

One thing leads to another with P.A.W.

By Fred Comella

I've worked in both the state and federal prison systems over the course of my career. To say it was a learning experience would be an understatement. However, during that time, there were some common denominators that stood out for me, things that made sense if you will, and things that didn't. I'm bringing this to you all today because how we view those in need is often a reflection of the scope in which we see them. The timing of those interactions is usually limited, and that person's life story is not always readily apparent. So when my editor broached me about speaking to a ministry that both reached out to the needy on a street corner, but which also spent time bringing "His" word into the prison system,



Gus Barboza and P.A.W workers prepare for food distribution

I was immediately intrigued. I would tell you, that I've struggled with my "sympathy component" over the years. This was mainly because my early life experience and exposure to only the end result, that being criminality and ultimately incarceration, left me with only the lessor and more cynical opinion of my fellow man. Drug use and other factors, as well as family and social backgrounds were not necessarily a concern, as my job description and the necessity to be detached if you will, took precedence.

So what's different now Freddy? Well, Jesus is different, and things just aren't that simple any more. We are all God's children

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Palau, Providence Plan to Promote Prince of Peace

By R W Corsi & Kate Thompson

Uniting and energizing the Church and equipping it to attract the non-believers and unchurched to encounter God is driving one conference coming this month to Greater Rhode Island.

From laypeople to leaders, Together: Advance the Gospel with renowned evangelist Luis Palau coming to Providence Oct. 21-22 is for the whole body of Christ.

"Usually, Luis Palau is involved in his own ministry," said Chris Pfeffer, who is helping to publicize the conference. "This is really a historic event for Providence and the greater Rhode Island area, with all these different denominations coming together to worship, praise and learn how to advance the

gospel in our local community. We definitely have a unique opportunity."

Palau's festivals, featuring the gospel presentation, draw thousands. People of every age, faith, race and economic status come together to conclude a Season of Service - neighborhood clean-ups, food collection, homebuilding and other projects to improve their communities.



(left to right) Kevin, Luis and Andrew Palau are pioneering new approaches

And Palau's Web site touts 8.5 million people reached effectively with the gospel worldwide. Unlike other Palau events, this one is for the Church.

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Franklin Graham brings Decision America Tour 2016 to Providence

By Judy Ryder

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16 (b)

Fifteen years ago "America's Pastor", Billy Graham, now nearly 98, bequeathed an incredibly successful evangelistic ministry spanning some sixty years to his son, Franklin Graham. Thus, Franklin Graham became responsible not only for the day-to-day activities of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), but also for overseeing the work of Samaritan's Purse, a massive world-wide disaster relief organization which also conducts the annual "shoebox" ministry, Operation Christmas Child. On August 31st, Franklin came to Providence to conduct the 40th Rally of the Decision America Tour 2016 visiting all 50 State Capitols. The previous day he'd been in Boston; the next day in Hartford. The Tour began January 5th in Des Moines and wraps up October 13th in Raleigh.

Speaking first to invited guests at a pre-Rally reception, Franklin Graham opened with an

encouraging observation. Despite the cultural and spiritual decline sensed by so many Christians, the Internet has apparently given a new paradigm to evangelization: audience participants using cell phones can now text a number indicating they have just said the Sinner's Prayer and would welcome gospel literature. Momentarily, the literature is sent to their phones electronically, while Graham receives instantaneous data about how many were directly impacted by his message. At the Boston Rally, out of an estimated 3,800 attendees, 128 made decisions for Christ. At the Providence Rally, out of an estimated 2,100 attendees, 122 were saved. Evangelizing through the



Franklin Graham preaching at the State House in Providence

Internet also enables the Word to go into places where it cannot safely go otherwise, such as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. Every 19 seconds someone comes to faith through the Internet. God is always at work.

Wherever he travels, Graham's message is: "There is a desperate need for Americans to pray for their States and their Country." To illustrate the awesome power of prayer, he told two mesmerizing stories at the pre-Rally reception, both involving Operation Christmas Child's "shoebox" ministry. [In 22 years, over 122,000,000 shoe boxes have been distributed by churches to poverty-stricken

children in more than 100 countries. After receiving their gifts, many sign up to participate in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program teaching them how to follow Christ faithfully, and tell family and friends about Him. Since 2010, more than 7.4 million children have enrolled; 3.3 million have accepted Christ as their Savior.]

