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Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ... - 2 Corinthians 2:14

The humbug is in our hearts

By Sharon Thiel

You know it's going to be a good interview when you ask for the goal of your subject's efforts, and he replies, "My heart is, above all else, to know Christ and to make Him known; His story. We all have a story, and our stories all end up with Him: as our Saviour and Lord, or as our Judge. What better, then, when I can tell, through a story, the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" That was the immediate reply from David



2013 New Life Fine Arts' production of *Ebenezer Scrooge: A Christmas Carol Christmas Present* (Glenn Gray) and Ebenezer Scrooge (Ben Morse)

England's best creative treasures. David MacAdam is director and founder of New Life Fine Arts in Concord, Massachusetts. With the tagline "Theater you can believe in", this anointed group has dedicated their time and talents to "Provide high-quality entertaining productions with spiritually uplifting themes", the first of four commitments made on

MacAdam; Pastor, teacher, playwright, husband, father of three, grandfather of six, and the keeper of perhaps one of New

the About page of their website www.newlifefinearts.org. One of their most

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Woonsocket Day of Prayer Joins Church and State

By Linda Peters

Pastors and members from 20 local churches gathered together on Saturday, October 26, for the first-ever Woonsocket Day of Prayer. An estimated crowd of between 300 and 400 people—including the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and three police chaplains—prayed, sang, and listened to testimonies all on behalf of their beleaguered city fraught with crime, violence, poverty, homelessness, drugs, unemployment, and tough economic times.



Woonsocket Mayor Leo Fontaine sings "Meant To Be" by Steven Curtis Chapman at the first-ever Woonsocket Day of Prayer

It started as an offer of help from Pastor Herson Gonzalez of Calvary Worship

Center, to Woonsocket Mayor Leo Fontaine. Last May, the two were in the Mayor's office talking over the city's ills and challenges.

"The Mayor is an upbeat, nothing-gets-him-down, kind of guy," says Gonzalez. "But that day, I could see he looked down about all the city's problems. At one point in the conversation, I asked him what the faith community could do to help. He leaned

back in his chair, closed his eyes and thought for a moment. And then he said, 'I think it would help if the churches could

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Providence Rescue Mission: Rescuing the Perishing

By Judith Ryder

"...When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours, lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." (Luke 14: 12-14)



As Sean Carew, Executive Director of the Providence Rescue Mission (PRM) points out, most children when asked what they want to be when they grow up, reply "fireman", "nurse", "teacher", "policeman", or another admired profession, but none ever says "homeless person", "drug addict", or "prostitute". Yet, as a fallen mirror shatters into a thousand

shards, sometimes a person's life reaches the point where it, too, has seemingly become irretrievably broken. It is then that the Providence Rescue Mission often meets another needy soul who, having come to the end of his rope, has finally decided to seek help. In the process, many will learn, perhaps for the first time, the attributes of God: His love, mercy, and grace.

Growing up in PA, and having personally experienced the agony of the out-of-control life of an addict, Sean Carew attended college, became saved at age 29, and got sober in 1989. At the time, God impressed on his mind, "no more dating". Deciding that his career as a bond trader was no longer a good fit, he began street ministry in Pittsburgh while working in retail. After being transferred to Albany, NY, he approached his pastor about starting

a street ministry there and while driving a Salvation Army canteen, his rounds ended at the Capitol City Rescue Mission, whose director suggested God might be calling him to Rescue Ministry. After living in a Mission for a year, he quit his job and, in January 1993, took a relevant Correspondence Course.

Beginning to pray for a helpmeet, he subsequently met Marbeth in church. They married in 1993 and started their family of four children. For three years he worked with the Albany mission, then became Director of Operations at the City Mission in Schenectady, NY from 1996 to 1999. In late 1998, the Carews were asked to plant a Mission in RI, which they began in January 1999, staying at Quidnessett Baptist Church's

youth house while they commuted back and forth between NY and RI as they got things up and running.

During a recent interview at the Mission's location, 627 Cranston Street in Providence,



Sean and Marbeth Carew

RI's West end, Sean Carew noted that since founding PRM, he and Marbeth have become accustomed to watching God meet the Mission's abundant needs with neither begging nor wringing of hands on their part. Like George Muller, the German missionary in the 1800's who,

through his faith and prayers (without asking for money), fed thousands of orphans in Bristol, England, the Carews acknowledge that God answers prayer and provides their needs through continuing showers

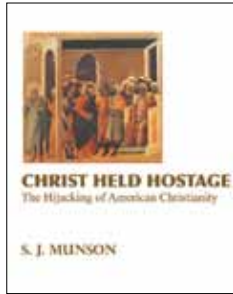
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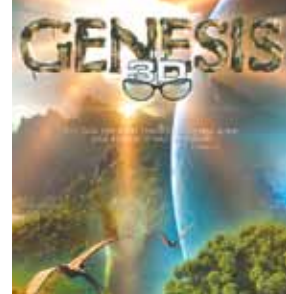


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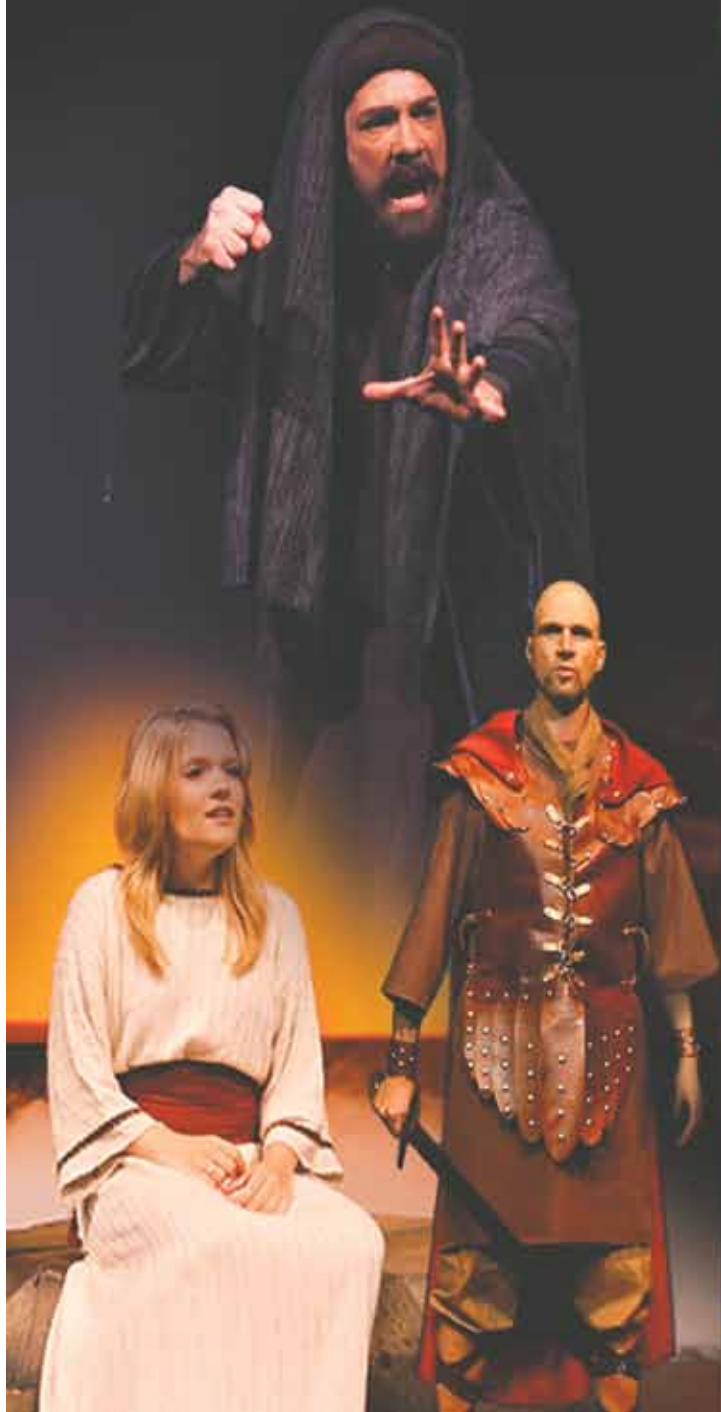
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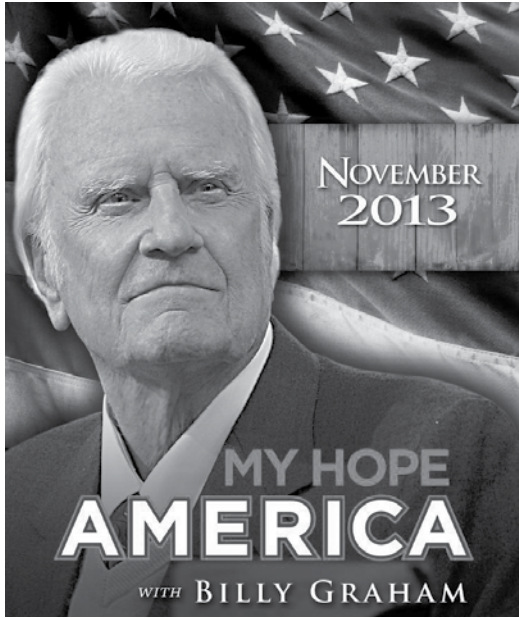
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BILLY GRAHAM ON TV

By Rev. Doug Forbes

Nearly 22,000 churches – with two weeks remaining and more being added daily – have signed on to participate in “My Hope America”, which is expected to result in thousands of individuals opening their homes and reaching out in their communities. It is the largest evangelism effort across the United States in the history of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



Many churches in our area will help sponsor the special TV program “My Hope America,” in honor of Billy Graham’s 95th birthday. Dr. Graham has spoken to more people in person than

anyone who has ever lived and is known for providing physical and spiritual assistance to people around the world. Many lives have been saved and countless people have been helped by the worldwide ministry and relief work of Billy Graham and his son Franklin.

The ministry of Billy Graham has been a wonderful blessing to me and my family. Five generations of my family have been helped by this wonderful man of God. I believe that this special tribute to Billy Graham will enrich your spiritual life and give you a new attitude of hope for the future. This fast paced film features Billy Graham, music artists Lecrae and Lacey Strum, NFL wide receiver David

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“For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand.” Deut. 2:7

Tyree, illusionist Jim Monroe, comedian Michael Junior and professional skateboarder Brian Sumner as they share a common thread that led them to true happiness.

This unique film will be shown on November 9 at 7:30 pm on channel 10, and at 8 pm on

channel 56. It will also be shown at various times on several cable networks including the TBN and the Fox News Network. For more information about My Hope America with Billy Graham, including how it works and how to be involved, visit www.MyHopewithBillyGraham.org

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successful efforts is the annual presentation of “Ebenezer Scrooge: A Christmas Carol”, which this writer has had the pleasure of viewing on multiple occasions in the past decade. I had the privilege of recently visiting with David by phone, so that I might share with the readers of The Good News Today some insight into this unique and most popular production of the classic Christmas story.

David shared that he wrote the play in 1984 while living in England, and chose this tale because author Dickens knows ‘how to structure a story, and offered this great way to show a man getting a second chance through a clear picture of conviction, repentance and accepting the Gospel’.

Dickens’ seventh novel, “A Christmas Carol in Prose” was written as music is written; in staves, not chapters, and he makes reference to the Gospel in every single stave! We don’t get that in most modern renditions of the story, but he gives real tribute to the Christ of Christmas. We are told he wrote it in this way because “he intended it to sing out the message that the meaning and spirit of Christmas can be lived every day of the year.” For amazing insight into the specific references made to the Gospel in each stave, check out the New Life Fine Arts website, on the page titled “Charles Dickens and Christmas”.

Though famous at a young age, Dickens had challenges to overcome. Having descended into the working class at age 12, he was intimately familiar with the horrors of child labor from those days working in a boot polish factory. As a young adult he became quite famous as an author, but fell into debt and marital problems all about the time he was expecting

his 5th child. His beloved sister, Frances (known as Fanny) married an Evangelical Pastor. She was well known by all to live out the Gospel with her life. Perhaps through her influence, Dickens visited a Christian outreach to the poorest of the poor in 1843. It was the time of the Reformists (Dickens’ first novel came out about the time when Wilberforce found such success in his efforts to abolish slavery) and it is said the story of Ebenezer Scrooge came to him as he walked the streets of Manchester during his time of troubles that year, completing the novel in six short weeks.

When published, we are told that this story “almost single-handedly revived the festive celebration of Christmas in England”. It had for too long been a liturgical observance to which people were just viewers in the church, and it now became “a celebration of Christ’s love in the home in which all are called to be recipients.” Its effect was of great note, as declared in this quote from Dickens Scholar, N.C. Peyroun: Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol “parallels the theology that the salvation

Holy Spirit. From the very start, with a messenger bearing a flame within his lantern, each messenger then shines light upon Ebenezer’s Past, upon his Present, and upon his Future. When Scrooge expresses a desire for the light to reveal no more of the bad choices of his past, he models human resistance to coming to the light of Christ, because “our deeds are evil, and we don’t want them brought to



Composer, writer, director - David MacAdam

light”. It is hoped that we grasp through the message shared that we all are messengers, meant to be bearing the light of Christ.

Everyone involved in these productions is a volunteer, start to finish, and the costumes and sets are amazing! The talent of the vocalists from the tiniest child to Scrooge himself is always apparent, and the message rings clear and true....it is not just Scrooge, but each of us, as well, who must face that “the humbug is in our hearts”. The desire of all who participate is that viewers be “lovingly persuaded”. MacAdam makes clear (and I can vouch for this with vigor!), “This is not a bait and switch, luring folks to come to see a play then turning it into an evangelical event. New Life Fine Arts tells them a story worth hearing, using wonderful songs, and within that story is the Greatest Story Ever Told.” Jesus said “He who loves the truth will hear my word”.

There are countless wonderful stories of lives being blessed by this play. Multiple church

groups use attending as a major outreach each year, especially to international students; with letters from churches telling of two people whose first exposure to the Gospel was this production who are now missionaries in Mexico, and groups of Chinese students who have found Christ through this tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. One audience member asked the person sitting next to him, “Have you ever cried out to God like Ebenezer Scrooge did?” Such incidents are not uncommon. The actor playing Jacob Marley this year is one who originally found Christ as a member of the audience!

In the final Stave of this story, as Scrooge is repenting, David MacAdam tells us, “Our musical adaptation illuminates Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol in Prose” with the work of another 19th century writer, Phillips Brooks – author of the famous Christmas Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem”:

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to me today
Cast out my sin and enter in
Be born in me today

I hear the Christmas Angel
The great glad tidings tell

O come to me, abide with me
My Lord Emmanuel.

Every year it is the goal of all those involved, both behind and before the curtain at New Life Fine Arts, that the current production exceed the highest expectations of any who have praised, or been told about, the excellence of productions past. That is quite the goal, indeed, and as a repeat attendee, I can say they have thus far splendidly achieved that goal. This writer hopes that you will make every effort to attend a performance this Christmas season of “Ebenezer Scrooge: A Christmas Carol”, and bring along everyone you know who needs to discover that “the humbug IS in our hearts”, but there is a Way to get it out for good!

