love. Dr. Vijayam was born the son and grandson of prominent Christian bishops in India, but he gained his reputation as a nationally recognized scientist. Driven by his pioneering spirit and limitless love for India’s poor and forgotten souls, Dr. Vijayam is breaking new ground in missionary practice, and he has much to teach the Western church.

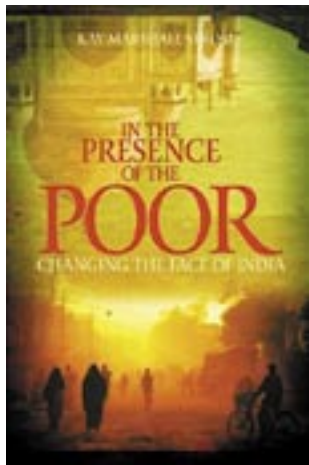
As a geologist, Dr. Vijayam dedicated much of his research to improving the living conditions for the oppressed Dalit people. He encouraged other scientists to venture past the hallowed halls of academia and bring technology to the poor. As the founder of organizations like MERIBA (Mission to Encourage Rural Impact in Backward Areas), he achieved the unthinkable—uniting entire villages of Dalit people, educating them concerning their rights, and overturning centuries of culturally sanctioned tyranny. Through various other social action groups, he brought clean water, agricultural innovation, and environmental protection to people all over India.

Dr. Vijayam is not just another social activist. Every technological innovation served a greater purpose—setting the stage to share the Gospel with India’s 4,600 people groups. “To Dr. Vijayam, the gospel must be holistic,” Strom says. “As the Bible says, it is no use telling a person who is naked

and hungry to go in peace without actually taking care of that person’s physical needs.” Today Joshua Vision India, one of Dr. Vijayam’s projects, trains church planters to use technology for the benefit of the people groups they serve.

*In the Presence of the Poor* is more than just one man’s story. It is a wake-up call to us in the Western church who have grown comfortable in our affluence and indifference to the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters in the developing world. Strom stresses the need for partnership between churches rich in resources (i.e., North Americans) and churches rich in opportunities for evangelism (i.e., Indian churches). Through his work with Partners International, Dr. Vijayam has sought to foster that kind of cooperation.

Strom urges Christians in the West to catch the vision of a global body of believers united in service and love for Christ. “Now is the time



## Book Reviews

### Exposing America’s Darkest Secrets

By Staff

Revival Nation Publishing is pleased to announce the release of *Sintimacy: The Christians Love Affair with Secret Sin* by Brian C. Johnson. *Sintimacy* tackles the taboo topic that Christians have been afraid to talk about for decades... secret sin!

Written from personal experience, Johnson exposes the excuses and lies often used to justify sinful lifestyles. Those who are currently struggling will find a plan of escape and freedom that includes accountability, adherence to scriptures, and developing an awareness of temptations and triggers.

Sin restricts growth in the King-

dom of God. *Sintimacy* equips readers with the tools necessary to see the Kingdom advance in power by overcoming the temptations of sin, and those things that trigger it in our lives.



As an educator-minister, Johnson mentors teens and has developed men’s accountability groups. He is a college professor and professional lecturer with Campuspeak. Find out more about this author at [www.mannaunlimited.com](http://www.mannaunlimited.com).

The book is available wherever Christian books are sold, or can be purchased directly from Revival Nation Publishing at [www.revivalnationpublishing.com](http://www.revivalnationpublishing.com).

## He autographs our hearts

By Brett Maragni

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--**One of the perks of growing up in the home of a journalist was my dad’s penchant for getting baseball autographs for me.

Personalized autographs from Cardinal greats Stan Musial and Lou Brock, home run king Hank Aaron (he’s still the home run king in my book), hits king Pete Rose and other All-Stars from the late 1970s and early 1980s adorned my wall as a kid. I was proud of those autographs.

In my late teens God called me to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and my interest in autographs was revived. Only this time, I sought the autographs of well-known Bible preachers and Christian leaders. When the opportunity arose, I would ask them to sign my Bible: the fiery evangelist Bailey Smith, the world-renowned expositor W. A. Criswell, the enthusiastic motivator Zig Ziglar and the popular radio teacher John MacArthur are a few examples.

As the years passed the baseball autographs ended up in a box in the attic, the autographed Bible became worn out and my interest in autographs pretty much disappeared. The last time I remember seeking out an autograph I was standing in line and thinking, “This is ridiculous. Why am I doing this? This man is just flesh and blood like me. He may be a great preacher, but why should I have him sign my Bible? It’s not like he’s the author. In fact, I know the Author personally! I

can talk to Him anytime I want.”

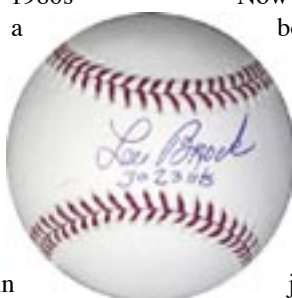
I left the line and have never sought another autograph since. From that day forward I had a different view of athletes, as well as “Christian” celebrities. I realized that they are like grass that withers. The longer time would march on, their fame would fade and their autographs would mean next to nothing.

Now I have a couple of boys, one of whom recently finished his third season of little league. He is not interested in baseball cards or autographs yet, but I suspect that is just around the corner. So my coolness toward autographs is starting to thaw a little. After all, it is pretty fun getting an autograph!

So how will I go about this? First, I hope to instill in my sons an interest in athletes who are either exemplary Christians or those who carry themselves in an honorable way. Children look for role models. It is better that I try to guide them toward good models rather than let them choose their models indiscriminately.

Second, I will talk about how by asking someone for an autograph we are honoring that person, letting them know that we appreciate their hard work and accomplishments. The Bible tells us to give honor to those whom it is due, and this is a way to honor someone.