Graham's first story was about a little boy from ID who, many years ago, was packing a shoebox with his mommy. The instructions said to pray for the recipient and to include one's picture and address, if desired. So the little boy and his mommy prayed, and then he dressed up in his new cowboy outfit complete with spurs, hat, boots, and scarf. His mommy snapped his picture, and they placed it, with his address, in the shoebox of toys. The box wended its way to a church in the Philippines, which delivered it to an absolutely delighted little girl. Thrilled with everything, she even pinned the picture of the little boy on her wall and wrote a thank-you letter, but... it was never

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BGEA is desiring churches that attended the Decision America Tour in Providence to utilize and show the new My Hope DVD "Decisions" as an evangelism outreach.

"Decisions" tells the story of five individuals that were saved as a result of coming to one of the Decision America Rallies. Two of the persons highlighted are from New England.

My Hope is a national initiative to encourage and equip the local church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians can share the Gospel message with friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors using one of several evangelistic video programs featuring life-changing testimonies and powerful messages from Billy Graham and Franklin Graham.

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and to that end, I am (Christian duty bound) to look beyond where I would have stopped looking years ago, to seek answers to the question; why has it come to this for anyone to be open to a way of a life unlike my own? With this answer I might understand their current condition, offer what I can in the way of God's word and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as well as a hand up so they might have hope.

Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me".

I've spoken with a few Christian stalwarts of late, but none quite like Gus Barboza. Founder and the driving force behind Praise and Worship Ministries, or "P.A.W." for short, Barboza is also an entrepreneur and owner of "Customized" Signs and Glass Tinting, The Customizer Music and DJ Company, White Dove Limousine Services and Inventor and owner of Gus-T-Winds Stunt Kites. So you see, he gets around. Gus's road to ministry didn't necessarily begin in the vein of business, but that experience would surely augment and facilitate all of his future efforts for the Lord.

During a moving operation, Gus was grievously injured after falling three stories through a stairwell. His Journey to Christ is what he knows saved his life, as statistics tell us, many in Gus's predicament do not recover. Gus however would not only recover, but would bring his faith and testimony to the forefront of his mission. I spoke with the 51 year-old proud father of spirited 7 year-old Logan Michael recently, and I was nothing short of amazed by the UMass Dartmouth Graduates ambition for the Lord and "His" children. Forced to close down some of his operations during his recovery, the DJ lover of all things music wrote a letter to the evil one, which eventually evolved into a rap song encapsulating his innermost feeling for the God who saved his life, and how He would take Gus to a full recovery and better days. The result was "Stop, Drop and Roll", a rap song that would change Gus's life, as well as the lives of all those around him. Moreover, it would change the lives of those he was yet to touch.

Growing up in New Bedford, and through his many business connections inside the local music industry, Gus came to know many a local singer, dancer, and rapper, who'd come to know Christ and were saved of their sins and addictions. Talent abounded and Gus began a mission to share the Gospel and to play local events, showcasing his talented friends and their performances for Christ. Rap, New age, Christian Contemporary, Dance, A-cappella and more, ensured there was always something for any in

the audience. But a call from a local Pastor and friend would move the ball to a new set of downs to be sure.

Gus was asked to share his burgeoning Christian music mission, and specifically "Stop, Drop and Roll" within the prison system, and began playing events, including Christmas parties and the like in places like the Taunton Detention Center for Youth and affiliated Hospital. But when friend Allison Vigna asked that he bring his show to the Dartmouth House of Corrections for Women in 2015, Gus could never have imagined how his ministry would take off.

Things were "blowing up" at that time, (in a good way Gus explained), as he was using his many talents and those of his team to spread the Gospel. But when Allison called again, it wasn't for music, but for help on a scale that she understood only a man with Gus's drive, ambition, and heart for God could help with. Allison explained that there were three hundred homeless and hungry folks living aside of the train tracks by the "Save-A-Lot in New Bedford, and she feared immensely for their well-being. Gus sprang into action and ultimately called on his team to reach out with simple basic sack lunches including sandwiches, fruit and a drink for each of those in need. Somehow, and clearly through the power of the Holy Spirit, they pulled off a miracle, coming to aid and comfort of this varied group of downtrodden souls. But in true fashion, Gus new there was more to be done. You see in his eyes, Gus felt that a hand out must also come with a hand up, along with his best efforts as a servant of Christ to bring a sense of normalcy



P.A.W. Ministries distribute clothing and food in New Bedford

to the lives of these children of God. And so the praise and worship aspect of what had come to be known as "P.A.W. Ministries" had now become a whole lot more.