Performances will be at the Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts, 40 Stow Street in Concord, MA at 7:30 PM on Dec. 13, 14, 18, 20 and 21, with Matinees at 2PM on Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22nd. Group rates are available. This year they are implementing two new features: Reserved Seating, so you may select from available seats when ordering online 24/7 at www.newlifefinearts.com or by calling 1-877-746-9755. They have also added a special Wednesday evening performance, primarily for churches, offering a group rate at half-price about which you may call for details.

A Christmas Carol “parallels the theology that the salvation of man’s soul is affected by the change of heart and life wrought by Christ’s Spirit.”

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In writing his version of Dickens’ tale as a musical play, David MacAdam wanted to stay very close to Dickens’ original story and dialogue, believing that characters “give a view to the soul in their songs”. Each song was composed with an eye to reveal Christ as the answer, using the light and the bearers of light as the image of the

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America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration

By Good News Today Staff

A National Three-Day Event in Plymouth, MA Celebrating the History of Thanksgiving November 22nd - 24th, 2013

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration will take place again on the weekend before Thanksgiving in Plymouth, MA, site of the first Thanksgiving. The weekend of festivities has become a beloved holiday occasion as well as an important link to our nation's history and heritage. For 17 years, hundreds of thousands of people from all walks



The First Thanksgiving

of life have traveled to the historic Plymouth Harbor and Waterfront to experience a bounty of authentic Americana. The celebration of Thanksgiving becomes history-brought-to-life as Pilgrims, Native Americans, Soldiers, Patriots, and Pioneers proudly climb out of the history books and onto the streets of Plymouth.

A free Patriotic Concert Friday evening, November 22nd kicks off featuring A Nationally Recognized Patriotic Band and Tribute made possible thru the support from the Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation.

On Saturday, November 23rd the Grand Parade winds along Plymouth's Historic Waterfront at 10:30 am. The Parade begins with a military flyover followed by the only chronologically ordered parade in the country. The parade is unique, for it emulates the very first parades in history that told a visual story as scenes would "float" by the individual like a book. Each division of the parade represents a specific time period. It begins with the 1st Nation Peoples who lived in Plymouth for centuries and of course the Pilgrims who arrived in 1620. Then featured historic events in each century pass by, honoring our veterans and the price of liberty.

Enjoy the day along the Plymouth Waterfront visiting the Crafter's Pavilion, the Children's Learning



Center and be sure to sample the food and cast your vote at The New England Food Festival. Enjoy a walk thru of the authentic "Portal to the Past" showcasing historical reenactments and special events for everyone.

Stop by The Wampanoag Educational Pavilion for an interactive lesson about Native American history and culture. This amazing celebration ends with the Drum and Bugle Corps "Reunion Concert" at Plymouth Memorial Hall at 7:00pm.

The Makepeace Farms Harvest Market kicks off on Sunday, November 24th along the Plymouth Waterfront, with the return of the Crafter's Pavilion, and the Children's Learning Center.

For additional information visit their website at www.usathanksgiving.com. To find out how you can volunteer and be a part of this truly special event, contact Diana Scolponeti at operations@usathanksgiving.com or call the main AHTC office 508-746-1818.

Tough love...

West Warwick Church vandalized

By Fred Comella

I seem to remember my Pastor telling me that being a Christian is hard work. I wasn't exactly sure what he meant at the time, but I'm learning...

Having cut my teeth in the op-ed arena, it's easy to become "desensitized" to many of today's news stories. So when I heard on the morning news about the October 26th vandalism and theft at the "Harvest Fellowship Church of God" in West Warwick Rhode Island, it caught my attention but was quickly swallowed up by the flood of negative national news

which often dominates so much of the cycle. It was brought back to my attention this week when my editor asked if I could get some additional information for "The GNT". As I read through the initial report I began to ponder what it means to be a believer in a world which seems to be running at full speed in the opposite direction. Moreover, what does it mean to those who selflessly dedicate their lives to their "mission"? I thought of Christians around the globe being slaughtered for their faith, but also of those who are laboring to bring the Gospel to all who would hear it, and in places so close to home we know them by name. There is certainly a labor of love, and also carries with it both triumph and trial.

On or about 0319 on Saturday

October 26th, an ATM surveillance camera picked up one or more individuals in the area of the "Harvest Fellowship Church of God" located at 747 Main Street in West Warwick. Also around that time neighbors reported hearing loud noises, however police were not called. What happened next speaks to the above and how tolerance and understanding are often only talking points for those who practice neither.

Pastor Kenneth Ordway told me that the following morning he found his church ransacked and spray painted with threatening graffiti stating things like "God is on my side", "this is not the worst", "white Hispanic posse" and even depicting Nazi swastikas. The vandals apparently came in through the roof, smashing walls

and throwing furniture everywhere. To date Pastor Ordway is aware of two guitars which were stolen. But oddly he told me that the most holy items, including a painting of "The Last Supper" and the pulpit itself were untouched. He said the church has never had a single incident or problem the entire three plus years they have been at that location, and that he was touched by the genuine caring and regret expressed by the investigators and police officers of the West Warwick Police Department as well as others within the community.

It remains a source of frustration for this writer when I see and hear about things like this; people of faith bringing a message of "forgiveness" and love being knocked around for their efforts. I

suppose we should wait however and see what, if any motive exists in this case. I must admit that part is difficult for this "Christian in training". Nevertheless, as of this writing, West Warwick Police have no suspects and the investigation continues.

If you have any information regarding the events of 10/26 at the "Harvest Fellowship Church of God", please contact the West Warwick Police Department Detectives Division immediately. And while Pastor Ordway did not ask, any help in the form of donations to help repair the damage and put this little church back on the path of bringing people to Jesus, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated.

Preaching Politics from the Pulpit

By J.C. Derrick

A growing number of religious leaders are taking aim at the rule banning political speech in churches

(WNS)--Bishop Aubrey Shines believes it's important to present his Tampa, Fla., church parishioners with information. That usually takes the form of exegeting scripture, but it sometimes takes on a political flavor: Shines never hesitates to tell his congregation who he's voting for and why he's doing it.

"We should ignore political parties, and, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., measure [candidates] by the content of their character," Shines said. "Let's see if they measure up to some standard of morality that we would be comfortable with as believers in Christianity."

Shines is part of a growing movement to challenge the so-called Johnson Amendment, a 1954 Internal Revenue Service regulation prohibiting clergy from participating in the political process—risking their churches losing tax-exempt status. Then-Senate Minority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson crafted the rule as a way of silencing critics in his home state of Texas, and now some religious leaders are banding together to change or overturn it.

"From the fundamental foundation of our nation, this is where our leaders were vetted," Shines told me. "The church had influence over the masses."

A commission under the umbrella of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability recently sent a report to Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, recommending

Congress change and clarify—but not fully repeal—the Johnson Amendment. The commission said the amendment serves a useful purpose in forbidding tax-deductible donations to go toward political campaigns, but its prohibition against endorsing candidates chills free speech.

"There's no doubt in our minds that it's unconstitutional, it just hasn't been challenged as related to a pastor's sermon from the pulpit," said Erik Stanley, an Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorney who served as legal counsel to the commission.

In 2008, ADF launched Pulpit Freedom Sunday, a coordinated effort to have clergy preach about political issues and then send the recorded messages to the IRS. Thirty-three churches participated the first year, a number that grew to more than 1,200 this year—including Aubrey Shines.

"Pastors who are participating are recruiting other pastors," Stanley said. "I believe this really is becoming a nationwide movement of pastors who are saying, 'You have no constitutional right to in any way interfere with what I preach from the pulpit to my congregation.'"

The IRS has yet to take the bait, but Stanley said ADF stands ready to

take a legal challenge through the court system.

Eric Rassbach, an attorney with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, said his organization is also looking for a way to settle the issue in the courts: "It would be great if eventually a court would decide this issue as opposed to the IRS giving itself more power than it deserves. We hope that day will come soon."

A 2012 Pew Research study found two out of three Americans don't want their pastors to speak about politics. Stanley said no one wants to compel clergy to incorporate political speech into their messages, but clergy should be free to make the decision for themselves, based on personal or theological reasons.

Mark Tooley, president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, told me most church-goers want their pastors to proclaim the gospel and allow lay people to apply biblical principles in the political sphere. Yet he still wants the Johnson Amendment's speech ban overturned: "It may be unwise to routinely spout politics from the pulpit, but it shouldn't be illegal. Anyone should have the right to say what they want from their own pulpit."

I asked Shines, an African-Amer-

ican who pastors an interracial church, why African-American pastors are more likely to talk about politics from the pulpit. He said it's because for so many years they had no other options: "The black church was the only place where black leaders had an opportunity to speak. Martin Luther King spoke mostly in churches. He couldn't go to the media."

Shines said the media still provide disparate coverage, choosing to make people like Jessie Jackson and Al Sharpton the mouthpieces for all African-Americans. "They don't represent the views of the majority of blacks," he said. "There are tons of us who have very conservative views, [but] the media isn't interested. ... They only want to hear from who they have ordained as the speakers for the community. It's insulting."

So Shines continues to inform his congregation, regardless of what current IRS regulations say: "We're not going to be intimidated by this Stalinist idea that we can discuss every issue but this one."

Pulpit Freedom Sunday is coming up next year on October 5, 2014. If you are a pastor would you consider being one of the first to sign up for Pulpit Freedom Sunday 2014? You can get more information and sign up at www.pulpitfreedom.org. Join the growing movement of pastors across the country courageously standing for the freedom of the pulpit.

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of blessings. God empowers the ministry by means of generous donors and the faithful service of His children, including a dedicated Staff, multiple volunteers, and PRM-trained disciples. All make possible the wide scope of activities overseen by PRM on an hourly, daily, monthly, and yearly basis – 24/7, 365 days a year.

In stark contrast to Dante's inscription at the entrance to Hell: "Through me is the way to the sorrowful city. Through me is the way to eternal suffering. Through me is the way to join the lost people... Abandon all hope, you who enter", the sign at the entrance to the Providence Rescue Mission reads "Serving Christ - Serving the Homeless and Poor of our Community since 1999". The warm welcome extended by PRM's staff and volunteers to all who enter emulates the hands and face of Christ. Every guest, no matter his or her condition, is treated with respect and dignity, offered a wide variety of assistance, and given food for both body and soul.

Vital human services available for the poor and needy of Providence include: chapel services conducted before an evening meal seven nights a week; emergency shelter nightly for 75 to 90 homeless men and 15 to 20 homeless women; an emergency Food Pantry; bread made available to the needy at 3 p. m. daily; Monday distribution of fresh produce and whatever else is available; a Clothing Room distributing 5,000 articles of clothing monthly; an Education and Career Center; and a one-year Discipleship Program for homeless men who commit to the program while sincerely aspiring to change their lives. At any given time, ten to fifteen men are working hard to become PRM Disciples.

There is no cost for any of PRM's services. Yet, for starters, they amount to a staggering 38,325 nights per year of safe, emergency overnight shelter. At 4:00 p. m., women needing overnight accommodations are invited in for a snack, followed by a chapel service and dinner at 5:30 p. m. At 4:30, men needing overnight accommodations arrive for a snack, chapel service, and dinner at 5:30 p. m. Thus, all receive spiritual nurture, a hot dinner, a hot shower, a clean bed, and a light breakfast the next morning. Any needing clothing may visit the Clothing Room. By 7:00 a. m., all are gone for the day, and the chapel is used for education classes and Bible studies.

Approximately 8,500 - 10,000 hot meals are provided monthly to the poor. Holidays bring additional local community outreach. Last Thanksgiving, over 1,825 families received Thanksgiving food boxes, each containing 25 pounds of non-perishable food and a 15-pound turkey. In just 2 ½ days, 2,253 bags were delivered in time for Thanksgiving. At Christmastime, 11,000 new gifts went to over 1,600 needy families through PRM's Christmas Toy Ministry. Each

Christmas season, the Clothing Room is gaily decorated, renamed Blessingdale, and stocked with new clothing and Christmas toys in the \$10 - \$12 range. While their children are at school, parents are invited for refreshments and assistance from volunteer personal shoppers who help them choose appropriate gifts for their children. Even a gift-wrapping center is thoughtfully provided. At Eastertime, besides the usual meals provided at the Mission, hundreds of dinners are delivered to shut-ins.

Yet another unusual facet of PRM's ministry is the Good Shepherd Dental Care clinic on its premises. This full-service dental office helps individuals have a "smile they can be proud of". Clinical Director Jean Arthur, D. D. S., and Marilou DeMontigny, Registered Dental Hygienist and the Office Manager, oversee X-rays, full cleanings, dental restorations, oral surgery, and cosmetic dentistry provided by local volunteer dentists who treat patients by appointment only. Patients pay only for laboratory work.

At the Education and Career Center, by God's grace, Pastor Anthony W. Mancuso serves as Director of the Learning to Live Initiative. Some students need to complete requirements for a high school diploma; while others who already have a diploma improve their career opportunities by learning new skills. Besides the activities at the Mission, there is a Prison Ministry held at the ACI, also overseen by Pastor Mancuso. It is conducted by more than three dozen volunteers trained to teach "Learning to Live" classes. Statistics for just the month of May 2013, showed 56 classes in session with 195 students enrolled, 58 certificates earned, 11 students completing the program, 44 new professions of faith, and 38 volunteers serving 333 hours.



Food distribution to the community on October 2nd, over 200 families were fed.

Typical classes consist of about a dozen inmates who meet weekly for 90 minutes, starting with prayer, then the instruction for which they must prepare with assigned homework. Statistics demonstrate that lives begin to change as hope is rekindled through teaching on practical topics such as Overcoming Addictions, Resolving Conflict, Godly Parenting, Dealing with Loss and Grief and Personal Integrity. Since the same classes are conducted in minimum, medium, and maximum security areas plus the women's facility, nothing is disrupted when inmates move from one area to another. All volunteers must undergo 30 hours of training both by Pastor Mancuso and the ACI before being allowed either to teach or help with the classes. They are

trained not to pressure anyone to accept the tenets of a particular denomination, and to distinguish between forming friendships with inmates, which is strongly discouraged, and being friendly. For those who enjoy challenges and making a positive difference in needy lives, it is a rewarding ministry.

How can all of this possibly be accomplished? The answer lies with a staff of about 24, but mostly with multiple volunteers who freely give countless hours of service. Providing numerous kinds of assistance in addition to 900 meals a day, 365 days a year, is a daunting undertaking, but many pitch in to help in various capacities. Some enjoy baking a special birthday cake for a guest, or making batches of homemade cookies to share. Others volunteer in the office, kitchen, or clothing room; while still others help with mailings, transportation, sponsoring events, or preaching and teaching Bible studies. Several churches partner with the Mission in differing ways such as coming in once a month to cook dinner for everyone, leading chapel, or organizing food and clothing drives.