Third, and most important, I will talk to them about how cool it is



## A quarterback instead of a preacher: SI cover story features Tebow

By Staff

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--**A July 27 *Sports Illustrated* cover story on Florida quarterback Tim Tebow recounts the difficulties surrounding Tebow’s birth, when doctors at one time urged his parents to abort.

Tebow’s father Bob told *SI*’s Austin Murphy the story from the Philippines, where he was doing mission work. “When I was out in the mountains in Mindanao, back in ‘86, I was showing a film and preaching that night. I was weeping over the millions of babies being [aborted] in America, and I prayed, ‘God, if you give me a son, if you give me Timmy, I’ll raise him to be a preacher,’” Bob Tebow said.

The Tebow’s conceived shortly thereafter, with their fifth child. But the pregnancy was difficult, Murphy writes. “The placenta was never properly attached, and there was bleeding from the get-go,” Bob recalled in the story. “We thought we’d lost him several times.”

Pam contracted amebic dysentery, which briefly put her in a coma, Murphy reports. Her doctors were afraid that medications they had given her had damaged the fetus, and advised her to abort the pregnancy. But the Tebows refused, and Pam gave birth on Aug. 14, 1987, to a healthy Timothy Richard Tebow.

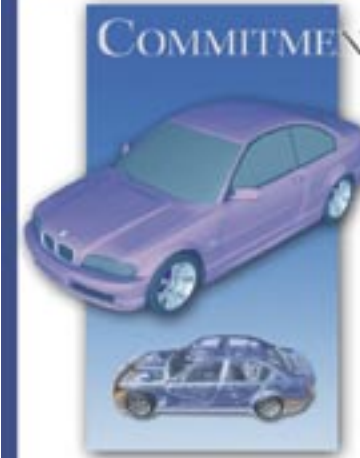


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That may be the case, but Tim Tebow does his share of preaching as well. The *SI* story chronicles one trip he took to a prison to talk to inmates about Jesus Christ.

“If you were to die right now, where would you be?” Tebow asked during his address. “For me,” he says, “I have an answer to that question. I am one hundred percent certain I’m going to go to heaven because I have Jesus Christ in my life.”

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**By Ralph Davis**  
The theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Soulfest, or so it seemed, was lots of rain and *mud*. The kind of rain that is hard and relentless and the kind of mucky mud that can suck your shoes off while simultaneously being very slippery. The crowd sloshed through

the mud with every type of make-shift and factory made rain gear imaginable.  
“Action speaks louder than words,” is an appropriate axiom for the *real* theme of Soulfest this year: **True Love Action**. Soulfest is appropriately considered New

England’s Premier Christian Music Festival and Social Justice Event. There were over fifty bands performing on five stages including Newsboys, Sleeping Giant, Skillet, Natalie Grant, Casting Crowns and other head liners. There were dozens of workshops touching on a variety of topics to enhance your Christian walk, improve your understanding of critical issues within the church, and to educate and elicit support for worldwide atrocities against adults and children.

If a person came to Soulfest primarily for the bands, then they were in band heaven; perhaps they might have left having absorbed some of the Christian messages in the songs. If they came for fellowship, to be with other like minded Christians, they found it. If they came to learn, they did. If they came, as hopefully most did, to learn about Him, or to establish a better relationship with Jesus Christ, there were plenty carrying the message within them.

Each attendee was given the opportunity to sign the ‘Soulfest True Love Pledge,’ which, in short, is to pursue True love and live the revolution that Jesus started. This includes desiring to live inside out as a soul-connected risk-taking follower of Jesus, committing to serve church brothers and sisters unselfishly, being globally aware and responsive to the needs of others. Also, meeting and loving neighbors in all directions to get

to know them and serve them and love them in action and words.  
“True Love Walls” were erected in several places and red papers with white hearts were available for people to write a request to God based on the seven points of the True Love pledge. Seeing the impressive amount of hearts posted on these boards it would seem that thousands responded to this opportunity.  
Dan Russell, Soulfest Co-producer wrote that *True Love* “shifts our attention from ourselves to others, taking our minds off the limitations of our schedules, our bodies, our bank

accounts...True love was revealed by Jesus and is being revealed by the Holy Spirit...This love is the single most powerful energy that has ever existed. It is the one hope for transforming our own life, our family, our neighborhood and our planet. Living the love revolution that Jesus created is not some new rhetoric or pop interpretation of the Gospel; it is the fundamental way we are called to exist.”

Some of the organizations and ministries that I spoke with displayed the love of Jesus in a variety of ways. First is **Brothers of Nehemiah**. Founded by Steve Dunkle, he said that **their mission is to reach the church and unchurched with the knowledge that not one size fits all when it comes to ministry**. “So we have stepped outside

*doing.”* Steve is a vibrant, obviously committed individual with a hunger for reaching men for Christ by building relationships through common interests and fellowship.  
**To write love on her arms** (twloha.com) is a movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide. TWLOHA exists to encourage, inform, inspire and also to invest directly into treatment and recovery. In today’s bizarre world or mixed messages and diminishing morals more and more young people self-injure than ever. There will be a more in-depth article regarding this organization in a future issue of this paper.

The **Not for Sale** (notforsalecampaign.org) is a campaign of students, entrepreneurs, artists, people of faith, athletes, law enforcement officers, politicians, social workers, skilled professionals, and all justice seekers, united to fight the global slave trade. Not for Sale aims to educate and mobilize an international abolitionist movement through the innovation and implementation of open-source activism. Inside the United States, the campaign identifies trafficking rings and collaborates with local law enforcement and community groups to shut them down and provide support for the victims. Internationally, the campaign partners with poorly resourced abolitionist groups to enhance their capacity. Every single person has a skill that they can give to free an individual living in bondage.