Gus and his Girlfriend Sharon Ambrose went about the business of providing much more than just a sack lunch. Gus felt that a home cooked meal, and the sense of belonging it brought to the homeless and hungry was in order, and he enlisted the help of his sister Lynne Carnivale to make it happen. Personal kitchens were invaded and the mission began to grow exponentially. Gus's business's and their equipment were usurped and put to the test with the acquisition and transportation of clothing and other personal items Gus was now acquiring for those in need. The pace was dizzying and getting more hectic. But Gus understood that solutions required action, and while that action was good, fruition and satisfactory "future" results were even better. In one early instance

during this period, and as the P.A.W. Team were trying to gauge their efforts, there was a great abundance of extra food after an event, the team sought to further help where it was needed. Again, a mutual friend (George) who was working in a similar ministry, "Fishes & Loves" out of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New Bedford provided the answer in a cooperative effort which fed even more of those in need. This interaction however, was even more of a benefit than they knew, as it would open a door that would be oh so needed in the not so distant future.

Along the way, as P.A.W. grew in name and recognition, via their unique (dog paw) insignia, which folks came to know the ministry by, there would be hurdles. You know, those things Satan throws in your path to trip you up as you move to serve God. These are the times Gus tells me that he was amazed at how quickly and completely Christ



Gus Barboza

intervened on his ministries behalf and resolved any issues or impediments to "His" intentions. Like when Gus's small trailer blew a tire under the stress of the huge clothing deliveries he was making to the Salvation Army and other needy stations. Inside the span of a week Gus would pass a home where the owners were giving away things on the front lawn that Gus knew he needed for the ministry and noticed a near new enclosed trailer much like he'd envisioned for his ministry sitting in the yard, also for sale. A subsequent conversation with the owner and his wife would lead to a severely reduced price, as they were so impressed with Gus that they simply had to help him. Time was a factor though and Gus needed to raise \$2000.00 before the owner would be forced to move on. A "Go-Fund-Me" account was set up and immediately raised a few hundred dollars from those who valued Gus's efforts and gave all they could. But it

ended up being a stranger who saw his efforts on Facebook, caught up with Gus at one of his events and provided the rest of the money needed. So taken by Gus's attempt to return an unused \$1000.00 of the original \$3000.00 she'd given him in an unmarked envelope, she told him to keep the money and further his ministry. This is just one of the many instances Gus cited for me that I simply don't have the room to list. But I could hear the emotion in his voice as he spoke of that special time.

There would be other troubles along the way, as the health department would attempt to reign in the ministry on the preparation of food and state guidelines about the use of a licensed kitchen for such activity. Once again Christ would intervene and touch the hearts of all involved. Through much prayer and conversation, P.A.W. would come back through the open door at St. Paul's, and is still using their kitchen today! Amen!

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Others would attempt to partner with P.A.W. and offer their respective locations, but the relationship and comfort in their mutual efforts from the start, has kept P.A.W. right where they are today at St. Paul's. Gus has partnered with HW

Staffing and Jennifer Blatchford, as well as Roberts Joseph Staffing, in keeping with his ambitious philosophy of a hand "up", not just "out". Obviously not all are success stories, but the vast majority of lives touched by

P.A.W. are finding the Lord and riding that love and confidence to better days. Homeless to homeowner, from married and pregnant on the street to shelter and a warm bed and food with the promise of a new beginning, to the mother of a homeless teenager crying and offering thanks to Gus and his team for locating her daughter and making sure she was OK, are just a few of the things we talked about. Truth be told, I ran my cell battery from full to empty during our talk, and found myself hoping for just a few more minutes. In the end, Gus reiterated his ministries mission statement to foster relationships and networks within communities that have higher than average at-risk youths and to bring hope and inspiration to challenged teens and inspire and motivate those less fortunate to rise up and overcome the challenges they face in their day-to-day lives. He explained that by the power of God, the ministry brings a message of hope to change lives, to restore failing relationships, to inspire the uninspired, to encourage the younger generation, to transform entire communities from the ground up. Sounds like P.A.W. is part of the solution and not the problem, much like I've often written. He's not complain-

ing, He's doing God's work, no exceptions or excuses. Stepping outside my Christian writing for just a second, and completely in my own words not Gus's, lets stop putting Band-Aids on gunshot wounds shall we America? Our fellow man needs us, and no politician is the answer. Jesus is the answer! And if we can just get that straight, the rest will come much easier. At P.A.W., they get this...