Individual donors have also contributed significant funds to expand the scope of the Mission's ministry. Two years ago, a very generous donor enabled the purchase and restoration of a 4,000 sq. ft. facility on Daboll Street in South Providence, where women and their children now stay in private rooms in a safe environment. Under the leadership of Marbeth Carew, PRM's Director of Women's Ministries, several churches each "adopted" an individual room in Grace House, taking responsibility for decorating and furnishing it as desired. The result is a beautiful home which resembles a Bed and Breakfast, which makes a significant positive difference for several women and children whose lives had been turned upside down, often for reasons beyond their control. A second building in South Providence provides a home for men who have finished the Discipleship

Program, and remain with the Mission as Disciples – men like "Tom", who joyfully serves wherever needed, and who radiates the joy and contentment of a man who has been redeemed from his former life as a slave to sin. Soon to be completed, hopefully this month, is the restoration and remodeling of a second building on the Cranston Street premises. This three-floor building will include a bakery where women can earn money while being trained in the diverse aspects of running a retail business; housing for female Resident Advisors to oversee the needs of guests; and a large dormitory with bathroom/shower facilities for female overnight guests. Currently, these are making do with sleeping mats placed on the floor of the chapel after hours.


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Coordinator, communicates the Mission's needs through Newsletters listing upcoming events and corresponding volunteers needed. The newsletters also inform about specific material needs such as the ongoing high priority...towels! (Typically, 200 to 400 guests require that many clean towels daily, and due to frequent use and washing, they



Dining room at capacity during a recent holiday.

wear out fast.) A "Wish List" is set up for PRM on Amazon.com, where would-be donors may order and have items shipped directly to the Mission. Items range from \$2.49 for a 10 oz. can of Barbasol shaving cream to \$74.62 for a case of 240 (.85 oz.) tubes of toothpaste. Always needed are razors, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, men's and women's underwear, white ankle socks (another high priority item!), pillow cases, twin sheets, and laundry bags. These items (and/or non-perishable foods) may also be brought to the Mission, 24/7. Help from organizations like Calise & Sons Bakery, Panera's, Coca-Cola, and Johnson & Wales, is deeply appreciated for their regular donations of perishables such as bread, pastries, or bottled drinks.

Other corporate, individual, and church donors help finance and man special events such as *Summerfest*, held in August for the past eight years at Johnston Memorial Park.

Features include a Christian Praise concert, complimentary BBQ, and fun children's activities with prizes for every child. For the past four years, a 5K *Race for the Rescue Mission* plus a 1K *Fun Run* have been held in September in West Kingston. In October, *Feed the Children* helped over 200 children. One year, generous corporate donors sponsored a *Christmas Waterfire* to benefit PRM.

A wholly privately funded, 501-(c)-3 non-profit, PRM is a two-pronged ministry that 1) partners with individuals and churches to reach RI homeless and needy with the Gospel of Jesus Christ coupled with physical, emotional, educational, and rehabilitation services at no cost, and 2) provides a non-denominational, safe arena for God's people to come and be about God's business.

For a tour, or to donate clothing and food, go to the Providence Rescue Mission at 627 Cranston Street, Providence, RI or call 401-274-8861, or access the PRM website: www.providencerescuemission.org. If you are fortunate, perhaps "Tom" will take you for a heartwarming tour, and you will see "Dave" manning phones and the Front Office, "Maria" skillfully sorting clothes in the Clothing Room, "Paul" working hard to prepare nutritious meals in the Kitchen, "Jean", "Marilou", and "Carol" caring for patients in the Dental Clinic, "Matt" coordinating Volunteers, "Mark" updating the Website, and maybe even Sean and Marbeth Carew, giving their all – not to a mere job, but to a *ministry* that has claimed their hearts and their lives in faithful service to Christ, their Lord and Savior.

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National News

New Creation Museum Fossil Points to Global Flood

By Julie Borg

(WNS)--A Christian foundation recently gave the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky., the fossil of a large predatory dinosaur similar to a Tyrannosaurus rex, which offers evidence of the Old Testament global flood. The fossil is believed to be one of the four best-preserved Allosaurus skulls ever discovered, according to a Creation Museum press release. The museum's new dinosaur, affectionately called Ebenezer, probably stood 10-feet high and 30-feet long and had teeth averaging over four inches. Fifty-three of those teeth are still in place.

Unearthed in Colorado, the fossil's well-preserved condition and the position of the skull and spine suggests it was killed under sudden, catastrophic conditions. It was on its side as though it had been knocked over and rapidly buried in mud. The large layer of sedimentary rock surrounding it indicates dispersion by flood water covering the entire continent, according to Andrew Snelling, a geologist at the Creation Museum: "This is a very remarkable find. It is unique because so far we have found very few complete skulls."

Predictably, secular scientists scoff at the idea the skull offers proof of a global flood event. "The Creation Museum has asserted the specimen to be evidence of Noah's flood without any actual research," said Dan Phelps, president of the Kentucky Paleontological Society. "Real vertebrate paleontologists study the surrounding sediments and the geological context of their finds. ... Of course since the Creation Museum doesn't do scientific research, all (it) really has done is obtain a nice display trophy."

Snelling brushed aside Phelps' criticism, noting a geologist's assumptions provide a framework for his or her research: "Most people don't understand that geologists do their study based on assumptions they have made about what happened in the past. Christian geologists assume the biblical account to be true and go from there. Secular geologists assume geological processes were slow and gradual, like they are today, so interpret the earth to be very old and the Bible not relevant. Different base assumptions of the geologist doing the research will lead to different conclusions."

Secular scientists often say no

fossils have ever been found to demonstrate humans and dinosaurs coexisted. Snelling contends lack of evidence that they inhabited the same areas does not prove they did not live during the same time. Even today, different biological organisms live in different environments. Elements such as climate, elevation, and food make the environment more hospitable to one species and not to another. Dinosaurs appear to have lived in a different biological community than humans.

The Elizabeth Streb Peroutka Foundation donated the fossil to the Creation Museum to ensure it would not be used to promote evolution but rather to proclaim the creative power of God and as evidence of the global catastrophic flood described in the Bible.

Navy Seal Claims Top Brass Asked if They Will Disarm Americans

By Michelle Wright

Former Navy SEAL Ben Smith warns that the Obama administration is asking top brass in the military if they would be comfortable with disarming U.S. citizens, a litmus test that includes gauging whether they would be prepared to order troops to fire on Americans.

Smith provoked headlines last week when he appeared on Fox News to assert that the federal government was trying to provoke veterans into violence as an excuse to implement martial law.

Speaking exclusively to the Alex Jones Show, Smith stated, "Going back to the beginning of this administration, I've had friends within the community talking about how they were brought in and questioned with people from more towards the top side and the questioning...where it was pointing was do you feel comfortable

disarming American citizens," adding that this was one of the many "funny things" occurring within the military.

When Smith was asked by radio host Alex Jones if this line of questioning included a litmus test whereby military officers were asked if they would fire on U.S. citizens, he responded in the affirmative.

Smith said the litmus test was related to the recent firing of top military commanders Navy Vice Adm. Tim Giardina and Maj. Gen. Michael Carey. Smith linked the premise to former Obama advisor Van Jones, who was forced to resign in September 2009 after his links with a Marxist organization were revealed. "You drop the radical pose for the radical ends," said Smith, paraphrasing Van Jones.

The idea of U.S. soldiers being asked if they will fire on American

citizens during a crisis or mass disarmament program has emerged from several different sources over the last two decades.

In January, 2009 Nobel Peace Prize nominee Jim Garrow claimed he was told by a top military veteran that the Obama administration's "litmus test" for new military leaders is whether or not they will obey an order to fire on U.S. citizens.

Concerns over U.S. troops being given orders to fire on American citizens in the event of mass gun confiscation first arose in May 1994 when hundreds of Marines at 29 Palms, California were given a survey as part of an academic project by Navy Lieutenant Commander Ernest Guy Cunningham which asked the Marines if they would, "Fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the United States government."

The survey was subsequently leaked because many of the Marines who took it were shocked by the tone of the question.

An official stamp of approval for sexual perversion

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow.com) The U.S. Postal Service is putting its stamp of approval on homosexual activism in announcing plans to issue a stamp honoring Harvey Milk.

Milk, who was a San Francisco supervisor more than three decades ago and was touted as the first openly homosexual candidate elected to office, was assassinated in 1978 by a political rival. Matt Barber of Liberty Counsel Action reacts to this latest promotion of the man known for his promiscu-

ous lifestyle and his relationships with underage boys.

Barber, Matt (Liberty Counsel) "Well, like so much of 'progressive' - that's liberal - propaganda, this is rooted in a whitewashing of reality. It's rooted in historical revisionism," states Barber.

Activists sympathetic to the homosexual agenda have elevated Milk to the status of martyr, notes Barber, but explains that's a false notion. "Harvey Milk was known as a pederast," he says. "That's

a man who in his mid-30s had a sexual appetite for teenage boys as young as 15 years old." According to Barber, that has been confirmed by victims who stepped forward.

In addition to the announced postage stamp, Milk is commemorated annually by "Harvey Milk Day" in California public schools, and politicians in that state have in the past pushed for the Navy to name a ship after him. Earlier this year, San Francisco supervisor David Campos proposed changing the name of the nearby international airport to Harvey Milk-San Fran-

cisco International Airport.

Barber tells OneNewsNow that honoring someone like Milk is unconscionable and "shows us how we have entered an era where we call evil good and good evil."

"Harvey Milk was demonstrably, categorically an evil man based on his rape of teenage boys," he states bluntly. "And the fact that our U.S. government would be commemorating and recognizing him as some kind of hero really just boggles the mind."

The stamp will be issued in 2014.

Sidelining Bibles

(WNS)--Gideons International, the group known for distributing Bibles all around the world, is fighting a new policy at a Michigan community college that's keeping them from talking to students on campus. Two years ago, the Kalamazoo Gideons passed out 3,000 New Testaments to students at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Last year, they distributed 1,200. But then school administrators adopted a new policy that restricted non-student groups' access to campus. As in similar instances at other colleges, the groups must stay in an approved area in a remote part of campus, away from staff and students. The Gideons have a lawyer, and based on prior legal precedent have a good chance of winning their case.

Dueling Billboards

(WNS)--You may have seen billboards by atheist groups with messages such as "Keep Religion Out of Government." Now, though, a Christian group is answering these atheist billboards. Answers in Genesis posted billboards in Times Square and elsewhere with the message: "To all our atheist friends: Thank God you're wrong." Answers in Genesis president Ken Hamm said he hopes the billboards will "get people talking about God."

Answers in Genesis said it paid



about \$200,000 for the billboards.

Stenographer Disrupts Vote with "Religious" Outburst

(WNS)--The partial government shutdown ended in a strange way when, in the middle of the vote count, a House stenographer had what appears to be a mental breakdown, approaching the speaker's chair to declare, "Praise be to God Jesus Christ." Witnesses said she also made references to America not being one nation under God because "Freemasons" wrote the Constitution. Another woman tried to calm her until security arrived, but as officers dragged her off the floor, she screamed, "You cannot serve two masters." Presiding officer Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., described the outburst

as sudden, confusing, and heart-breaking: "She is normally a gentle soul."

Chaplaincy Crisis Tests Religious Freedom


(WNS)--The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has nearly 1,500 chaplains serving in the U.S.

But the future of those chaplains seems uncertain, given the federal government's growing affirmation of homosexuality and gay marriage. The SBC's North American Mission Board recently published guidelines stating that SBC chaplains "will not conduct or attend a wedding ceremony for any same-sex couple, bless such a union or perform counseling in support of such a union." This clarification follows a 2012 controversy in which a chaplain resigned his SBC affiliation after attending a same-sex wedding. The Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services issued a similar policy in September. Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, sees the chaplaincy crisis as testing whether religious freedom can "survive under America's new moral order." Numerous chaplains

have already encountered pressure to stop expressing exclusive Christian beliefs.

FDA Stands Firm on Gay Blood Donor Ban

(WNS)--Despite pressure from gay rights groups to lift the ban on gay and bisexual men donating blood, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has stood firm, citing the agency's charge to safeguard American health. The FDA said it will consider lifting the ban, "only if supported by scientific data showing that a change in the policy would not present a significant and preventable risk to blood recipients." Today's U.S. blood supply is remarkably safe, but that wasn't always the case. Thousands contracted AIDS in the 1980s from blood tainted with HIV, a death sentence at the time. As a result, the FDA began its lifetime ban on gay and bisexual blood donations: Any male who has had sex with another male since 1977 is excluded. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports gay men are more severely affected by HIV than any other group, accounting for 63 percent of HIV infections and 78 percent of newly infected men in 2010. Since banning their donations, the risk of getting and HIV infection from today's blood supply is now less than one in a million, according to the CDC.



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Unexpected Encounter

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani crosses paths with the wife of jailed pastor Saeed Abedini in an answer to prayer

(WNS)--Iranian President Hassan Rouhani arrived at the United Nations Sept. 23 projecting the face of a reforming Iran after his government released 80 opposition prisoners. The newly elected president said he would "take the opportunity to present the true face of Iran as a cultured and peace-loving country," and he may even meet with President Barack Obama.

When Rouhani arrived at his New York hotel across the street from the UN, where the General Assembly begins this week, he crossed paths with the wife of a prisoner his country has not released: American-Iranian Pastor Saeed Abedini.

Abedini has now been held in Evin Prison for almost a year, arrested as a threat to national security while he worked at an orphanage in Iran. His lawyers in the United States say he was jailed for his faith, and that he has been tortured and beaten in the year since. The government sentenced Abedini to eight years in prison and has refused to allow him to speak to his wife, Naghmeh, and their two young children, ages 7

and 5. Naghmeh said the Iranians executed two prisoners in front of her husband in an effort to intimidate him.

Naghmeh Abedini happened to be staying in the same hotel as Rouhani, though she and her lawyer from the American Center for Law and Justice, Tiffany Barrans, had not intentionally booked a room there. They said this was the only hotel their travel agent could find near the UN. Later, while reading news reports, they realized they would be in the same hotel and prayed they might cross paths with Rouhani.

I met Abedini and Barrans in the hotel lobby for an interview, and they noticed Iranian security detail milling about. Partway into our conversation, Barrans noticed American and Iranian security becoming more active.

"Something's happening," Barrans said. A few moments passed. "That's him, that's him," she said, as Rouhani walked by, less than 10 feet from Abedini.

"President Rouhani?" Abedini asked her attorney in disbelief.

"Yes," said Barrans. Rouhani was less recognizable because he wore a suit, not his traditional dress. Abedini grabbed a letter her

husband had written the president and walked over to the bank of elevators, where Rouhani was surrounded by Iranian and American security. He stepped onto an elevator, but some of his Iranian aides stayed behind.

Abedini approached one of the Iranian aides and said in Farsi, "I'm the wife of Saeed Abedini, who you have in Evin Prison." She said the aide looked shocked and recognized the name. She asked him to give the president the letter, and the aide said he would.