The Good News Today staff and friends

the four walls of the conventional “church” to bring together an expanding group of Christian men burdened with exposing other men to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are unconventional in that the ministry includes opportunities for men that enjoy the outdoors, guns, fishing, camping, building, community service and in essence activities that are

**ChildVoice International** is a Christian, nonprofit humanitarian organization whose mission is to assist child victims of war around the world through advocacy, research, and effective demonstration projects. ChildVoice International’s programs recognize that someone must speak for the thousands of children rendered voiceless by unspeakable brutality and unimaginable inhumanity. ChildVoice acts on the conviction that children broken by war can be restored in safe communities with loving care, spiritual and emotional counseling, and effective education and vocational training. We should all pray mightily for

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Maria is a friend of the *Good News Today* who came to Soulfest on Saturday. She has been wheelchair bound since she suffered stroke fifteen-years ago. A man abruptly approached her in the Vendors tent and began to pray for her. He returned later with three other men and they prayed for her with great conviction and passion for at least ten min-

utes. They then rolled her out of the tent and, with some support, she was able to stand upright and take a small tentative step. Back in her chair, more prayer took place with all of them in agreement that God would allow her to strengthen enough to get up and move about

freely.

The four men were band members with many tattoos. Lead singer Thom Green, Eric Gregson, and JR Bermuda from the band ***Sleeping Giant***; the forth was Mike Reynolds, from the band ***For Today***. They had less than ten minutes to interview before they needed to get ready to perform and each spoke



### Sleeping Giant prays with Maria and Alison

about what their motivation was to pray with Maria. In the interest of space, their individual responses will not be recorded here. To summarize their thoughts, their motivation is to do what Jesus did; those who proclaim to be in Christ must walk the walk. When

they see a person sick or crippled or downtrodden, they pray with them for their healing. The motivation is love, said one. Jesus is the exact replication of God. Everyone that Jesus came into contact with that needed healing, He healed; He never passed them by. In each band member there was an obvious light, a convicted sincere manner in which they spoke with great reverence about Jesus Christ and His healing love for all.

This writer went on to their concert. Thom Green led off with a wonderful prayer, raising up Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Between two songs he gave a riveting and tearful personal testimony that would be difficult to forget. The show ended with an invitation to all to surrender their lives to Jesus. Many of us are so caught up in our dislike for tattoos and appearance that we sometimes forget the person in the equation. I, for one, learned the valuable lesson that some, but probably little, of the loud, obnoxious sounding music that proclaims to be Christian is real; performed by deeply devoted Christians.

story about Thom Green, his testimony and activities and about Sleeping Giant in a future issue of this paper.

Finally, you can make the decision to simply shut-up all day on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by joining participating in the **Pro Life Day of Silent Solidarity** which has grown into one of the biggest pro-life events in the world. Last year, students from more than 4,600 campuses in 19 countries participated in the event. Can you LOSE your voice for a day for those who will never have one? Visit [www.silentday.org](http://www.silentday.org) for more information.

This event is organized by ***Stand True Ministries***, founded by Bryan Kemper. Their mission is to “exist first and foremost to glorify God. Through the grace Of God, we stand for the protection of human life from the moment of fertilization to natural death. Abortion is the act of killing a human person and it is wrong

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than be passive about spreading the Word of God's amazing love and reaching out to others in need around them and throughout all the world.

Terry Sherman of Hamilton, MA summarized his experience at Soulfest in this single sentence: "Soulfest was a foretaste of

Each year thousands of people spend a few days on Gunstock Mountain in Gilford NH to partake in Soulfest and as they drive home their heads are probably full of all the sights and sounds that they experienced this year, many with the knowledge that they will spend eternity with Jesus Christ as they fully most will be renewed conviction.



## Wall of love

they experienced there. Perhaps this year, many will leave having the knowledge of where they will spend eternity having accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. Hopefully most will leave with a drive, a renewed conviction, to ACT rather

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“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:26



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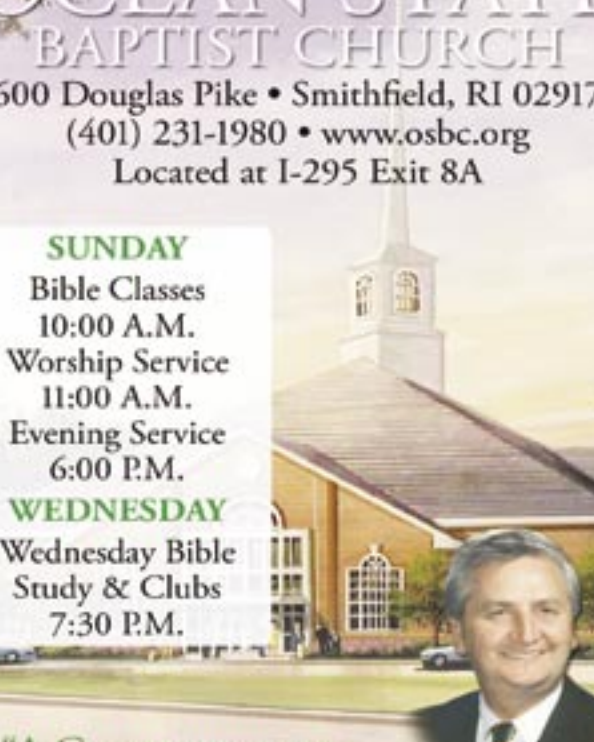
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# Mark Shultz and Point of Grace Come Alive in Worcester

By Ralph Davis

Singer/songwriter **Mark Shultz** and **Point of Grace** invite all to their **Come Alive** concert to be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Mechanics Hall in Worcester Massachusetts. Mark will perform from his latest collection of songs that explore life’s greatest joys and toughest challenges while celebrating God’s presence in every moment. Mark is a Dove Award winning artist who has become one of Christian music’s most acclaimed singer/songwriters. His song, **Back in His Arms Again** was named BMI’s Christian Song of the Year in 2003.