P.A.W. has needs, as all ministries do. Lately Gus envisions an all in one mobile operation, complete with showers and toiletries to give the willing comfort and readiness to face their future. He established another "Go-Fund-Me" account to raise \$200,000.00 for the purchase of a mobile home, which they may then convert into a one stop facility to help the homeless and hungry get on their feet and go. Gus's job placement friends are fully engaged and will partner with P.A.W. and transport folks to jobs so they might realize that apartment down-payment they might need, or the steady work needed to get off the street. In this way, Gus feels strongly that the Holy Spirit will work through this effort and help P.A.W. be that part of the aforementioned solution. I agree Gus...

If you are so inclined or moved to help with a ministry so dedicated to some of our nations biggest community problems, please go to www.pawministries.com and find out about the Mobile Home Effort, or call them at 508-995-6902. P.A.W.'s website is a wealth of information as well, if you want to read more about their efforts and the people of P.A.W.

Galations 6:2 "Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" ...

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“People do tend to think of us as a Billy Graham-type organization,” said Kevin Palau, President, Luis Palau Association. “At the same time, our real heart is to try to help unify the Church – with a capital C – to really be of influence in their church and region, wherever we do festivals.

“We try to love and stir the community together and sometimes, when the timing is right, we mount a large-scale evangelism festival,” said Mr. Palau, the eldest of Luis Palau’s four sons, including Kevin’s identical twin brother.

“But in the case here, it’s a situation where, maybe, the churches aren’t quite ready for that. They have asked us to come and help them cast a vision and paint a picture of what it looks like in other cities when churches get together to share and spread the Gospel and do the work of Christ,” he said. Together: Advance the Gospel will see a departure from the hot contemporary music performances and festival fair foods savored in a world-class sports venue by huge crowds of young people and families of all races and beliefs – in favor of an equipping conference for believers across the region.

Christians from all different denominations and backgrounds are invited to join Luis Palau and hear from him.

Pastor Palau will speak Friday night at the VETS Memorial Auditorium. He is expected to challenge Christians to reach out to those who are in their sphere of influence. Worship and prayer will follow his remarks. There’s no cost to attend.

Anyone interested in going deeper, including those in church leadership, are invited to return Saturday to participate in six general sessions about issues that are key to advancing the gospel in today’s world. There also will be several break-out sessions Saturday.

The driving force behind the conference is Love RI, a group of pastors who came together a number of years ago at an annual pastors’ prayer summit. They talked about uniting in ministry for a greater impact on the region.

Included among the many groups working under the umbrella of Love RI, has been the Phillip Center, which exists to help churches and parachurch ministries with their outreach and has been in charge of the Saturday portion of the conference.

Organizers are encouraging people to expect big things to happen, and they hope the gathering will:

- Encourage additional church plants in the region;



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- Identify people committed to intentional strategy for outward-focused servant evangelism;
- Develop a strategy for reaching cities through cooperative, community impacting servant evangelism;
- Identify congregations to implement a strategy for using Biblical counseling as a means of leading broken people to Christ and churches that will strategically change their church’s financial priorities to include a significant investment in local evangelism, and
- Institute a prayer strategy that will mobilize intentional prayer for evangelism within local churches and cooperatively among churches in communities.

The Together conference opens at 7 p.m., Oct. 21, at the VETS, when Argentinian-born Palau will take

the microphone to encourage and challenge believers of all walks of life to share the Good News, as he has done since he was a young executive in the banking industry in Argentina and spent his weekends preaching the gospel on the streets of his hometown.

“Dad and I are both really excited to be in Rhode Island for the first time and do whatever we can do to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ there,” Kevin Palau said.

On Saturday, evangelistic leaders will offer pastors, ministry leaders and their teams and others interested in advancing the gospel the opportunity to learn from several evangelistic leaders in their fields of expertise through plenary and break-out sessions designed to equip and encourage

evangelistic efforts in churches and communities.