The chances of this kind of meeting are very slim because security is so tight around the General Assembly. Barricades and security checks surrounded the hotel, along with dozens of FBI agents and New York Police Department officers. Also, Barran only had a non-governmental organization pass to the UN, so the two wouldn't have access to the actual General Assembly. The meeting in the hotel lobby was the only way they could have come so close to Rouhani.

"I didn't know if they were going to stop me," Naghmeh Abedini said of the Iranian security after she returned to our seats. "That was so intense."

She said of Rouhani, "OK, you're a moderate—let's see it."

World News

Gunmen Attack Cairo Christians

By Jamie Dean

(WNS)--A wedding celebration turned deadly in Cairo on Sunday night, as masked gunmen opened fire on Coptic Christians leaving the Church of the Virgin Mary in the Giza suburb. The attackers killed four people and wounded at least 18.

The assault was the latest in a wave of attacks against Christians in Egypt since the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi and a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood that began in August. Muslim Brotherhood supporters blame Christians for Morsi's downfall.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the advocacy group Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) identified the four dead victims: an 8-year-old girl, a 12-year-old girl, a 45-year-old man, and a 56-year-old woman. The dead woman was the groom's mother.

CSW reported three wedding services were taking place at the church when a pair of gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire with an automatic weapon on family and guests leaving the church.

One eyewitness told the BBC: "We heard a very loud sound as if something was collapsing. I found a woman seated in a chair with lots of bullet wounds, covered in blood. ... Many other people had fallen around her, including a child."

Coptic activists say Egyptian police haven't provided adequate protection for the Christian community since Muslim Brotherhood supporters attacked Christian homes, businesses, and churches in August. Islamists destroyed at least 40 churches—Coptic, evangelical, and Catholic—during a weeklong rampage after deadly clashes between the Egyptian military and Muslim Brotherhood supporters in Cairo on Aug. 14.

After the Sunday attack on the Church of the Virgin Mary, a priest told local Egyptian media that the church had been left without a police guard since the end of June.

Earlier on Sunday in Cairo, hundreds of Morsi supporters clashed with Egyptian police during riots at the Al-Azhar University. The Morsi supporters—including many students at the school—hurled stones at the administration building, smashing windows and breaking doors. When protesters spilled into the streets of Cairo and cut off a main road, Egyptian police fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrations.

Though police have managed to subdue rioters, militants wage an ongoing battle: Officials at the Interior Ministry—the agency overseeing Egyptian police—say they find explosives planted on bridges and major roads in Cairo nearly everyday. In September, the interior minister survived an assassination attempt by a suicide bomber. And in early October, militants in Cairo attacked the nation's largest satellite ground station with rocket-propelled grenades.

By Monday morning, the country's interim prime minister said police would investigate the "cowardly, criminal act" at the Church of the Virgin Mary. Meanwhile, Coptic Christians gathered near the church's bullet-marked walls to pray for their injured and mourn their dead.

Situation in Pakistan deteriorating fast for Christians

By Dan Wooding

PAKISTAN (ANS) - A posting on Shoebat Foundation website (<http://shoebat.com>), says, "It appears that in the wake of the suicide bombing in Pakistan, violence is escalating, not receding. Christians in the area were understandably outraged by the attack. In response, the Muslim community appears to have taken up for the bombers' cause and is attacking the victims."

The site, run by Walid Shoe-

bat, who describes himself as a "Former Muslim Brotherhood Member, Now Peace Activist," said, "Just now I received a call from a Bishop. He told me that the situation in Pakistan is getting worse after Christian reaction to the Peshawar Bomb Blast.

"Muslims of Iqbal town Islamabad are threatening Christians, and the angry mob of Muslims beaten and tortured the Christians in Zia Masjid Area and Khana Pul Islamabad. Similarly, Muslims

have attacked the Christian Colony Korangi No 3, 1/2. Because of this ongoing tension, hundreds of Christians had to flee from their houses."

The caller, it said, added, "Need urgent prayers."

The blog continued, "One of the many questions those in the west have about terror attacks is why 'moderate' Muslims don't come out in forceful opposition to such attacks. When it comes to this sui-

cide bombing in Pakistan, at least, the most vocal Muslim opposition appears to be directed at the victims of the attack.

"In order for us to help to the degree of saving thousands from persecution, we also need thousands of people to participate at any level they can afford. G-d will bless you for your generosity in not turning your back on your brethren. If you can help, great. If you can spread the word of our work by word of mouth and get others to know what we are trying to do, then you will also be doing wonders for G-d's people."

Vandals Attack Christian Sites Outside Cairo

by Nikolas Grosfield

(WNS)--While media attention has focused on Cairo, other Egyptian cities are also in tumult. Fayoum, southwest of Cairo and home to 1.5 million Egyptians and many ancient monuments, has had a death toll of between 17 and 54 this year, depending on who you believe, and seen attacks on up to six churches and other Christian-owned buildings.

Hany Naguib—a board member of the Bible Friends Society (BFS) and the Bible Society of Egypt, the largest Arabic Bible publisher in the world—described for me what happened to the BFS's four-story Fayoum building, which included a hall for religious meetings and Bible study, a theater, a library, and classrooms. The BFS "offered a lot of services to either Christians or Muslims for many tens of years," Naguib explained. Local Christians, most of them poor, donated money for years to fund the building.

The BFS building was an easy target for vandals when violence erupted this summer. Naguib said "hundreds" of protestors supporting Egypt's ousted president, Mohamed Morsi, went to the property after police dispersed their sit-in. Some had guns, grenades, or fire bombs. No one was injured since Christians stayed indoors that week due to rising tension, but the mob threw combustibles and set the BFS ablaze, Naguib said.

The building was symbolic for some Fayoum Christians, Naguib said: "The best of our memories were in this place; others declared that they knew God through this place." For now, the military has offered to help the organization rebuild. But not knowing if or when that will occur, local Christians are again offering contributions. Naguib joins other Christian Egyptians in keeping a faithful and conciliatory view, "hoping that the Lord may dispose all these matters as [He] deemed fit."

Study: Growing Up in Gay Families Hamstrings Kids in School

(WNS)--A new Canadian study challenges the mainstream insistence that children living with same-sex couples are "no different" than children living with married, heterosexual couples. Using a large, nationally representative dataset, Canadian economist Douglas Allen found that young adult children of same-sex couples are 35 percent less likely to graduate from high school as young adult children of heterosexual married couples. The study, published this month in the Review of the Economics of the Household, looked at a 20 percent sample of the 2006 Canadian census, which asked respondents to note whether they were raised by a lesbian couple, a gay couple, a married opposite-sex couple, a common law couple, a single mother, or a single father. The Canadian data is easier to interpret than similar U.S.-based studies because Canadian respondents self-report the information. Allen then compared high school graduation rates of male and female young adults raised in each of those households.

Scout Slide Continues

(WNS)--According to NBC News, British Scouts can now recite a new "atheist" version of the Scout Oath that makes no mention of God or faith. The 106-year-old British Scouting Association's has until now required this pledge: "On my honor, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law". The new wording changes the first phrase to read: "I promise that I will do my best to uphold our Scout values." Wayne Bulpitt, U.K. Chief Commissioner of The Scouting Association, said, "Throughout its 106-year history the Movement has continued to evolve and today marks an important step in that journey. It also signifies the determination to become truly inclusive and relevant to all sections of society that it serves. We are a values-based movement and exploring faith and beliefs remains a key element of the Scouting Programme. That will not change." This non-change will go into effect in January 2014.

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Health

Chemotherapy actually increases cancer growth, cancer cells becoming resistant to treatment: Study

By Jonathan Benson, staff writer

(NaturalNews) The cancer treatment scam that is chemotherapy has once again been shown in the scientific literature to be a major cause of, rather than a cure for, cancer. According to a new study recently published in the peer-reviewed journal Nature, chemotherapy not only promotes the growth and spread of cancer cells by damaging the healthy tissue that surrounds tumors, but it also causes cancer cells to develop full-on resistance to the popular treatment, morphing them into “super” cancer cells.



As if this is not bad enough, the same team found that another major side effect of chemotherapy is cancer cells grow more virulent than they were before the treatment. Like “superbugs” and “superweeds,” which we now know developed resistance in response to conventional drug therapies and chemical sprayings, respectively, these “super” cancer cells no longer respond even to the most aggressive forms of chemotherapy, which means cancer itself is becoming more deadly.

“These results delineate a mechanism by which genotoxic therapies given in a cyclical manner can enhance subsequent treatment resistance through cell nonautonomous effects that are contributed by the tumor microenvironment,” explains the study abstract.

Not surprisingly, at least one doctor heavily vested in the cancer industry has already come out to call not for an end to chemotherapy but rather for the development of new treatments that might alter the body’s natural resistance mechanisms to better accommodate the toxic effects of chemotherapy. This is how the conventional medical system operates, of course -- simply add new drugs into the mix to cover up the side effects of other drugs, and lather, rinse, repeat.

“Most cancer patients in this country die of chemotherapy,” explains Dr. Allen Levin, M.D., from the University of California, San Francisco, in his book, *The Healing of Cancer*. “Chemotherapy does not eliminate breast, colon, or lung cancers. This fact has been documented for over a decade, yet doctors still use chemotherapy for these tumors.”

If you or a loved one suffers from cancer, there are alternatives to chemotherapy and radiation. The Gerson Therapy; Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski’s antineoplastons; cannabis oil containing high levels of healing cannabinoids; and freshly-juiced marijuana leaves are all viable cancer treatment protocols that have healed many people.

Researchers from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington, learned this after observing the effects of chemotherapy on healthy cell tissue. What they found is something that we here at NaturalNews have been saying for years, but that the medical system as a whole is only just now waking up to -- chemotherapy, which is a recognized poison, damages the DNA of healthy, non-cancerous cells, causing them to produce molecules that in turn produce more cancer cells.

It does not take a rocket scientist to make this deduction, of course, as simple common sense dictates that blasting healthy cells along with unhealthy cells is going to cause damage to all of the cells. But this is apparently big news up in the Northwest, where scientists are apparently baffled as to how this can be. And we are not talking about minor damage here -- according to the figures, major damage to healthy cells occurs as a result of routine chemotherapy treatments.

“[T]he researchers found that chemotherapy can cause fibroblasts (cell DNA) to increase production of a molecule called WNT16B by 30-fold in tissues surrounding a tumor,” explains the group Cancer Research U.K. in a recent report on the study. “This then helps cancer cells to grow, invade neighboring cells and resist chemotherapy,” it adds.

‘Super’ cancer cells caused by chemotherapy more deadly than ever

Thousands of citizens in India killed by reckless Big Pharma drug trials

By Ethan A. Huff, staff writer

(NaturalNews) The second largest country in the world, India, has become a hotbed of pharmaceutical fraud, as unscrupulous drug companies, mostly from the West, continue to use India’s generally poorer populations as human guinea pigs in unethical and flat-out inhumane clinical trials. And India’s Supreme Court is finally taking action against this massive organized crime ring by ordering India’s health ministry to justify its approval of 162 global clinical trials to take place in the country.

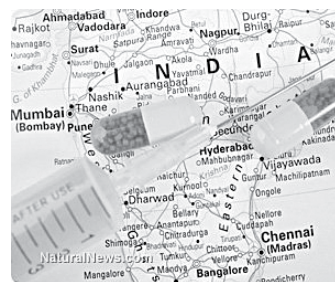
Because it is a rapidly developing nation with lax regulatory protocols, India has been a primary target of the pharmaceutical cartel in its never-ending quest to dominate the medical systems of the world. Major drug companies have been largely successful in swindling the Indian government to approve trials for all sorts of “new chemical entities” (NCEs), many of which have been tested on rural Indians in poorer communities, where there is minimal access to proper medical care.

The situation has apparently gotten so out of control in India that several human rights advocacy groups have taken to the legal system for a remedy, filing a petition back in February pressuring government officials to take action. India’s Supreme Court listened and, following a recent hearing, agreed to give the government an ultimatum that forces it to provide evidence backing the science behind its

approval of these trials. The health ministry reportedly has just two weeks to comply with this order.

“Clinical trials of NCEs are being conducted without following proper protocol, and companies are taking advantage of poor people,” says Amulya Nidhi, coordinator of Health Right Forum, a non-profit campaign seeking to end illegal and unethical drug trials in India.

The organization’s website adds that an increasingly large number of clinical trials are taking place in the country with little oversight, which poses extreme risks for public health. This is evidenced by the fact that more than 1,500 Indian people died during clinical trials that took place just between the years of 2010 and 2012. And many more will follow them into their early graves, that is unless the government steps in now and stops multinational drug companies from preying on the less fortunate for massive financial gain.



“Trials of NCEs have fired controversy in India because of the high number of deaths that have occurred in the last few years,” writes Dinsa Sachan for Chemistry World. “According to information

from the health ministry, 1,542 deaths were reported in clinical trials between 2010 and 2012.”

Doctors, leaders speak out against pharmaceutical corruption in India Speaking on behalf of the common people of his country, C.M. Gulhati, editor of India’s Monthly Index of Medical Specialties, told reporters that testing of NCEs in India “does not help the country.” On the contrary, it only helps multinational drug companies “cut costs and avoid payment of compensation,” a brave public admission.

Chinu Srinivasan, from the non-profit organization Low Cost Standard Therapeutics, agrees. He told reporters that Phase II and Phase III clinical trials for NCEs, which are the only ones currently allowed to take place in India, are incongruent with his country’s social and political structure. Like many others, Srinivasan recognizes that India’s current regulatory framework is severely lacking, which facilitates widespread abuse of the system by morally bankrupt pharmaceutical companies.

“We are concerned about and committed to the interests of the people,” adds Nidhi about the purpose of her organization’s campaign, noting that she and many others could not care less if drug companies incur losses as a result of an improved regulatory structure that protects the people of her country from being used and abused by Big Pharma.

Secret list of food companies funding GMO-labeling opposition slush fund revealed after illegal activities of GMA exposed

by Mike Adams, the Health Ranger

(NaturalNews) As Natural News reported yesterday, the Grocery Manufacturers Association got caught red-handed violating Washington state fair election laws by running a money laundering slush fund designed to conceal the identities of food companies giving money to block I-522.

The CEO of the GMA, Pamela Bailey, reportedly told donors in an email that their identities would be hidden from the public, thereby shielding them from any public backlash even while their money would be used to try to buy the election and defeat GMO labeling (so that consumers would be left in the dark about what they’re buying).

In response to this, the Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson accused the GMA of violating state law, and the AG’s office asked a Superior Court to issue restraining order to force the GMA to comply with state election laws.

Just one day after this scandal surfaced, the GMA apparently decided to stop violating the law and disclose the list of companies that funneled money into its secret slush fund. That list is published below. You can also find the list at HeraldNet.com.

It goes without saying that all these companies are now subject to a lifetime boycott. The GMA itself has now destroyed its own credibility by engaging in mafia-style illegal activities that discredit itself as well as all its members. We have now entered an era where food companies will knowingly violate the law in their



desperate attempt to block GMO labeling and hide genetically engineered ingredients in their toxic, disease-causing foods.