**Point of Grace** is comprised of Shelly Breen, Denise Jones and Leigh Cappillino. **Point of Grace** has earned 2 platinum and 5 gold albums and has more than 2 dozen number one hits on Christian radio. Among these are, **Steady on**, **The Great Divide**, and **Circle of Friends**.

This combo is sure to light up the venue with the Word of God and their love of the Lord! This don’t-want-to-miss concert is sponsored by WYCM 90.1 located in Charlton, MA. If you happen to live in the upper north-western fringes of Rhode Island, then you might be blessed with being able to tune in WYCM on your radio. WYCM has a limited range and are hoping to apply to the FCC to extend their signal via “repeaters” when the FCC designates an application period.

Stephen Binley is the founder and station manager. Throughout his life God has displayed his remarkable ability to have Stephen in the right place at the right time. This began with Stephen realizing his dream at an early age by becoming a camera man for channel 27 in Boston (now Fox 25). After a number of years he was surprised by a co-worker informing him of a Christian TV station about to start. He was promptly hired at then station CBN (Pat Robertson) where he worked for over twenty-one years as camera man.

For over twenty years Stephen felt a calling to start a Christian radio station. After an extended period of prayer and searching, he made an offer on an AM station with no money to pay for it. Miraculously, a family paid the entire amount! He needed to sell the station after one-and-one-half years due to a lack of listener support. Stephen wanted an FM station and after **The Good News TODAY**

a series of circumstances which only God could orchestrate, He purchased **90.1 Your Christian Mix FM**, which is incorporated under the name of Christian Mix Radio.

Stephen remarked, regarding the uncertain times, “Just when you think all is lost, it’s not. God is there; His timing is absolutely perfect” and he now views some of the difficult times as a “learning curve.”

According to their website, “Christian Mix Radio exists to glorify God, and to edify the listener through the ministry of music. We play music from Christian artists who, from the best information available, exhibit a consistent walk with the Lord. We seek to play songs that are understandable in lyric content, and which almost always directly refer to one or more members of the holy trinity. We also seek to avoid playing songs whose lyrics deal with and relationships which are forbidden in Scripture.”

In addition they are there to “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. It is with great joy and blessing that we are able to provide this ministry to our listeners and we look forward to doing so for many years to come!”

Stephen is blessed with one paid employee, **Judy Pelletier**, and a **number of dedicated volunteer staff**. Judy is the Fundraising and Promotions Coordinator. She is also the host of a Tuesday night (6pm-9pm) broadcast: **Christian Sounds**. **Judy’s soothing voice and weekly lesson coupled with her choice of songs is good for the Christian soul and very inviting to the non-believer.**

**If you have been brushing aside tears as you read this because you do not live in listening range, fear not! WYCM Your Christian Mix is now streaming! Go to their website to get the stream flowing; you will be glad that you did.**

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# United in Faith

*“And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Acts 2: 46-47*

Rain or shine, United In Faith (UIF), *An Outdoor Festival of Christian Music* will be celebrating it’s third year on Saturday, September 5, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Church of The Apostles in Coventry, RI.

This year UIF is blessed to present on the main stage, Ray Tierney and Friends; Crimson Rain, The Worship Project; Steadfast; Spirit and Truth; and Sue Samuel. The children’s ministry, which runs simultaneously from noon – 5:00 p.m., will include games, arts and crafts, face painting, bible story dress-up, an instrument petting zoo, a professional story teller, free hourly raffles, and more. Raffle prizes are provided by area businesses.

This year’s festival is also adding activities for the “tween-aged” youth including volleyball, table tennis, and a sidewalk chalk drawing competition.

“United In Faith has been and continues to be a unique effort which not only provides an opportunity for Christians to gather together to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but also provides an opportunity for area churches and Christian organizations to plan, organize and work side-by-side to produce this event,” says Cathy Morgan, the program’s executive director. “Last year’s festival, on a rainy day, drew roughly 800 visitors from all over Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as nine neighborhood churches and organizations and the many musicians who donated their time, participated in the production of the festival,” she added.

Our mission is built on Acts 2:46-47 which states that it is when we are of “one mind” that the Holy Spirit works in us to “add to those who are being saved.” says Morgan.

United In Faith launches a campaign each spring to invite churches and organizations from all over to participate in the event, inviting them to make donations of time,

talents and/or treasure. This year, letters were mailed to over 90 churches and informational packets were delivered to nearly 40 churches by the group’s visitation teams.

Benefits are held throughout the summer months to raise start-up money for the festival.

A Progressive Dinner on Fairview was held as a fundraiser in May. The three churches on Fairview Ave., in Coventry/WestWarwick hosted a meal which began with appetizers at Phenix Baptist Church, main course at Church of The Apostles and finished with dessert and entertainment at Quidnick Baptist Church. The event was supported by nine churches and attended by over 100 individuals. “It was so incredible to see so many people from the different denominations together and excited for the same cause,” says Morgan.

“A Concert on the Lawn Series



of outdoor benefit concerts has been conducted over the summer. One of the participating bands is featured each month. Each event has drawn 85 people or more, representing eight or nine area churches,” Morgan said.

Participating churches and organizations include: Phenix Baptist Church, West Warwick; Quidnick Baptist Church, Coventry; Canterbury Mission Society, Coventry; Riverpoint Advent Christian Church, West Warwick; Full Life Christian Fellowship, West Warwick; Sabbath Assembly, West Warwick; Church of the Apostles, Coventry; and Grace Family Church, West Warwick. All participating churches are invited to set up tents (Tent City) in the festival area to promote their

churches and their programs.