Topics include:

- The role of the city in the advance of the gospel;
- Caring for the hurting in the advancement of the gospel;
- Prayer strategies for local advancement of the gospel;
- Advance the gospel through church planting, and
- Funding the advance of the gospel.

“In our home city of Portland, Ore., we’ve been working together in a politically progressive and unchurched place – much like Rhode Island – and have tackled the foster-care system, public schools and refugee care,” Kevin Palau said. “It’s remarkable the good we’ve done when we’ve worked together both internally and externally.

“We love to see the church working together in places like Portland and Rhode Island,” he said. “They’re not in the Bible Belt, and it’s even more important to work together

in these tougher places.” There is a registration fee for Saturday’s program, which includes lunch. Seating will be limited, so attendees are encouraged to register early to ensure a seat.

SPEAKER LINE-UP

Here is a line-up of the speakers:

Luis Palau
Founder, Luis Palau Association

Luis Palau and his ministry have shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with tens of millions of people through evangelistic events and media over the past 50 years. He has spoken in 75 countries with more than 1 million registered decisions for Jesus Christ. He has authored about 50 books, contributed articles on issues of faith to several publications and counseled business leaders, political leaders and heads of state around the world.

Kevin Palau
President, Luis Palau Association

The son of international evangelist Luis Palau, he joined the Luis Palau Association in 1985 and began directing the day-to-day operation of the ministry in the late 1990s. Under his leadership, LPA has produced some of the largest Christian events ever staged, created a worldwide network of hundreds of partner evangelists, and developed new models for citywide outreach that integrate major community service initiatives with open-air evangelistic gatherings.

Bob Doll
Chief Equity Strategist, Nuveen Asset Management

Bob Doll is Chief Equity Strategist and Senior Portfolio Manager at Nuveen Asset Management. Bob manages the Large Cap Equity Series, consisting of nine strategies. Bob has 35 years of portfolio management experience, received a B.S. in Accounting and a B.A. in Economics from Lehigh University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. Bob appears regularly on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and Fox Business News discussing the economy and markets. He serves on a number of boards.

Alasdair Groves
CCEF New England

Alasdair Groves directs CCEF New England and is a faculty member at CCEF where he has served for more than five years. He received his Master of Divinity in counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. In addition to counseling for CCEF New England, Alasdair has served on the staff of several churches and has a background in campus ministry. He has written articles for the Journal of Biblical Counseling, and regularly teaches a variety of seminars around the New England region.

Shaun Pillay
North American Mission Board

Shaun Pillay is a native of Durban, South Africa, called to serve as a missionary in New England. He planted Cornerstone City Church in downtown Norwich eight years ago. His passion is church planting, coaching, and leadership development. Shaun currently serves as church plant catalyst with North American Mission Board for CT and RI. He and his beautiful bride Deshni currently live in Norwich, CT.

Dennis Fuqua
International Renewal Ministries

Originally from Gig Harbor, Washington, Dennis Fuqua received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Divinity degrees from Multnomah. He served as a pastor of Peninsula Christian Fellowship in Gig Harbor for twenty-four years. Dennis began working as the director of International Renewal Ministries (IRM) in February 2000. His leadership activities include facilitating summits, equipping others, and developing and maintaining relationship connections with the network of people in IRM.

Bauer Evans
Crossway Church

Bauer Evans is the lead pastor of Crossway Church, in Franklin, MA. He is a native of Philadelphia region but relocated to this area to help plant Crossway Church (www.crosswayma.org) in 2001. Crossway relocated to its permanent home in Franklin, MA in 2011. He is married to his best friend, Linda Evans, celebrating 25 years marriage together, and has four grown children, all Patriots fans! Bauer still roots for the Eagles though!

William Button
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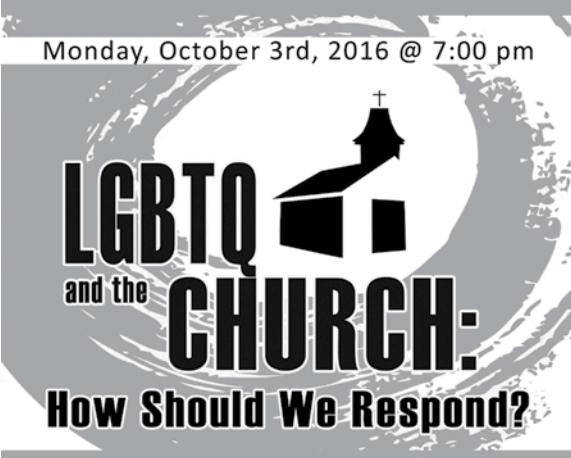
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Jesus's Wife Claims Revealed as 'Whopping Fraud'

The Harvard Professor who confidently proclaimed to the world she possessed evidence that suggested Jesus may have had a wife has now been outed as a second-rate academic who allowed herself to be duped by a con man.