The companies that funneled money into the GMA’s money laundering slush fund are:

Abbott Nutrition, Bimbo Bakeries USA, Bruce Foods Corp., Bumble Bee Foods, LLC, Bunge North America, Inc., Bush Brothers & Co., Campbell Soup Co., Cargill Inc., Clement Pappas & Co. Inc., The Clorox Co. (owner of Burt’s Bees brand), The Coca-Cola Co. (owner of Odwalla), ConAgra

Foods, Dean Foods Co. (owner of Horizon milk), Del Monte Foods Co., Flowers Foods, Inc., General Mills, Inc. (owned of Larabar), The Hershey Co., The Hillshire Brands Co., Hormel Foods Corp., The J.M. Smucker Co., Kellogg Co. (owner of Pop-Tarts), Knouse Foods Cooperative, Inc., Land O’Lakes, Inc., McCormick & Co., Inc, Mondelez Global, LLC., Moody Dunbar, Inc., Nestle USA, Inc., Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., PepsiCo, Inc. (owner of Naked Juice), Pinnacle Foods Group, LLC., Rich Products Corp., Shearer’s Foods, Inc., Sunny Delight

Beverages Co., Welch Foods, Inc. Share this list with others and encourage them to boycott all these brands, too. These are companies that actively participated in an illegal slush fund deception to try to buy the I-522 election by deceiving voters.

That the GMA would actively launch such a slush fund operation just proves that the conventional food industry in America has no ethics whatsoever and will actively pursue illegal activities in order to keep consumers ignorant and confused.

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James taking Fox Sports to court

By Tim Ellsworth

PLANO, Texas (BP) -- Former Fox Sports broadcaster Craig James is pursuing legal action against the network, contending that his Sept. 2 termination stems from his religious beliefs.

"We're not going to allow Fox to rewrite history," James told Baptist Press. Fox, like other companies often do after a misstep, is trying "to retrace and rewrite history, create smoke-screens and distractions to take away from what the real truth is."

James was hired by Fox Sports Southwest on Aug. 30 as an on-air college football analyst for the network's postgame show, and a press release from the company praised his "knowledge of college football and the experience he brings as an analyst."

James worked one game for Fox Sports Southwest on Aug. 31 before he was notified of his termination on Sept. 2 -- which

he says was based on his support for traditional marriage. James was a Republican candidate in the 2011 Senate race in Texas, ultimately won by Ted Cruz. During the campaign, James was clear about his views that marriage was designed by God for one man and one woman.

The Dallas Morning News reported on Craig's firing and included a statement from an unnamed Fox spokesman: "We just asked ourselves how Craig's statements would play in our human resources department," the spokesman said. "He couldn't say those things here."

A statement released by Fox after James' firing, however, contradicts the reason given by the unnamed spokesman in the Dallas Morning News story.

"At Fox Sports we respect all points of view, and despite reports to the contrary, the decision to no longer use Craig James in our college football coverage was simply

because he was not a good fit for Fox Sports," the statement said. "Mr. James, while both experienced and knowledgeable, is a polarizing figure in the college sports community. Regrettably, the decision to use him was not properly vetted, and as a result he will no longer provide commentary on Fox Sports Southwest's college football coverage."



Former SMU running back Craig James filed a lawsuit to get his job back as an analyst for Fox Sports

James retained Liberty Institute of Plano, Texas, as legal counsel. In a Sept. 24 letter to Fox Sports executives, Liberty Institute's Jeffrey Mateer demanded James' reinstatement and threatened legal action if Fox didn't comply.

So far, Mateer said they haven't heard from the network. He has

filed a request in state court in Collin County, Texas, to take pre-lawsuit depositions and seek discovery, and a hearing on that request is set for Nov. 5.

Fox Sports officials did not reply to emails from Baptist Press seeking comment.

"We'd like to hear their response," Mateer said. "They're the folks who, the day after Craig was terminated, told the Dallas Morning News why they did it, and they can't now change

that. If they want to change it, it's real easy -- put him back on the air. Reinstatement him."

James said he remains resolute.

"I'm going to stand firm and bold

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with Liberty Institute to not let this thing just be swept under the rug and that another occurrence of a punishment of someone with a biblical belief takes place," James said. "All of a sudden we have a number of these things that end up under the rug, and we have a mound that turns into policy. We can't let this happen."

A member of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, since 1983, James said pastor Jack Graham and the church have been supportive of him.

"The chilling effect of this, if it goes unchallenged and not met with force, will be that many people say, 'Man, I'm not going to stick my neck out there' or 'I'm not going to let my employer or neighbor or someone else find out my beliefs, because I don't want it to be held against me one day for a job I might be trying to get,'" James said.

September was National Preparedness Month and the Biblical Thing to Do?

By Good News Staff

GRESHAM, Ore., - In an explosive new investigative report was recently released titled Exo-Vaticana. The authors Thomas Horn and Cris Putnam offer compelling evidence that the

Vatican is positioning itself as a religious authority in anticipation of the imminent disclosure by world governments of the existence of extraterrestrial life.

The authors - whose last book "Petrus Romanus: The Final Pope

Is Here" correctly predicted one year in advance that Pope Benedict XVI would resign and that a new Pope of Italian descent would take his place - now outline a host of statements from Vatican astronomers, some of which the authors interviewed and visited with at the

Vatican Astronomical Technology Telescope (VATT) on Mt. Graham in Arizona. The bizarre testimonies confirm a growing belief that disclosure may be made in the near future of alien life, including intelligent life, and that this encounter will not challenge the authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

Now, only a short time after the election of the first Jesuit pope -- Pope Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis) -- Horn and Putnam claim in Exo-Vaticana that these Vatican astronomers are developing theological arguments concerning extraterrestrial intelligence that could have a dramatic impact on the faith of the world's 2.3 billion Catholics and Protestants.

"The Jesuits and members of Opus

Dei have written in the form of official church theology brand

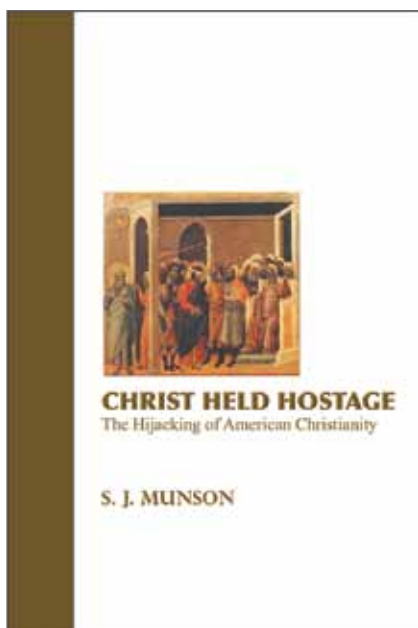
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New Book Says Conservative Evangelical Agenda 'Asks Too Little' of Christians

By Good News Staff

WINSTON SALEM, N.C. - Today in America, many Christians feel disillusioned as they watch the faith they hold dear being used to further a worldly political agenda. It is as if our religion has been taken hostage: forcibly wedded to a particular political ideology or economic system, or stripped down to a couple of hot-button issues, like abortion and same-sex marriage, as though to oppose these were the sum of our faith. Ironically, in our efforts to "take back America," we have ourselves been taken captive by the prevailing culture and politics of imperialism, partisanship, greed, racism, and xenophobia that surround us. And so the struggle for the soul of a nation has also become a struggle for the soul of the church. How can we regain a political voice that is neither power-hungry nor passive, neither conservative nor liberal, but simply Christlike in its concern for justice and the poor?

Bible and history. "There is an ever-growing frustration within American Christianity over the marriage of religion and politics," says the author. "Many of us feel the so-called culture wars of the past forty years, have failed us. In the popular mind, the church, which Christ intended for the uplifting of humanity, has instead become a kind of pathetic old curmudgeon, leading the charge on the downward slope of regressive politics. Whereas Christ stood with the poor and powerless, too often we have become attack dogs for the rich and powerful."



How has this happened? Throughout its history, Munson

maintains, the church has frequently been accused of being a guardian of the status quo. This occurs whenever the church allies itself with power, empire, a certain economic system, or even a particular political party.

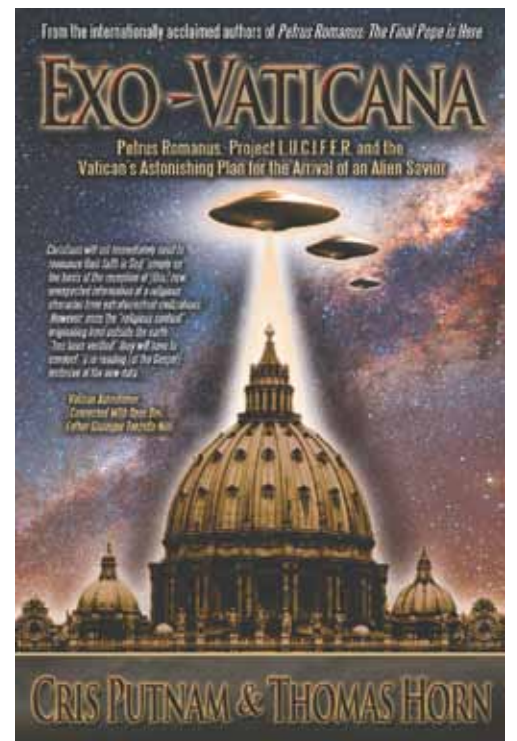
The solution, he believes, begins with reading the Bible with new eyes, to rediscover God's deep concern for the poor and weak. "We are, first and foremost, followers of Christ. That means

bringing his agenda to the table. And that agenda is a whole lot broader than any conservative or liberal platform." For Munson, Christ's agenda goes beyond abortion, same-sex marriage, and prayer in schools. "Limiting our agenda to such hot-button issues conveniently enables us to externalize sin, to say 'those people' out there are the problem. Yet when we read the Bible, we find the number-one social issue on God's heart is concern for the poor and weak. If you start digging, you find that poverty and injustice are issues in which we are all deeply involved and implicated."

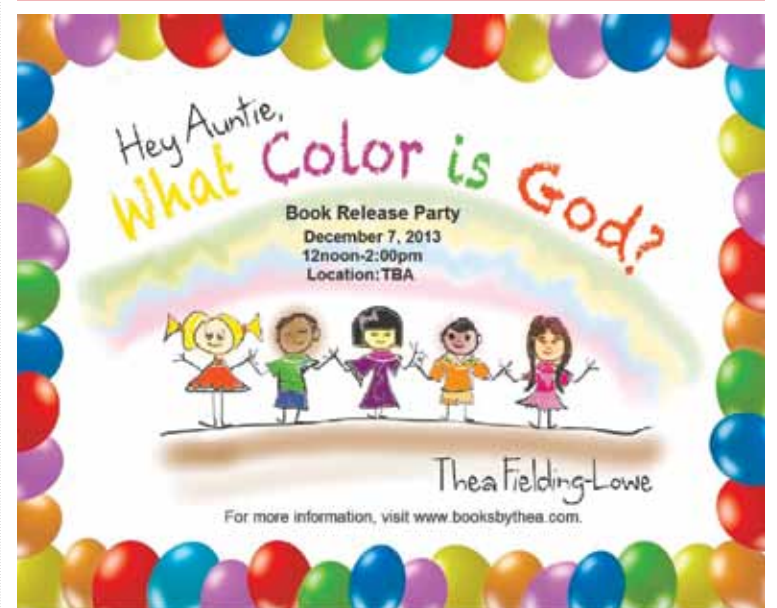
Munson believes our agenda is too narrow and needs to be "expanded" to become a more consistently biblical one. "If we want to be biblically consistent, then we cannot cherry-pick sins," he says. "These hot-button issues are important, but when it comes right down to it, they cost us very little."

The Rev. S.J. Munson has been an evangelical pastor and writer for the past 25 years. The author of plays, theological articles, and fiction ("The Treasure of Israel," 2011), he is an outspoken activist with a deep concern for issues of poverty and injustice. He resides in Winston Salem, NC.

"Christ Held Hostage: The Hijacking of American Christianity" by S.J. Munson is available in paperback or Kindle ebook via Amazon.com.



new doctrinal papers, which we're publishing, that I think are absolutely going to shock the world," Horn says.



Thea Fielding-Lowe, a new Christian children's book author, will be hosting a book release party for her new book titled "Hey Auntie, What color is God?". This event is designed to engage kids from 3 to 10 years old through activities themed from the book. Activities

will include a coloring center, lantern and friendship bracelet making center as well as greeting cards. Also, Thea will read and sign copies of "Hey Auntie, What color is God?". A child-friendly buffet will be provided.

November is Adoption Awareness Month

By Dennis Rainey

"I'll take anyone. Old or young, dad or mom, black, white, purple. I don't care. And I would be really appreciative. The best I could be." - Davion Only, a 15-year-old Florida boy

Davion Only has been in and out of foster homes his whole life, but has always wanted a family. "I just want people to love me for who I am and to grab me and keep me in their house and love me no matter what," he says.

He learned that his birth mother was in prison when she gave birth to him, and she recently died. He told his caseworker that he wanted to make a plea at a church for someone to adopt him.

So recently he found himself in front of the congregation at St.

Mark Missionary Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. "My name is Davion and I've been in foster care since I was born," he said. "I



Davion Only stood up in front of a crowded church and asked for a family to call his own. His heartfelt plea has been answered by 10,000 people around the world.

know God hasn't given up on me. So I'm not giving up either."

The response to Davion's plea has been overwhelming. His story went viral on Twitter, and was picked up by Good Morning America. Hundreds of people

have inquired about adopting him. When I read this story, I thought, *Maybe this is what it takes.* Maybe we need to allow foster kids who want to speak, like Davion, to do so in our churches. Maybe their faces and voices will inspire the Christian community to finally step up and begin to address the needs of more than 100,000 children in our foster care system who need a family and could be adopted.

If this could begin to happen in thousands of churches in America every Sunday...

This November is Adoption Awareness Month. Why not ask if there are foster care children in your community who can be adopted and inquire if there is a child who would be willing to take the risk of sharing his need for a family? Then take the foster

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child to your church, give him or her a microphone and let them ask, "Would someone adopt me and give me a family?" And of course, if the child doesn't feel comfortable making such a plea, ask if you could be the voice for that child.

Does our God believe in adoption? He does and its good thing ... it's why He sent His Son to die on our behalf, so that we might be

forgiven from the penalty of our sins, and to adopt us if we place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. God believes in adoption and so should we. Barbara and I adopted one of our six children—we don't know which one.

If you want to know more about what you can do to help orphans, go to hopefororphans.org.