“When UIF was birthed in 2007, it was with an idea shared by a few churches, to bring Christians together with music, but we never could have imagined what the Lord would do.” says Morgan. “It is becoming a year-round event keeping the churches working together to further the Kingdom of God. We can’t wait to see what God does next,” she added.

UIF’s mission is as follows: UNITED IN FAITH is a group of community churches, musicians, and faith-based organizations, into which all Christian denominations are invited; uniting to work together, side by side, in love and fellowship, that all may be reconciled unto God. The annual outdoor music festival and other events throughout the year entreat the Holy Spirit to bear fruit among us, that all may know we are Chris-



tians by our love for Jesus Christ and for one another.

“In a day when there is so much uncertainty in the world and in the church, it is imperative that we bind together as we are called to do,” says Morgan. “We must remember Paul’s words to the Ephesians,” she added, “I...urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received... bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:3-6)

A blood drive will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the food concession and free will offerings are given to neighborhood Christian charities.

Church of The Apostles is located at 170 Fairview Avenue, Coventry, RI. For more information please visit [www.churchoftheapostlesri.org](http://www.churchoftheapostlesri.org) or call Cathy Morgan at (401) 499-3918 or the church office at (401) 821-7609.

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## Forced Indentured Servanthood to the Government

By Bill Wilson

Actor Jon Voight is a conservative and an American patriot. He is now beginning to think the unthinkable. In a comment to Inside the Beltway published in the Washington Times, Voight asked if the man who occupies the Oval Office (OOO) is "creating a civil war in our own country?" Voight said, "We are witnessing a slow, steady takeover of our true freedoms. We are becoming a socialist nation, and whoever can't see this is probably hoping it isn't true." Voight said that if the government takes over our industries, raises our taxes to support unconstitutional causes, "then we will be in default. This great America will become a paralyzed nation."

Many political commentators are beginning to recognize a difference in what used to be political rhetoric and the now sustained effort to "remake" America as "political warfare." But they still haven't reached the point where they are willing to think the unthinkable--that this Administration and Congress are waging a real war against the Constitutional Republic of America and every Christian American. The current Administration is attacking the Republic--which is "we the people"--on many fronts, in an attempt to destroy what was and is, and to "remake" it into a socialist humanist nation. But in order to come to that conclusion, you must be able to think the unthinkable.

We have seen a government takeover of the auto industry and the financial industry. We are experiencing a government takeover of the healthcare industry--even bully tactics by Congressional Democratic leadership to harass health insurance providers with a Congressional investigation. And because of all these things, the ten year budget deficit projection has grown to a record \$9 trillion. America is on the verge of financial collapse because of government spending--the real story, however, is how the Administration is destroying the nation by overspending and taking over industries, indenturing the citizens involuntarily to government servitude for generations to come.

The latest headline is that OOO wants to ban news coverage of his vacation. This joins the White House plea to turn in those providing misinformation against healthcare to a White House email address, trying to shut up protestors at town hall meetings by giving union thugs the go ahead to assault people, and trying to stop religious free speech in hate crimes legislation. Christian Americans must think the unthinkable and know an undeclared war is raging against them--spiritually by Satan and physically by this government. We must do as Ephesians 6:19 commands, "That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

## Dear friends,

Does anybody out there have any memory of the reason given for the establishment of the Department Of Energy .....during the Carter Administration? Anybody? Anything? No? Didn't think so!

Bottom line ... We've spent several hundred billion dollars in support of an agency ...the reason for which most people who read this can not remember.

It was very simple ... and, at the time, everybody thought it very appropriate... The 'Department of Energy' was unconstitutionally instituted on 8-04-1977 to lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

Hey, pretty efficient, right? ...and now it's 2009, 32 years later... And the budget for this necessary department is at \$24.2 billion a year. It has 16,000 Federal employees and approximately 100,000 Contract employees. And look at the job it has done!

This is where you slap your forehead and say 'What was i thinking?' Ah, yes, good old bureaucracy... *And now \_ we are*

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read a recent article from the NRLC (National Right to Life Committee) as printed in their Journal, and they report in detail how the political maneuvering over "Health Care Reform" is clearly in full swing. The radical left is pushing the Kennedy (Senate) version with all its collective might, while a number of NRLC proposed amendments, including one offered by Sen. Enzi (R-WY.) which would remove the authority to declare abortion to be an essential benefit, and another by Sen. Hatch (R-Utah) to prevent federal funds from being used to subsidize abortion, or plans that include

***If you do not kill in the Governments name, you will be "penalized".***

abortion, were summarized. Even an amendment offered by pro-life Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK.) to prevent health care providers from being penalized for refusing to participate in providing abortions was shot down. Oh my word. Am I hearing that right? If you do not kill in the Governments name, you will be "penalized". An interesting side note to all of this is that House and Senate moderate Democrats from states with large Conservative blocks are running scared at the thought of having to sell this nightmare to their constituents and stay in office at the same time. Heck, they just got through getting slammed for the "Stimulus". One more thing, as "The Lion of the Senate" has authored a good portion of this legislation, and our readership stretches beyond the Massachusetts border, it would certainly help to hear your voices as well. A quick perusal of [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) will provide you with the emails and phone numbers for the Massachusetts

## Adopt a Nursing Home

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Did you know that your church can make a difference in your community by adopting a nursing home to visit our Beacon Hospice patients or visiting our home patients in your area?

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*going to turn the banking system, health care & the auto industry over to government? May God help us !!!*

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Congressional Delegation.

Now I think it's fair to say, that from the national perspective we all know how the likes of Pelosi, Reed, Waxman and the rest of the ultra pro-choice partial birth abortion crew will be voting. But I thought it a good idea to get a little local flavor on this one. We can assume that the delegation from Rhode Island, particularly Reed, Whitehouse and Kennedy are rubber stamps for this Congress and the President, and will continue to misrepresent while falling in squarely behind the leadership. But how does Representative Jim Langevin (D) RI, feel about all of this?