By Thomas D. Williams, Ph.D.

Dr. Karen L. King, professor at Harvard Divinity School, earned her 15 minutes of fame by staking her reputation as a historian of early Christianity on the authenticity of an ancient papyrus stating: "Jesus said to them, My wife... she is able to be my disciple."

At a splashy roll-out a stone's throw from the Vatican in 2012, King presented a paper to more than 300 scholars from 27 countries, where she announced the discovery of an ancient scrap of papyrus in which Jesus refers to his "wife," whom King said is probably Mary Magdalene.



Dr. Karen L. King, professor of Divinity at Harvard University

"All of the evidence points to it being ancient," King later said. "As historians, the question then becomes, what does it mean?"

The *Harvard Theological Review* published an entire journal edition on the "Gospel of Jesus's Wife," and the Smithsonian Channel

produced a major documentary on the topic. *National Geographic* confidently announced, "No Forgery Evidence Seen in 'Gospel of Jesus's Wife' Papyrus" in its issue from April 11, 2014.

The problem was, the document is a fake. Dr. King had actually received the papyrus from a pornographer named Walter Fritz, who invented a story of how he had come into possession of the fragment. Described by people who knew him as "an eel," Fritz told King that he had obtained the text from a colleague who had acquired it in Potsdam in 1963.

King was so excited with the possibilities of the find, however, that she never bothered to check up on Fritz's credentials or the numerous inconsistencies in his story.

The journalist who uncovered the "whopping fraud" was Ariel Sabar, who pursued the origins of the fragment, leading him to the home of Walter Fritz on Florida's southern Gulf Coast. Despite Dr. King's unwillingness to reveal the name of the person who had furnished her with the papyrus, after painstaking sleuthing, Sabar found him anyway.

In 2003, Fritz had created a series of pornographic sites showcasing his wife having sex with other men, whom he also claimed had gifts of clairvoyance, prophecy and spiritual channeling. At times, Fritz's wife would reportedly babble during sex in a language that Fritz assumed was Aramaic, the language of Jesus.

Fritz also had a background in the Coptic language and had previously worked as a tour guide in Berlin's Egyptian Museum. Moreover, Sabar discovered, just prior to Dr. King's public announcement of the papyrus, Fritz had purchased the domain name gospelofjesus-wife.com.

When Sabar alerted Dr. King of his discovery prior to publishing his first piece, she said she wasn't interested and would read the piece when it was published. "I haven't engaged the provenance questions at all," she told him.

Sabar later accused King of shoddy scholarship, suggesting that what she called a "lack of information" was really just a



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"lack of investigation."

In his later piece, Sabar noted that King was particularly interested in Gnostic texts that assign Mary Magdalene a prominent role as Jesus's confidante and disciple, since that some early Christians also saw Mary Magdalene as Jesus's wife "would be a rebuke to Church patriarchs." Her ideological agenda, in other words, disposed her to believe Fritz's account of the papyrus.

Harvard classicist Christopher Jones had already observed that a forger may have identified King as a "mark" because of her feminist scholarship. The tale does not end here, however.

When Sabar confronted Fritz with his trail of lies and deceit, Fritz admitted the fraud, but then tried to hustle Sabar as well, proposing co-authorship of a new book on the Mary Magdalene angle of Jesus' life and the "suppression of the female element" in the Church.

Sabar would do the writing and Fritz would do the leg work on the details of the story. Fritz assured him the book would make a "million dollars in the first month or so."

"The facts alone, they don't really matter. What matters is entertainment," he told Sabar. "You have to make a lot of stuff up," he said. "You cannot just present facts."

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In 1977, Bill began his ministry in New England. Over the years, Bill has held Associate and Youth Pastor positions with churches in Hampton & Rochester, NH, and Wayland, MA. He was also a Senior Pastor in Orange, MA, and North Falmouth, MA. Bill's ministry in these churches has given him a unique scope and experience that has been instrumental in his position with the Southern New England Ministry Network as the Executive Director of Church Development. He has worked strategically and

purposefully in helping church planters.