Report on One Heart

By Ed de la Cour

One Heart was a history-making worship gathering made possible by a group of pastors who allowed themselves to grow in love for each other, who were willing for God to receive the glory and not themselves. One Heart was made possible by churches who were willing to step outside the box of normal every Sunday worship and step into what might have been uncomfortable worship with potentially unfamiliar churches. How wonderful to see so many willing to set aside those fears and step boldly into joyful worship! How wonderful to get through a multi-church worship

event without a single pastor drawing attention to himself



Pastor Curtis Frye

or his church! Jesus received all the attention today; all the glory and honor today was His.

The worship music that led and also punctuated the day was wonderful. While excellence was apparent, neither the music nor the musicians were performance oriented, but presence of God-seeking.

The Mashpee Baptist Church Choir helped us prepare our hearts for the message; and in their second selection got our feet moving and our hands clapping.

The preached word by Pastor Curtis Frye brought just the right mix of humor and soul, of passion and zeal, of tenderness and personal experience of God. He declared what became the theme for the day: that the flicker of our faith become a flame once again.

The time of pastoral prayer was humbling to experience. Standing alongside these men of God, fellow servants of the Most High God, no one seeking his own glory, but everyone seeking to magnify and glorify God -- that experience was worth every moment of waiting for God to bring it forth. One by one the pastors brought forth prayers that echoed the heart of God.

The people of God were then invited to join in small group prayer for families, for the church, and for revival. The prayer time was fervent and to the point.

Following the close of the service, many, if not most of the people, stayed to have lunch and fellowship with each other until the day ended at 4:00 P.M. The Mashpee Baptist Church choir returned to provide several more selections, along with lovely interpretative dances, and a concert by the band Skywatch. Today's crowd was estimated at approximately 1,400 in size -- truly history making!

ConnectFest

By Fred Comella

My association with "The Good News Today" has been a blessing in so many ways. Some are still a mystery (albeit healthy ones) to me as I take my daily walk in this life. One in particular is the music. You see it turns out there is a vibrant and thriving music industry surrounding our Savior and all He does. I've even written about it for this publication. Moreover, my new "status" as a quasi journalist of sorts has now facilitated my enjoyment of this bounty up close and personal. As a lover of all music (NOT associated with disrespect/violence against women and/or the killing of police officers), I suppose my notion that there is no better way to express ones love of the Lord than through music is at least partly legitimate.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the October 5th "Connect Fest 2013" event at Francis Farm in Rehoboth. Lord knows I would have loved to have been with Janie and Zachary in my Janie's home town for the evening. Nevertheless it seemed, there was always something getting in the way of my young son

Zach experiencing his first live concert in a way in which I hoped he would. Whether it was a power outage at McCoy Stadium during the "Fuse Festival", or a family

emergency at the same venue a couple of years later, the "full effect" of a live performance remained on Zach's "to do list". That all changed when he and Janie attended this year's "Connect Fest" as guests of my editor. Band after band played their tributes to the One who makes it all possible, and Zach and his mom took it all in, later exclaiming a joyous night to remember. My boy was excited as only an 11 year-old could be in that situation, chasing down his favorite bands for autographs and photos. And his father could not have felt more comfortable with his son's place at that moment in time.



Zach with Phil Joel

So as Zach and his mom recalled their musical/fellowship adventure, and as I was exposed to the raw energy and faith of "Stellar Karts Criminals and Kings" time and again the next day, it occurred to me. Not only had I made a good choice as a parent sending my son to "Connect Fest", but that there was something very special and different going on with FUSE and other promoters of live events like these. Yes, a powerful medium has indeed been brought to bear for the good of God, and to secure yet another place in our hearts for his glory... Well done folks, and thanks....

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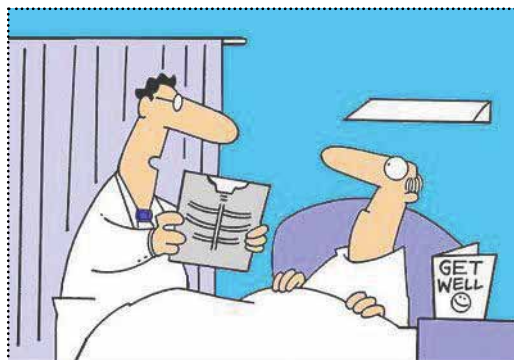
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Dove Awards Highlight Christian Rap's Rising Popularity



by Tiffany Owens

(WNS)--After winning his second Dove Award for artist of the year last week, Christian rock star Toby McKeehan—better known as TobyMac—used the platform to celebrate hip-hop's rise in popularity among believers.

"I've always come from hip-hop roots albeit I'm a pop artist," he said after the show. "I've always thought, man, if you're talking about hope, if you're talking about

faith, you can't limit it to one style of music. ... Gospel hip-hop has always existed, it just has never had the platform it's finally getting."

One of the genre's rising stars, rapper Lecrae Moore, praised TobyMac for his role in bringing urban music into the Christian mainstream: "TobyMac is a legend. ... I told him if he ever wants to do a song with me, all he has to do is ask. I'm excited to see the transition is bigger than me. It's a movement."

In addition to winning the annual gala's top award, TobyMac took home four other Doves, including one for Best Pop Contemporary album for *Eye On It*. He and Britt

Nicole dazzled the audience with a live performance of the title song, an eclectic, pop-dance piece in which TobyMac sings about "Reachin' for what lies ahead," keeping his "Eye on the prize," and "Pressin' on with everything I got."

The most awards went to British worship leader Matt Redman, who won six Doves, including Song of the Year for his popular worship melody, *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*. Christian Bluegrass singer Jason Crabb won four Doves, including one for Best Inspirational album, Best Southern Gospel Album of the Year, and Best Southern Gospel Song for "Love is Stronger."

Lecrae won best Hip Hop Song for his single *Tell the World*, featuring Mali. Brother duo, For King & Country, won Best New

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Artist award in the wake of their 2012 debut album *Hope Is What We Crave*.

The annual gala, emceed this year by Amy Grant and Kirk Franklin, recognized some of the most notable faith-based music across 42 categories, a mixture of styles TobyMac praised as an expres-

sion of the Christian community's diversity.

"I think the show flexed the gospel/Christian music muscles of diversity tonight," he told *Billboard* backstage. "It's filled with life, not only life in the lyrics we sing, but in the style of music that we make."

Woonsocket Day from Page 1

get together and pray.' I nearly fell out of my chair."

That moment in May was the genesis of the Woonsocket Day of Prayer, and a moment of revelation for Pastor Gonzalez. "We pastors often think that we are the Moses figures and the government officials are like Aaron, lifting up our arms. But I think in this case, our Mayor, who is a man of faith, is the Moses and we, the faith community, are the Aarons lifting up his arms."

Gonzalez describes the Mayor as a "spirit-filled, charismatic Catholic," who is "well-versed in Scripture," and who serves as organist for his church parish and is outspoken about his faith.

It was no easy task getting the city's pastors to come together. Gonzalez jokingly compared it to "herding cats." However, he adds, "Once they heard the Mayor was calling for it, they said yes."

Twenty churches agreed to participate in the event, including such diverse denominations as Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and non-denominational churches. The event also bridged across racial and cultural barriers, with white, African-American, Hispanic, Portuguese, and even Ukrainian congregations participating.

The Day of Prayer featured a

welcome by Mayor Fontaine, followed by the invocation by Kenneth Jarrie, pastor of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Rhode Island. Emma Gonzalez of Grace International Church led the group in the Lord's Prayer. A "Prayer of Repentance" was led by Rev. Dr. Sammy Vaughn, pastor of St. James Baptist Church. Roberto and Emma Gonzalez, pastors of Grace International Church shared a message entitled "Lord We Believe in You." Pastor Eugene Kinlow, of the Church of All Nations of God in Christ spoke on "The Power of Faith in Action." Pastor Valerie Gonzalez of Calvary Worship Center, spoke on "Bless Our Community." Father Gerald Finnegan of St. Charles Borromeo Church led in a prayer, "Let There Be Peace," against crime and violence in the city, followed by

songs with his children and shared his own personal faith in Christ. In addition, Woonsocket Police Chief Thomas Carey, testified about his faith in Jesus as the shield he wears to protect himself daily. "I've been 31 years as a police officer, five in Woonsocket. We wear body armor—bullet-proof vests all the time. But it's just not enough. Underneath I wear the armor of Christ," he said in a phone interview about the event.

"I offered the people in the crowd a challenge that they should be able to make a public pronouncement of their faith, too," he added.

For Carey, there was no question about his joining in the event when Pastor Gonzalez invited him. "I had to be there. I wanted to be there. I've never seen anything like it. It was a great event for the community."

The opportunity to pray for social justice issues drew Pastor Rebecca Lambert, of the River United Methodist Church, to join in this event from the start. "When Pastor Herson first approached me about the idea and I brought it to my congregation, I have to say we had no second thoughts about being fully on board."

"Our congregation has always been very involved in social justice ministries that are all about bringing the community together,

Two of the highlights of the day were not from pastors or church members at all, but from the Mayor himself, who sang two Christian



Woonsocket Police Chief Thomas Carey and Pastor Herson Gonzalez with the Woonsocket Day of Prayer Worship Team

for the purpose of positive growth in each individual's life." The River UMC has a major outreach program called "The Matthew

25 Center of Hope" that is open six days a week with different ministries going on at any given time.

Most important to Lambert was the unity among the churches in praying for the city. "As a Christian, I make it no secret that I believe that everything happens first through prayer. Although there are several churches within our community already participating in different ministries assisting the economically hurting families, what was needed was for all of us to set aside our denominational differences for the greater picture, and that's to come together as one body to represent Christ in united prayer of restoration and revival of our great City of Woonsocket."

Gonzalez views the Day of Prayer as a turning point for Woonsocket.

"I believe it is the most important day in the history of Woonsocket... it's never been done before. And I believe we are going to see major blessings coming out of it."

Lambert hopes this event will spur the city's churches to gather on a regular basis, for prayer and collaborative ministries. "It is my hope that this will not just be a one-day event, but an ongoing collaborative between the churches and the political officials within our community

to continue to seek out ways to heal our beautiful city. Nothing happens overnight but united prayers of thanks to our Lord and Savior for what is to come can and should happen on a daily basis. Also as a community of churches, I believe we should publicly be gathering together, at least quarterly, for events such as citywide clean ups and prayer walks."

For highlights from the Woonsocket Day of Prayer, you can visit the Woonsocket Day of Prayer Facebook Page, or view videos of the event on YouTube.

This article was written with reporting assistance from Pastor Herson Gonzalez of Calvary Worship Center and photos by Elisa Santos.



Woonsocket Mayor Leo Fontaine sings with his children (Will and Juliet)

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Entertainment

New creation film features 3D technology

By Russ Jones — CNS

PENSACOLA, Fla — A group of Creation advocates have teamed up together to produce a new film, Genesis 3D. The educational and entertaining movie will present the Biblical creation account from Genesis.

Gospel until they see that Genesis is historically and scientifically accurate,” said Ralph Streeb of Sevenfold Films and producer of Genesis 3D. “We are presenting the truth in the most excellent way possible,” he continued.

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For the first time, movie audiences will be able to experience the six days of

creation in high definition stereoscopic 3D. The film will use state of the art computer generated imagery with the models, textures, animations and special effects, according to the films producers.

Producers of the movie contend that interest and demand for 3D films has reached an all-time high, and advancements in technology gives artists the freedom to bring ideas to life that ten years ago would have either been financially unattainable or visually too complex for the technology.

“Some people can’t get to the

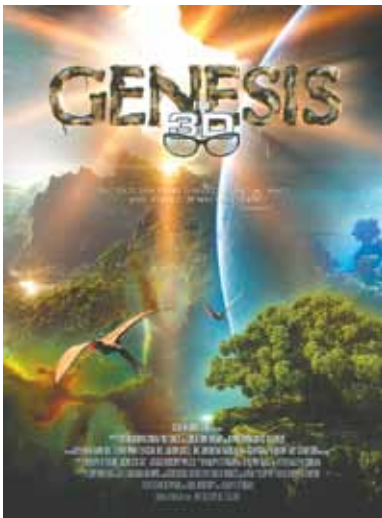
“We are looking to educate people

on the truth of scripture and how science and the Bible fit together perfectly,” said Eric Hovind president of Creation Today and executive producer of Genesis 3D.

Hovind states that the movie will be a ‘phenomenal’ evangelistic tool. The producers of the project state that the visual effects are matched with cutting edge research from scientific experts who support a literal historical view of Genesis.

“I’m very excited about the Genesis movie. To present what Genesis teaches us in 3D, is an incredible concept,” said Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis.

The films producers launched a campaign through Indiegogo, a Crowdfunding platform, to raise \$150,000 to help finish production, market and distribute it in theaters.



More than \$197,000 has already been raised with the month of October still left in the campaign.

But not everyone is excited about the film’s success.

“I’m not at all surprised at this kind of support,” said David Silverman, president of American Atheists. “As we have seen in nearly every religion in world history, indoctrinated victims of religion will do anything, including pay large sums of money, to have their antiquated beliefs of immortality validated.”

Silverman suggests that flashy movies may make Christians feel like there is validity to their ‘myth that they are immortal, covering up the known and proven truth with special effects.’

Paul Taylor, director of development of Creation Today, says Silverman’s conclusions are flawed.

“Why should Silverman even worry about ‘flashy movies?’” Taylor asked. “If we really were making things up and trying to persuade people of ‘our myths’, and at the same time undermining those who have different opinions, Silverman should applaud that as a form of survival of the fittest.”

“Silverman does not believe in absolute truth, so he has no logical basis on which to define something as a ‘flashy lie,’” Taylor continued.

To learn more about the project go to Genesis3D.com

The Next Holiday Classic, ‘The Christmas Candle,’ in Theaters this November

By Good News Today Staff

NEW YORK - EchoLight Studios, America’s fast-growing inspirational and family film company, today announced its touching holiday motion picture, The Christmas Candle, will come to the big screen for audiences nationwide on November 22.

The timeless holiday movie for the entire family represents the first wide theatrical release for former U.S. senator and presidential candidate Rick Santorum as new CEO of EchoLight Studios. In addition, it is the inaugural film based on a book by America’s most inspiring author Max Lucado, and introduces the acting debut of British singing sensation Susan Boyle, alongside an ensemble cast of beloved Hollywood talent.

uplifting movies of yesteryear. The story inspires renewed hope in the miracle of Christmas and illustrates that this holiday is not just about reindeer and receiving gifts. The Christmas Candle will remind audiences of the spirit and sense of wonder of the season -- something that is often lost in our modern era.”

Santorum will oversee EchoLight’s domestic distribution of the holiday movie, and will personally tour cities throughout America to create awareness through exclusive preview screenings in the coming weeks.

“Our goal is to release quality entertainment with positive, uplifting messages of hope,” Santorum continued. “That’s what people across America and the world are looking for, including my own family. We’re always searching for movies we can

take the whole family to, and we think there are millions of others who share that desire.”



The Christmas Candle marks the feature-film debut for Scottish singer Boyle, who was introduced to the world on Britain’s Got Talent in April 2009. In addition to her acting, Boyle graces the project

with her original single, Miracle Hymn, the anthem for the movie and track on her new album, Home for Christmas, releasing October 29. She said the story inspires her because, “You never give up on your dreams and you never stop believing in miracles.”