How does a person who is "allegedly" Pro-Life, vote on HR 3200, or any of its current variations, with their mountains of provisions and unprecedented subsidies for "reproductive care"? Incidentally, can someone please tell me why they call it that? It has nothing to do with "reproduction". They are talking about "Planned Parenthood" and aborting the baby, aren't they??

Anyway, a call to the Congressman's office was quickly diverted to his "Media Office". His "PR" person Joy Fox did a quick two step, side stepped the questions and snidely stated she would probably not get back to me before deadline... Go figure. Bottom line folks, as Rhode Island Christians, shouldn't we be just a little curious? What will he do? Will he be forced into Pelosi's camp? Does he go willingly? Does he voice opposition, or does he tow the party line? What does "Health Care reform" mean for you and your family? **Ask him! Thursday, September 3rd from 6-8 P.M. at the Westerly**

training for all interested. All you need to offer is yourself.

If your church would like to participate or would like more information, from Warwick south please contact Paul Gauthier (401) 884-3845 or email [pgauthier@beaconhospice.com](mailto:pgauthier@beaconhospice.com). Northern RI and East Bay regions contact Kristy Hassell (401) 438-0008 or email [khassell@beaconhospice.com](mailto:khassell@beaconhospice.com). In Southeastern Ma contact Deb Culhane (508) 324-1900 or email [dculhane@beaconhospice.com](mailto:dculhane@beaconhospice.com)

Sincerely,

Paul Gauthier - Volunteer Coordinator - Beacon Hospice, 6946 Post Road, North Kingstown, R.I. 02852

Congressman to support HR 2755. Our republic is dying, and the Fed has been bleeding it dry since its inception in 1913. It's time for some serious CPR, and this is it. You can make a difference. God save America! The bailout needs to be from Him.

**town Hall, 45 Broad Street in Westerly.** Incidentally, his current "position" is "undecided".

It should be emphasized by the way, that the RIRTL (Rhode Island Right to Life) is mounting its own all out push to address the Abortion provisions in HR 3200, and like the National office they consider it a watershed moment on the matter. I spoke with Barth Bracy, the Executive Director of the local chapter and he told me that RIRTL is on high alert regarding the bill and will focus its energy and attention on Rep. Langevin, as one of the 40 votes needed to up end this abomination. Mr. Bracy also told me that sometime after Labor Day, the House will move to a "rules vote" concerning language, and at that point an Amendment will be proposed by Rep. Stupak, (D) MI that would prohibit any government defined or subsidized abortion allocation into the current bill. This will quickly be defeated by the Democratically controlled rules committee as they race to the finish line. Mr. Bracy continued:

"Without an explicit prohibition of abortion coverage from any government-defined or government-subsidized health insurance plan, such as that offered by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI), H.R. 3200 is the most radically pro-abortion initiative to ever make it to the floor of Congress. Whether he would like to believe it or not, if Rep. Langevin votes for this initiative, he becomes the most radically pro-abortion lawmaker in the history of Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District."

Hello Christians in Rhode Island, anybody hearing this? I asked Mr. Bracy what he felt the best course of action was moving forward for any who wish to get involved. He told me that from a "grass



## Gutenberg's printing press

American Minute with Bill Federer

Johannes Gutenberg invented the first moveable type printing press. His masterpiece, the Gutenberg Bible, was printed August 24, 1455. No longer copied by hand and chained to pulpits, Bibles were mass produced. Unfortunately his business partner sued and took his rights.

Gutenberg, whose name means "beautiful mountain," wrote: "Let us break the seal which seals up holy things and give wings to Truth in order that she may win every soul that comes into the world."

In The Hunchback of Notre Dame, 1831, book 5, Victor Hugo wrote: "The 15th century everything changes. Human thought discovers a mode of perpetuating itself... Gutenberg's letters of lead...supersede Orpheus's letters of stone...The invention of printing is the greatest event in history. It is the mother of revolution."

Victor Hugo continued: "Whether it be Providence or Fate, Gutenberg is the precursor of Luther." In A Tramp Abroad, 1880, Mark Twain wrote: "We made a short halt at Frankfort-on-the-Main...I would have liked to visit the birthplace of Gutenberg, but...no memorandum of the house has been kept."

On August 12, 1993, at Denver's Regis University, Pope John Paul II gave a Gutenberg Bible to President Bill Clinton.

roots" standpoint, small groups of folks (4 or 5) stopping by the good Congressman's office "every day" until the vote would certainly not hurt. Knock... Knock... is anyone in there?? 300 Centerville Rd. Suite 200 South, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 732-9400 fax# (401) 737-2982

All things considered, we are as I have said, at a crossroads in America. As importantly, the same goes for Rhode Island. I would have to say that it is time to get up off of our collective behinds, acknowledge who we are and what we believe, and get out there to speak for and defend those who cannot defend themselves. The ball is deep in our territory, and the game clock is ticking. What say you??

# Inspiration

## The Bible – A Beautiful Love Story

By Messianic Rabbi Jeremy Storch

The Bible is a beautiful love story between God and His people. In Genesis 24, there is an individual love story which has great application for us as Believers in Yeshua.