Dr. Stephen Um
Author & Senior Minister

Having received most of his higher



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education from institutions near the Boston area, Dr. Um is a

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National News

Dobson: electing Trump to the White House 'would unleash Christian activists'

"... Christians have been deprived of their rights ..."

By Jack Davis

Christian activist Dr. James Dobson believes that a Donald Trump presidency "would unleash Christian activists to fight for their beliefs."

Writing on the website WND, Dobson recounted a June meeting in which he met with Trump and other Christian leaders at Trump Tower in New York City.

At the meeting, he told Trump, "Our Supreme Court has struck down Bible reading in schools and even prohibited prayer to an unidentified God. Then, they banned the posting of the Ten Commandments on bulletin boards. From there, the limitation on religious liberties has become even more egregious," he wrote.

"Most recently, President Obama and Hillary Clinton have been referring to 'freedom of worship,' rather than 'freedom of religion.' Do you understand their motive? They are suggesting that Americans are free to worship in their churches and synagogues, but not in the public square," he told Trump.

He said that Trump responded by calling it an "outrage that Christians have been deprived of their rights to speak openly on behalf of the values and principles in which they believe."

Dobson noted that Trump criticized the Johnson Amendment, a 1954 piece of tax code that bans political participation by churches, as well as other tax-exempt not-for-profit groups. The amend-

ment was supported by then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson, D-Texas.

Dobson said Trump's promise to overturn the amendment "would have a great impact on Washington because it would unleash Christian activists to fight for their beliefs." Trump has kept faith with the ministers with whom he met. The Republican platform includes a plank to abolish the amendment.

"We're going to get rid of that horrible Johnson amendment and we're going to let evangelicals, we're going to let Christians and Jews and people of religion talk without being afraid to talk," Trump said last month.

Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University, has said that eliminating the amendment "is almost as important for Christians as the appointment of Supreme Court justices."

Trump himself has said that ending the ban can be a catalytic moment for religion in America.

"I think maybe that will be my greatest contribution to Christianity — and other religions — is to allow you, when you talk religious liberty, to go and speak openly, and if you like somebody or want somebody to represent you, you should have the right to do it," Trump told Dobson and the other clergy at their June meeting, saying religious leaders in America were "petrified" of running afoul of the ban.

"You talk about religious liberty and religious freedom, you don't have any religious freedom if you think about it," he said then.

that state's mandatory immunization law plays out in court. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw declined a request to pause enforcement of Senate Bill 277, which took effect July 1. The law eliminates religious and personal-belief exemptions for vaccination requirements, compelling all kindergartners and seventh graders attending public or private schools to prove they are fully inoculated against 10 major diseases. The only exception is children who have a medical exemption signed by a physician. The decision comes as California parents are sending their kids back to school, forcing parents of unvaccinated children going into a "checkpoint" grade to weigh their options: homeschool, leave the state, or vaccinate.

Lingering pipeline protesters plan long stay

(WNS)--Brightly colored tents, campers, and tepees span nearly a quarter-mile along the banks of the Cannonball River an hour south of Bismarck, N.D. Flags from tribes across the country flap in the wind along the dirt road through the camp. Horses graze on prairie grasses, children run, and

IRS to target 20 million Americans who didn't buy Obamacare

(WND) Are you one of 20 million uninsured Americans who hasn't signed up for Obamacare? Then you might be getting a note from the IRS this year "suggesting" you enroll.

"Getting a letter from the IRS can be a threatening and nerve-racking experience; it seldom is seen as a suggestion and more of a threat," Galen Institute President Grace-Marie Turner wrote in a Forbes column recently.

The IRS is reportedly "reaching out" to Americans who claimed an exemption or chose to pay the tax penalty for not purchasing mandatory health insurance. The ploy is intended to "attract" Obamacare enrollees. "The government is particularly interested in compliance from healthy young people," Turner wrote.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Majority Whip Steve Scalise and Ways & Means Chairman Kevin Brady wrote a letter Wednesday to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. It stated, "We strongly object to any action by the Administration to improperly use sensitive taxpayer information to identify and harass individuals who have rejected the Patient Protection

and Affordable Care Act (ACA) by choosing to pay a tax rather than be forced into a health care plan they don't need and don't want."