The Christmas Candle is based on the book by international bestselling author, Max Lucado, who also makes a cameo in the film, and is set deep in the heart of the English countryside in the enchanting village of Gladbury. Legend has it every 25 years an angel visits the village candle maker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights the Christmas Candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve. But in 1890, at the dawn of

the electric age, this centuries-old legend may come to an end.

“This tale about a 19th century village of simple people in the English Cotswolds in need of a miracle has lifted spirits for seven Christmases and now thanks to producer Tom Newman and EchoLight Studios, the Candle story will touch a whole new generation,” Lucado said. “I couldn’t be more pleased. What an honor to be a part of capturing a slice of this golden era of British history...the light of the candle still flickers.”

Indeed fans of Downton Abbey and other British entertainment will enjoy the innate “Englishness” of everything about The Christmas Candle, from the ideals of clinging to cherished traditions and persevering through difficulties, to the wonderful accents and turns of phrase. It’s a visit back in time to a simpler life, with an appreciation for the challenges of the era and complexities of the characters.

“We placed great emphasis on the quality of the production, filming at a village in the Cotswolds for authenticity and emphasizing period costumes and props for realism,” Newman said. “Many of the cast, while seasoned veterans of the stage and film, found themselves touched by this lovely story and beautiful script full of hope and the spirit of Christmas. They also appreciated the wonderful nostalgia factor of The Christmas Candle, commenting it had the flavor of It’s a Wonderful Life or Miracle on 34th Street.”

Directed by John Stephenson, The Christmas Candle stars Hans Matheson (Clash of the Titans, Sherlock Holmes), Samantha Barks (Les Miserables), Lesley Manville (Disney’s A Christmas Carol), Sylvester McCoy (The Hobbit Trilogy, Doctor Who), John Hannah (The Mummy, Four Weddings and a Funeral), Barbara Flynn (Miss Potter) and James Cosmo (Game of Thrones, Braveheart).

In theaters nationwide November 22nd. For more information visit www.TheChristmasCandleMovie.com.

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GRACE UNPLUGGED Prodigal Daughter

By Ted Baehr - Movieguide

GRACE UNPLUGGED is one of the best movies with Christian values ever made. Grace is the daughter of John Trey, a famous rock singer who crashed and found Jesus. He only wants to sing in church. When Grace was little, he gave her a guitar. Now, they sing together, much to her mother’s delight. However, 18-year-old Grace is getting more rebellious. When her father’s old manager entices Grace into the music business in Hollywood, life starts to unravel in a major way. Will Grace return to Christ before she heads down the road to perdition?

GRACE UNPLUGGED is tremendous. It isn’t just a three hankie but a whole Kleenex box movie. It keeps you on the edge of your seat. This type of clean, evangelistic Christian movie is a departure for Lionsgate Films. They’ve done Tyler Perry movies, but GRACE UNPLUGGED goes the next step. It’s one of the best, most entertaining Christian movies ever produced. MOVIEGUIDE®

prays every family will want to see it. GRACE UNPLUGGED will help families from going through the heartache of the prodigal son or daughter.

The movie had a limited release in over 500 theaters nationwide in early Oct quickly becoming one of the top grossing movies in its opening weekend. Look for it on DVD starting in December.

For more information visit www.graceunplugged.com



How you can defund socialized healthcare

By Bill Wilson www.dailyjot.com

I have received a lot of emails in response to my declaration that I am a conscientious objector to the government's socialized healthcare. Many question how to defund it. First, folks you have to determine one very important thing: Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men." And you need to reconcile that with errant teachings on Romans 13 on submitting to all higher powers even if they are evil. Once you have made that determination and understand that government is not God; government has no place in your personal life decisions; government cannot replace God; we as citizens have a say over government. It serves us, not the other way around. Then you can

make this unjust law obsolete.

The overreaching fact here is that socialized healthcare is not about healthcare, it is about control of the people. Once the government has control over your life/death decisions, you are going to bow to it in the voting booth, your political prayer closet. The base of socialism and communism is that government replaces God and religion is a crutch for the weak. Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-33, "Therefore take no thought, saying What shall we eat? Or What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?...for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and these things shall be added unto you."

Some facts that the socialists and communists don't want you to know: The IRS and Congress are exempt, as are a healthy list of the occupant of the Oval Office's contributors and supporters. This is arbitrary--if the king gives you an exemption, you have it. I serve no king, but Jesus. Penalties for not participating are the higher of 1% of your family income or \$285 in 2013 and it maxes out at the higher of 2.5% of family income or \$2,085 in 2016. Participating in the government mandate will cost you upwards of 8% of your family income. If you are 19-36, you will pay over \$5,000 a year even though you won't use it because the government wants you to foot the biggest chunk of the costs. Fair? God?

It is logical that if you do not

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want to participate, just pay the tax and perhaps it will collapse in the next three years. Or say that you religiously object and wait it out. That will have consequences. You can also choose alternatives while they are still available. You may be able to participate in a religious health care sharing group or receive a tax break for being self-employed or a small business. However, the information is very sketchy on this right now. Currently, you couldn't sign up if you wanted to because the government website can't even take your order. The exchanges are all dysfunctional. Government playing God never works smoothly.

My wife and I have been self-funded for the most of 25 years.

We use prayer, homeopathy and have a naturopath doctor. This method allows us to use the things God provided for healing. If there is an emergency, we go to the emergency room. We pay out of pocket, but those visits have been few and far between. My family has been in this country since the Mayflower and I am quite certain that my father's generation was the first of our family that had health insurance. Most all of them lived to be in their 80s and 90s. The government is not God. This is not about healthcare, but about control. Take your time. Study your options. For me, we will not participate. If enough of us take this approach, we may succeed in defunding it.

Where do public school teachers send their own kids?

By Larry Elder - Guest Columnist

Guy walks into a restaurant. Says to the waitress, "I'd like some scrambled eggs and some kind words." She brings the eggs. The guy smiles, "Now how about the kind words?" Waitress whispers, "Don't eat the eggs."

This brings us to the fact that urban public school teachers are about two times more likely than non-teachers to send their own children to private schools. In other words, many public school teachers whisper to parents, "Don't eat the eggs."

About 11 percent of all parents -- nationwide, rural and urban -- send

their children to private schools. The numbers are much higher in urban areas. One study found that in Philadelphia a staggering 44 percent of public school teachers send their own kids to private schools. In Cincinnati and Chicago, 41 and 39 percent of public school teachers, respectively, pay for a private school education for their children. In Rochester, New York, it's 38 percent. In Baltimore it's 35 percent, San Francisco is 34 percent and New York-Northeastern New Jersey is 33 percent. In Los Angeles nearly 25 percent of public school teachers send their kids to private school versus 16 percent of Angelenos who do so.

The study, conducted in 2004 by the Fordham Institute, said: "These findings ... are apt to be embarrassing for teacher unions, considering those organizations' political animus toward assisting families to select among schools. But these results do not surprise most practicing teachers to whom we speak. ... The data have shown the same basic pattern since we first happened upon them two decades ago: Urban public school teachers are more apt to send their own children to private schools than is the general public. One might say this shows how conservative teachers are. They continue doing what they've always done. Or it might indicate that they have long been discerning connoisseurs of education. ...

"The middle class will tolerate a lot -- disorder, decay, and dismay, an unwholesome environment, petty crime, potholes, chicanery and rudeness. One thing, however, that middle class parents will not tolerate is bad schools for their children. To escape them, they will pay out-of-pocket or vote with their feet. That is what discerning teachers do."

What about members of Congress? Where do they send their own children?

A 2007 Heritage Foundation study found that 37 percent of representatives and 45 percent of senators with school-age children sent their own kids to private school. Of the

members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus with school-age children, 38 percent sent them to private school. Of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus with school-age children, 52 percent sent them to private school.

The ex-mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, was asked why he did not have his own kids in public school despite his strong advocacy of public education. Villaraigosa, whose wife was a public school teacher, said, "I'm doing like every parent does. I'm going to put my kids in the best school I can. My kids were in a neighborhood public school until just this year. We've decided to put them in a Catholic school. We've done that because we want our kids to have the best education they can. If I can get that education in a public school, I'll do it, but I won't sacrifice (emphasis added) my children any more than I could ask you to do the same."

When he got elected president, Barack Obama and his wife made a big display of looking into D.C. public schools for his two daughters to attend. But the Obamas chose Sidwell Friends, the elite private school whose alums include Chelsea Clinton. Obama's own mother sent the then-10-year-old to live with her parents -- so he could attend Punahou Academy, the most exclusive prep school on the island. In fact, from Punahou to Occidental (a private college in Los Angeles) to Columbia (where he completed college) to Harvard Law, Obama

is a product of private education.

So how does this square with Obama's opposition to the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program that offered a voucher for the children of participating parents? It doesn't.

Here's what Obama's Office of Management and Budget said about the program: "Rigorous evaluation over several years demonstrates that the D.C. program has not yielded improved student achievement by its scholarship recipients compared to other students in D.C."

Tell that to the educator/consultant the Department of Education hired to evaluate the program. Testifying before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Patrick Wolf, a University of Arkansas education policy professor who spent more than 10 years evaluating school choice programs in D.C., Milwaukee, New York and Dayton, Ohio, said, "In my opinion, by ... boosting high school graduation rates and generating a wealth of evidence suggesting that students also benefited in reading achievement, the D.C. OSP has accomplished what few educational interventions can claim: It markedly improved important education outcomes for low-income inner-city students."

President Barack Obama calls education "the civil rights issue of our time." Yet, his opposition to K-12 education vouchers guarantees that many of America's kids will sit in back of the bus.

ProJo confirms mandatory abortion fee, Chafee administration points finger at insurers

By Barth E. Bracy, Executive Director RIRTL

Providence, RI - In a recent "PolitiFact" piece, the Providence Journal confirmed the existence of the mandatory abortion fee in HealthSource RI, Rhode Island's Obamacare exchange, which was first exposed by the Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee (RIRTL) last June.

All of the 28 plans available through HealthSource RI include coverage for elective abortion and, thus, under the provisions of the Obamacare law (45 CFR § 156.280, PPACA Section 1303), require the insurers to collect from each enrollee in these plans separate premium payments to pay for the elective abortions covered under the plan. The law requires that the additional mandatory abortion fee be charged to all enrollees in the health plan "without regard to the enrollee's age, sex, or family status" and whether they object to abortion or not. And if the premium for the plan is paid for by direct deposit from an employee's pay, the employer will be required to make a separate direct deposit for the abortion fee.

"PolitiFact" disagreed with RIRTL that NARAL board member and R.I. Governor Lincoln Chafee is responsible for the mandatory abortion fee even though

the exchange was established and operates under his executive order, and even though his administration opposed legislative attempts at providing alternative plans for conscientious individuals who object to paying a mandatory abortion fee.

Remarkably, "PolitiFact" quoted Chafee spokeswoman Christine Hunsinger as confirming that it was the Executive Committee on Health Reform (ECHR), established under Chafee's executive order, that selected the "benchmark plan" and determined the "essential health benefits," but takes the position that the decisions of the ECHR can not be attributed to the Governor under whose authority it operates.

"PolitiFact" then paraphrases Hunsinger as saying that: "The plans the insurance companies chose to submit covered abortion." No explanation was given as to the contradiction between this statement and Hunsinger's preceding assertion that the ECHR selected the benchmark plan and determined the benefits and services that all qualified health plans must offer.

According to RIRTL executive director Barth E. Bracy, "Not only is Hunsinger contradicting herself, she is apparently

unaware that it is a matter of public record that at least one insurance company submitted a plan that excluded coverage for elective abortion. Is the Chafee administration trying to deny that they had any role in demanding plan revisions and shaping the final exchange offerings?"

"We call upon Governor Chafee," continued Bracy, "to tell the full truth about his administration's involvement in the mandatory abortion fee. And we call upon Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Health, and Neighborhood Health to either confirm or deny Chafee's allegation that they were the ones who refused to submit plans that excluded coverage for elective abortion."

OCT. 29 - Stock Market Crash, 1929

American Minute with Bill Federer
October 29, 1929, the New York Stock Exchange crashed. Panic ensued as Wall Street sold 16,410,030 shares in a single day. Billions of dollars were lost and America plunged into the Great Depression.

In a drive to aid private relief agencies, October 18, 1931, President Hoover said: "Time and again the American people have demonstrated a spiritual quality of generosity...This is the occasion when we must arouse that idealism, that spirit, from which there can be no failure in this primary obligation of every man to his neighbor..."

Hoover continued: "Our country and the world are today involved in more than a financial crisis..."

This great complex, which we call American life, is builded and can alone survive upon the translation into individual action of that fundamental philosophy announced by the Savior nineteen centuries ago...Our national suffering today is from failure to observe these primary yet inexorable laws of human relationship...Modern society cannot survive with the defense of Cain, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

President Herbert Hoover stated at the Gridiron Club, April 27, 1931: "If we shall be called upon to endure more...we must gird ourselves for even greater effort... May God grant to us the spirit and strength to carry through to the end."

Inspiration

Bitter Winter, Better Thanksgiving, the story of Miles Standish

By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

"Then the sickness began to fall sore amongst them, and the weather so bad the Gov'r and cheefe of them, seeing so many dye, and fall downe sick dayly, thought it no wisdom to send away the ship...."



Pilgrims Landing, Edward Percy Moran (1862-1935), American artist, early 1900s, oil on canvas, 23" x 29"

Capt. Miles Standish had been much at his wife Rose's bedside. As much time, that is, as he could spare from stalking game, guarding against savages, and felling trees to construct crude homes on shore.

A bitter wind whistled through chinks and cracks in the Mayflower, anchored in Plymouth harbor that

winter of 1620-21. Rose's chills would turn to uncontrollable shaking. Then just as suddenly, her body would be ablaze with fever. Herbs from the surgeon's chest did little to relieve her. By spring only five wives remained out of the eighteen who had sailed to Plymouth. Rose was not among them.

Thanksgiving? What was that? The golden dreams of a New World that Miles and Rose had cherished together had evaporated into hollow hopes. And yet that fall Capt. Standish joined other bereaved Pilgrims in the first Thanksgiving celebration.

The real test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-weather faith, but a resilient trust in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful.

We read, Jesus "took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples." At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, lifted the cup, gave thanks and offered it to His followers. Jesus always prayed before meals.

We can, too. A simple prayer of thanks at each family meal will gradually restore thankfulness to us. As our children see us humble ourselves to thank our Creator, they too learn to be grateful. Robert Lintner said it well: "Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day."

This habit of family thankfulness can begin round our tables this Thanksgiving. How about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will a prayer of thankfulness be forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce?

They will be watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration will instruct them about thankfulness, for good or ill. Will they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? And maybe as they watch, they'll catch a hint that mom and dad and grandmother, in spite of painful seasons they have faced, have seen these bitter winters bear fruit in better thanksgiving.