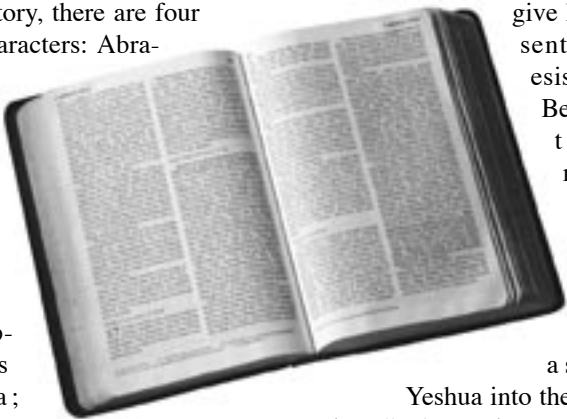
In this story, there are four main characters: Abraham, who represents God the Father; Isaac, who represents Yeshua; Eliezer, who represents the Holy Spirit; and Rebecca, who represents the bride of Messiah. To further understand this, let’s look at some ancient Jewish wed-

ding customs, which are fulfilled in Yeshua.

A bride-price had to be paid. (Genesis 24:53) Yeshua paid the highest possible price for us – His very life!

The Bride had to give her consent. (Genesis 24:58) Believers today must give their consent, by asking Yeshua into their heart, saying, “I do receive You as my Heavenly Bridegroom.”

The bride and the groom shared a cup of wine symbolizing ‘betrothal.’ At the Last Supper



## The Birth Of The Song ‘Precious Lord’

Back in 1932, I was a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago’s south side. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn’t want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66. However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back.

I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music.

The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED.

People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was ‘Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead.’

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that same night, the baby died. I buried Nettie

and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart.

For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn’t want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died.

From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially one friend. The following Saturday evening he took me up to Maloney’s Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows.

I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, once into my head they just seemed to fall into place: ‘Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.’

The Lord gave me these words and melody, He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power.

And so I go on living for God

# FABRIC ART *MINISTRY TIP*

By Rev. Doug Forbes

For Fabric Art you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, black felt, white glow in the dark glue, gold glitter, gold or black yarn, a hole punch, paint brushes, scissors, rulers and newspapers.

Ask your students to use their Bibles and concordances to discover their favorite Bible passages regarding God’s beautiful creation. Allow time for each child to share

his or her findings. Next, have your students turn to Psalm 19:1-4, and allow four volunteers to each read one verse. Explain that all creation declares the glory of God and the splendor of His creation. We should thank God for His beautiful creation and do our best to take care of it. Also, remind your class that all nature shows us that we have a great, awesome and wonderful God who loves us and gives us good things. (For additional

(Passover) Yeshua took the cup and said, “Drink from this, all of you, this is the cup of the covenant.” (Matthew 26:27-29) Betrothal was further sealed with a ring. (Genesis 24:22) We have been sealed with the Holy Spirit until Yeshua returns. (Ephesians 4:30)

The groom then departed back to his father’s house, to prepare the wedding chamber for his bride. Yeshua said, “I go to prepare a place for you that where I am

you may also be.” (John 14:3) The groom could not return until his ‘father’ gave the final OK. (Matthew 24:36) The bridegroom would then come quickly and sweep away his bride. “Yeshua will come for us like a thief in the night.” (First Thessalonians 5:2)

For believers today, God the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to find a bride for His Son, Yeshua, and to bring the bride directly to Yeshua and to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home.

### Tommy Dorsey

If you thought this was the same Tommy Dorsey of big band renown, than you are sadly mistaken. Thomas A Dorsey though born in the same era forged his music career as a blues bandleader. Thomas grew up in a strong Christian family in Villa Rica, in Carroll County, Georgia, his father was a traveling preacher and mother



Tommy Dorsey

a choir leader. Growing up in a poor family led Tommy to take a job in an Atlanta theatre where he often marveled at vaudeville performers. During this period he learned to play the piano and soon after began playing at house parties throughout the city.

Throughout much of his early adult life Tommy struggled as did many bluesmen, he was internally torn between the sacred and the secular—his devotion to the Lord and the “devil’s music” he loved so much. After a conversion brought on by a nervous breakdown Tommy began to slowly pen gospel songs and was soon appointed director of the choir at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago’s Bronzeville District, an association he would continue until 1972.

In August 1932 Thomas’ wife Nettie died during childbirth, and his firstborn son, Thomas Andrew,

study review the creation story in Genesis with your class.)

Cover the tables with newspaper and have each child cut a piece of black felt 12” by 9”. Ask your students to place their felt so that it faces them 12” down by 9” across. Have them paint: “The Heavens declare.” Psalm 19 with glow in the dark glue on the felt. They can decorate the border by painting the sun, stars, clouds, rain etc. with glue. Once the children have finished painting they can sprinkle gold glitter onto the glue and lightly press it down to help it stick. Punch a hole in the top two corners of the felt. Cut a piece of gold or black yarn 18” long and tie one end to each of the holes so it can be hung up.

Encourage your students to show their beautiful works of art to their parents, guardians and grandparents and share what they have learned from this project. They may wish to give their beautiful creation to a family member as a gift.

will if it’s necessary. Sometimes storms help us to realize how insignificant the things we place such great value upon really are. He understands our troubles and desire to change, speak to Him today before it is too late.

The bible says, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

*Jesus, please forgive me for my sin. I know I have made many mistakes and haven’t done everything that I should with my life. 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 of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen*

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

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

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Tonally challenged

Joe’s wife likes to sing. She decided to join the church choir. From time to time she would practice while she was in the kitchen preparing dinner. Whenever she would start in on a song, Joe would head outside to the porch.

His wife, with hurt feelings, said, “What’s the matter, Joe? Don’t you like my singing?”

Joe replied, “Honey, I love your singing, but I just want to make sure the neighbors know I’m not beating you.”

Eating Chinese



A man having lunch at a Chinese restaurant noticed that the table had been set with forks, not chopsticks. He asked why. The waiter said “Chopsticks were provided only on request.”

“But,” the man countered, “if you gave your patrons chopsticks, you wouldn’t have to pay someone to wash all the forks.” “True,” the waiter shot back, “but we would have to hire three more people to clean up the mess.”

Laughter Doeth Good Like Medicine

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, “No change yet.”

A woman’s work is never done. So why bother? Aim low. Reach your goals. Avoid disappointment. Always be yourself because the people that matter don’t mind, and the ones who mind, don’t matter. Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks 2 sizes! Ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone. That’s actually what caused many of their deaths...pillow fights. Be careful reading the fine print. There’s no way you’re going to like it. By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he’s wrong. Camping is nature’s way of promoting the motel business. Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and be quiet.

A Little “HOLY” Humor!



Sent by Kathy Molnar

**LOT’S WIFE** The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, ‘My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,’ he announced triumphantly, ‘and she turned into a telephone pole!’

**GOOD SAMARITAN** A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, ‘If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?’ A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, ‘I think I’d throw up.’

**DID NOAH FISH?** A Sunday school teacher asked, ‘Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?’ ‘No,’ replied Johnny. ‘How could he, with just two worms.’

**HIGHER POWER** A Sunday school teacher said to her children, ‘We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?’ One child blurted out, ‘Aces!’

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD** A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn’t remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, ‘The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.’

**BEING THANKFUL** A preacher said to a precocious six-year-old boy, ‘So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That’s very commendable. What does she say?’ The little boy replied, ‘Thank God he’s in bed!’

The Perfect Solution to Senior Health Care

While discussing the upcoming Universal Health Care Program with my sister-in-law the other day, I think we have found the solution.

I am sure you have heard the ideas that if you’re a senior you need to suck it up and give up the idea that you need any health care. A new hip? Unheard of idea, we simply can’t afford to take care of you anymore. You don’t need any medications for your high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems, etc. Let’s take care of the young people. After all, they will be ruling the world very soon.

So here is the solution. When you turn 70, you get a gun and 4 bullets. You are allowed to shoot 2 senators and 2 representatives. Of course, you will be sent to prison where you will get 3 meals a day, a roof over your head and all the health care you need!!! New teeth, great!!! Need glasses, no problem. New hip, knee, kidney, lung, heart? Well, bring it on. And who will be paying for all of this?

The same government that just told you that you are too old for health care. And, since you are a prisoner, you don’t have to pay any income tax. I really think we have a Perfect Solution!!!



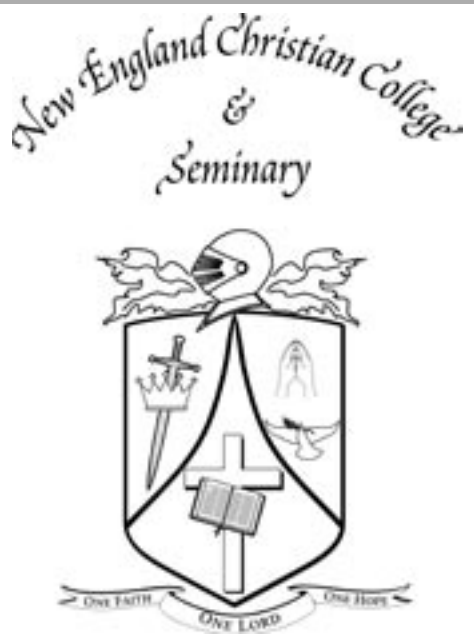
Laughing yet?

A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asks, “Reverend, you’re a man of God, can’t you do something about this storm?” To which he replies, “Lady, I’m in sales, not management.”

An older man was driving down the freeway when his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife’s voice urgently warning him, “Herman, I just heard on the news that there’s some idiot driving a car the wrong way on Highway 280. Please be careful!” “Hazel!” said Herman, “It’s not just one car! There are hundreds of them!”

A teacher was finishing up a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity. “Where would we be today,” she asked, “if no one had ever been curious?” One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room. “In the garden of Eden?”

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Well, A Girl Potato and A Boy Potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married, and had a little sweet potato, which they called ‘Yam.’ Of course, they wanted the best for Yam.

When it was time, they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn’t get accidentally mashed, and get a bad name for herself like ‘Hot Potato,’ and end up with a bunch of Tater Tots.

Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand she wouldn’t stay home and become a Couch Potato either.

She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland. And the

greasy guys from France called the French Fries. And when she went out west in the USA, they told her to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn’t get scalloped.

Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn’t associate with those high class Yukon Golds, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks that say, ‘Frito Lay.’

Mr. and Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that’s Potato University) so when she graduated she’d really be in the chips. But in spite of all they did for her, one-day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw.

Tom Brokaw!!! Mr. and Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn’t possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he’s just... well he’s just a...Are you ready for this? Are you sure? OK! Here it is! A COMMON-TATER !!

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(1 Corinthians 12)  
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**Sat Sept 5 • 12:30 p.m. ~ United In Faith : Outdoor Festival of Christian Music** The Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry. For more info 401-499-3918

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**4p.m. ~ Teen Challenge New England • Fall Fundraising Banquet reception/Silent Auction.** Marriot Hotel Providence, 1 Orma Street, Providence. More Info 401-467-2970

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**Saturday Sept 26 ~ 11a.m -6p.m. Son Splash Christian and Music Festival** at River Island Park, Bernon St. Woonsocket RI. Rain date Oct 3. Please call 401-765-1777 for more info.

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1 Tuesday

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

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

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2 Wednesday

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

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

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3 Thursday

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4 Friday

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

**7:30 p.m. ~ Damascus Road Coffeehouse presents “Agape” Christian worship.** free admission & Refreshments. Dartmouth Bible Church 52 Morton Ave Dartmouth, MA 774-451-3286 or damascusroadcoffe ouse.com

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**7-9 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

5 Saturday

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

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9 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

10 Thursday

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

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11 Friday

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12 Saturday

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19 Saturday

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24 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)

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25 Friday

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

26 Saturday

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

27 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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