If you have nothing to be thankful for, perhaps it's time to recognize that Jesus Christ died for your sins, so that you might have eternal life. The Bible says that God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) Now, that's something to be thankful about. It also says that if you confess with your mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

Pray something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me for my sin. I've made so many mistakes. 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, to be thankful each and everyday for the rest of my life. I want to start a new life with you leading the way. 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 in Christ.

Writing for the Soul

Angela Unaware

By Jerry B. Jenkins

BLACK FOREST, CO (ANS) -- One summer I served on the faculty of a writers conference known for its emphasis on fostering community.

Along with 300 others, Angela arrived plain, plump, and freshly divorced, a newcomer drawn by the brochure's promise of a talent night. Attendees had been encouraged to bring musical instruments, puppets, object lessons, a poem, whatever they wanted.

Along with her bags was a guitar case she insisted on carrying herself. She seemed alarmed when Talent Night did not appear in the program.

"We're flexible," she was told. "We see how the week is going, determine how many are interested, then assign a coordinator. Are you volunteering?"

"Sure!"

When the big night came, Angela distributed hand-fashioned programs. She had organized not only the talent but also the sound and the lighting. The finale would be her own vocal solo, and she would accompany herself on the guitar. After 90 minutes of a variety of acts from shtick to inspirational, Angela strode to a stool at stage center.

I stifled a laugh when she strummed her first chord off key. Was this a joke, a skit?

No.. Clearly the guitar was in tune. Her fingering was wrong, her strum not authoritative. She winced and tried again. Her fingers trembled, her lips quivered.

The introduction to her chorus was long but contained only three simple chords. It became evident that Angela knew only those and had mastered none.

The more she tried, the more panic-stricken she appeared, and when she opened her mouth to sing, we could hardly hear her. She was short of breath, off key, and her strumming was worse for the energy she focused on singing. We agonized with her when she gave up on the guitar and tried to finish a cappella. She forgot a word and skipped it, then mangled the tune and started over.

It was then that we rallied around this sweet, tortured soul, this woman in pain who had given so much and hoped for so much. First one, then another joined her in the familiar chorus, until we were all singing, not loud but full and deep and warm.

During a pause between phrases, someone called out, "Thank you for this evening, Angela! We love you!" And we all stood and applauded.

Angela slid awkwardly off the stool and stood shyly, hands at her



Strumming a guitar

sides, the guitar hanging from her neck. She forced a smile through her tears.

We had been to church.

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Junior Church Emergency Kit MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

Many of us have walked into our houses of worship planning to relax and enjoy the service when suddenly our pastor rushes over and urges us to run the children's program for the day. Of course you agree to help because it is the right thing to do and because you have your Junior Church Emergency Kit in the trunk of your car.

Your kit contains: a Bible story video for children such as Veggie Tales, Hermie and Friends or God Rocks, Bible story coloring sheets that match the video story, crayons or markers, stickers and a bag of lollipops. (Reproducible Bible Story coloring pages from Gospel Light are available at your local Christian bookstore. Make sure that you have enough copies pre-made for the number of children in your church. Copiers have a way of not working when you have an emergency.)

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How to Break your Addictions

By Thea Fielding-Lowe

I was reading Ephesians 1:23 one morning. The scripture says "Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).

After reading this scripture, I thought about spouses who cheat, alcoholics, drug addicts, and any other addiction there is in the world. Maybe these addictions take over our lives, because we have not given Jesus all of us or he is absent in our lives.

Jesus the Savior makes everything complete and fills everything everywhere with himself. If we ask Jesus to fill those places, where we feel empty, incomplete or unfulfilled, those addictions or sins would not hold us anymore. Our victory would be at hand.

Something else to think about - When you move into a new home. What is the first thing you do? You unpack, organize, and clean your home. Basically, you make that strange and foreign place into a warm, comfortable, and livable home. That is the same thing Jesus does when you accept him into your life. That Light enters your heart and cleans up that foreign stuff that he did not put there. The abuse, hurt, anger, health issues are in the trash. He takes his time organizing and repairing your mind, body, and spirit, while the both of you become "friends".

I feel relieved knowing that if I stay the course with Jesus guiding me, this house will be restored with brilliance.

Ask God for More!

sure that they know you are happy to have them in your class. Based on what normally happens in your Junior Church, have a pledge to the American Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible, followed by an offering. Introduce and show the video.

After the video, read the Bible story on the back of the coloring sheet, explain the meaning of the story and it's moral. Announce that there will now be a coloring contest, pass out the crayons or markers and let the children go to work. After the coloring is completed, make a positive comment to each student concerning their work of art and award them with a sticker and a lollipop.

If the adult services have not concluded, lead the children in a game of Red Light/Green, Musical Chairs or some other activity with lots of action. Remember, children need to move. God put the wiggles in and we can't take them out!

Above all, make sure that you have lots of fun and that the children do too!

How To Lie To The Bathroom Scales

1. Weigh yourself with clothes on, after dinner...as well as in the morning, without clothes, before breakfast, because it's nice to see how much weight you've lost overnight.
2. Never weigh yourself with wet hair.
3. When weighing, remove everything, including glasses. In this case, blurred vision is an asset. Don't forget the earrings; these things can weigh at least a pound.
4. Use cheap scales only, never the medical kind, because they are always five pounds off...to your advantage, of course.
5. Always go to the bathroom first.
6. Stand with arms raised, making pressure on the scale lighter. (Waving them is optional but occasionally helps)
7. Don't eat or drink in the morning until AFTER you've weighed in, completely naked, of course.
8. Weigh yourself after a haircut, this is good for at least half a pound of hair (hopefully).
9. Exhale with all your might BEFORE stepping onto the scale (air has to weigh something, right?)
10. Start out with just one foot on the scale, then holding onto the towel rack in front of you, slowly edge your other foot on and slowly let off of the rack. Admittedly, this takes time, but it's worth it. You will weigh at least two pounds less than if you'd stepped on normally.

Grandparents say the darndest things

Aboard an airline flight from Europe to America, Grandma Bern was taking her very first flight. They had only been aloft a few minutes when the old lady

complained to the stewardess that her ears were popping. The girl smiled and gave the older woman some chewing gum, assuring her that many people experienced the same discomfort. When they landed in New York, Grandma thanked the stewardess. "The chewing gum worked fine," she said. "Now that we've arrived, would you tell me, how do I get it out of my ears?"

Kids say the darndest things

A four-year-old girl had to have an X-ray taken at the medical office where I worked. She had been in an accident with her bicycle and the doctor was afraid she may have broken her wrist. The girl, however, was very concerned about the procedure, and no matter how her mother tried to calm her, she kept putting up quite a fuss as we led her into the X-ray facility.

When she came out a few minutes later, however, she was calm and all smiles. "They just took a picture of my bones," she explained to her mother. "Yes, dear," her mom replied. "I told you it was easy. Did everything go well?" "Yup. It was great!" the child exclaimed. "I didn't even have to take my skin off or anything!"

I'm tired

For a couple of years I've been blaming it on my iron-poor blood, lack of vitamins and dieting, and a dozen other maladies. But now I found out the real reason I'm tired is because I'm overworked.

The population of the USA is about 315 million. 32,500,000 are unemployed. 144 million are retired. That leaves 138,500,000 to do the work. There are 85 million in school, which leaves 53,500,000 to do the work. Of this there are 40 million employed by the federal government which leaves 13,500,000 to do the work. 4 million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 9,500,000 to do the work. Take from that total the 5,600,000 people who work for state and city governments and that leaves 3,900,000 to do the work.

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And you're sitting there reading this.

Mother-in-law revenge

Husband and wife had an argument. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again. I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

Oooppps! That won't preach

Having grown up just outside New York City, I barely knew a cow from an ear of corn. Until, that is, I married a small town Ohio girl. While I was in seminary school, I had a temporary assignment at a church in a rural community. The day of my first sermon, I tried very hard to fit in. Maybe too hard. With my wife sitting in the first pew, I began my discourse, "I never saw a cow until I met my wife."

"WHAT DOCTORS SAY" and what they're really thinking:



"This should be taken care of right away." I'd planned a trip to Hawaii next month, but this is so easy and profitable that I want to fix it before it cures itself.

"Welllllll, what have we here...?" He has no idea and is hoping you'll give him a clue.

"Let me check your medical history." I want to see if you've paid your last bill before spending any more time with you.

"Why don't we make another appointment later in the week." I'm playing golf this afternoon, and this is a waste of time. --or-- I need the bucks, so I'm charging you for another office visit.

"We have some good news and some bad news." The good news is, I'm going to buy that new BMW. The bad news is, you're going to pay for it.

"Let's see how it develops."

Soul Food



No Tom, I did not see one of those Pilgrims with a gun aimed right at us. Now come on, let's cross this road...

Maybe in a few days it will grow into something that can be cured.

"Let me schedule you for some tests." I have a forty percent interest in the lab.

"I'd like to prescribe a new drug." I'm writing a paper and would like to use you for a guinea pig.

"If it doesn't clear up in a week, give me a call." I don't know what it is. Maybe it will go away by itself.

"That's quite a nasty looking wound." I think I'm going to throw up.

"This may smart a little." Last week two patients bit off their tongues.

"Well, we're not feeling so well today, are we...?" I'm stalling for time. Who are you and why are you here?

"This should fix you up." The drug company slipped me some big bucks to prescribe this stuff.

"Everything seems to be normal." Rats! I guess I can't buy that new beach condo after all.

"I'd like to run some more tests." I can't figure out what's wrong. Maybe the kid in the lab can solve this one.

"Do you suppose all this stress could be affecting your nerves?" You're crazier'n an outhouse rat. Now, if I can only find a shrink who'll split fees with me...

"There is a lot of that going

Middle Men - Old Testament

By BibleQuizzes.org.uk

This quiz is called "Middle Men" because we have given you a middle portion of a man's name from the Old Testament. All you have to do is add one or more letters to the beginning and the end of the portion to give us the name of an Old Testament character that fits the letters we've given you. For example if we gave you the letters ALAA your answer could be BALAAM.

- 1: BRAH
- 2: AAM
- 3: EHEMI
- 4: PHRA
- 5: ESS
- 6: NJAM
- 7: OSEP
- 8: SAL
- 9: LOMO
- 10: ANIE
- 11: LIAT
- 12: RDE
- 13: UBE
- 14: ISER
- 15: PHTA
- 16: AMSO
- 17: HUSE
- 18: OSHU
- 19: ETHR
- 20: SAA

answers below

around." That's the third one this week! I'd better learn something about this.

"If those symptoms persist, call for an appointment." I've never heard of anything so disgusting. Thankfully I'm off next week.

1. Abraham
2. NAAMAN//RAAMAH
3. Nehemiah
4. EPHRAIM//OPHRAH
5. JESSE
6. Benjamin
7. Joseph
8. Absalom
9. Solomon
10. DANIEL
11. GOLIAH//ELIATHAN
12. MORDECAI
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NOVEMBER 2013

November Highlights

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Nov 2 & 3 • The Rock Wakefield Harvest Family Weekend. Sat, 2nd, 3-6pm. Games, prizes, candy, food, music, skits & lessons. Sun, 3rd, 11am-3pm - (12:30) Chili Cook-off begins, prizes & games. Please call to register chili 401-783-8174 or 330-0712 Wakefield First Church of the Nazarene, 233 High St Wakefield RI

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Nov 8 • 7pm ~ International Music-Dance- Video. Rock da Mic Around the World \$7 All U Can Eat International Buffet. Beverages sold separate. Living Hope Assembly of God 10 Broadway Pawtucket, RI 401-723-2039

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Nov 22 • 9am ~ The Annual Association of Christian Schools International's Middle School Spelling Bee. Grades 5-8. New England Christian Academy. 271 Sharps Lot Rd. Swansea, MA. For more info: or to join our Spelling Bee, please call 508-676-3011.

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1 Friday

7-9p.m. ~ Kingdom Lighthouse Church Weekly bible study at YMCA Youth Center 155 Gansett Ave, Cranston RI. 401-569-4327

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

7p.m. ~ Rage Night for grades 7-12. Rage = Radically Addictive Games with Evangelism. Christian Fellowship Center 822 Church St. New Bedford, MA. Contact Info 508-995-9996

2 Saturday

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4 Monday

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5 Tuesday

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

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6 Wednesday

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9 Saturday

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13 Wednesday

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26 Tuesday

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

27 Wednesday

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28 Thursday

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Psalm 9:1 NKJ

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29 Friday

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30 Saturday

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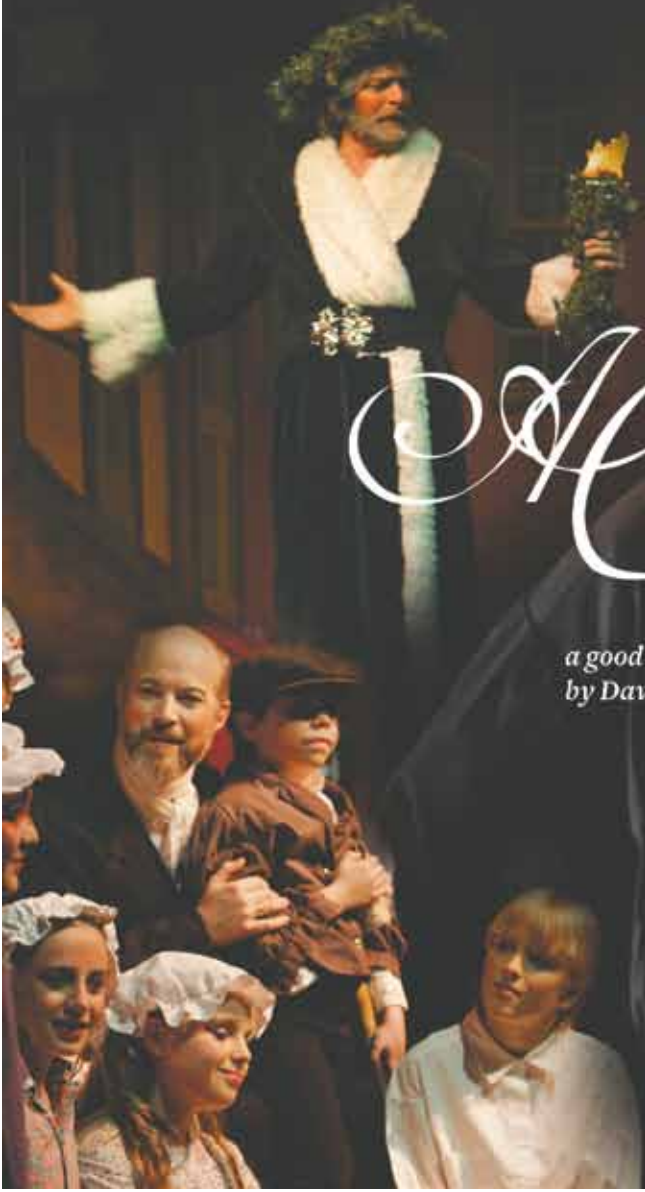
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