The lawmakers cautioned the IRS about its use of "protected taxpayer information," and they asked Koskinen for more information concerning how the IRS intends to "reach out directly to individuals" and how the Department of Health and Human Services plans to push for "compliance with the individual mandate."

The congressmen cited an HHS fact sheet, which states: "[F]or the first time this fall, we will conduct outreach to individuals and families who paid the fee for being uninsured, or claimed an exemption from that fee, for 2015."

"The ACA has caused great disruption in the individual health insurance market," they said in the letter. "We do not believe it to be an appropriate tax administration activity, or a good use of scarce taxpayer resources, to use protected return data to direct taxpayers on their personal coverage decisions."

Turner expressed concern about IRS involvement in the plan, particularly after the agency targeted

at least 400 conservative groups for extra scrutiny. "Anyone who has received any letter from the IRS knows what a knee-knocking experience it is," Turner wrote.

Approximately 45 percent of uninsured Americans who claimed the exemption or paid the penalty were younger than 35. "Health insurers have made it very clear to the White House that they need more healthy young people to enroll in the exchanges to stabilize the pools, which are too old and sick. People who paid the penalty are a ripe target," Turner said.

According to tax policy expert Chris Condeluci, 8 million Americans paid the tax penalty in 2014, and 12 million claimed an exemption — meaning 20.3 million people may be contacted this year. "Will getting a dreaded letter from the IRS work with millennials?" Turner asked. "Or will it further anger them about the reach of 'big brother' into their lives and decisions?"

"One final thing: Chief Justice [John] Roberts, are you listening? Perhaps you can now see why so many of us were worried about the individual mandate and the power that it would give government to exert its will over what should be our personal choices and decisions."

Arch from temple of Ba'al to stand in New York

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz

And I have seen unseemliness in the Nevim of Shomron: they prophesied by Baal, and caused My people Yisrael to err."
Jeremiah 23:13

Despite initially cancelling plans to erect a reproduction of the Victory Arch that stood for 1,800 years in front of the Temple of Ba'al in Palmyra, the Institute for Digital Archaeology (IDA) has announced they will recreate the arch destroyed by the Islamic State (ISIS) in New York City's City Hall Park on September 19th.

The original arch, built in the third century was a major archaeological site and one of Syria's biggest tourist attractions until it was destroyed by ISIS in October 2015. The arch was built by Roman Emperor Septimius Severus in front of a preexisting temple that was used to worship the pagan god, Bel, mentioned often in the Bible as Ba'al.

For he built again the high places which Chizkiyahu his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, II Kings 21:3

In March, the Institute announced they would be erecting full-size reproductions of the arch in London's Trafalgar Square and New

York City's Time Square for the UNESCO Heritage Week. The 15-meter tall full-size reproduction is made using proprietary 3-D printing techniques. The IDA is recreating the partially destroyed arch as a showcase for new technology and, ironically,



Reproduction of Arch of Palmyra on display in Trafalgar Square, London

as a symbol of protest against religious extremism.

The reproduction did go up in London as planned on April 19 during UNESCO Heritage Week, which coincided disturbingly with Beltane, a major pagan festival for worshipping Ba'al. The New York presentation was reportedly cancelled, but has now reappeared.

The IDA announced the upcoming exhibit on its website.

"There are few cities in the world as much defined by their architecture as New York. The Empire State Building, the Statue of Lib-

erty, the Brooklyn Bridge — all symbols of the audacity, strength, technical prowess, diversity and optimism of what Ezra Pound called 'the most beautiful city in the world.' It is also a city that has known terrible loss — first and foremost the loss of life, but also the loss of familiar landmarks that helped inform the city's identity. The Triumphal Arch, a symbol of resilience in the face of loss, will be a fitting tribute to America's great metropolis. The arch will stand in City Hall Park, surrounded by buildings adorned with classical features suggesting the common cultural roots of East and West. We hope that you will visit us this

fall to consider the relationship between people and the places they inhabit."

The announcement failed to specify the main aspect the destruction of the Palmyra Arch and New York City's architectural losses have in common: Islamic extremism.

In an article on the upcoming event, *Hebrew Nation Radio* made a disturbing connection. The original arch was built commemorating the Roman victory over Parthia. Many of the Parthians were from the remnants of the Ten Tribes of Israel.

"So the original purpose of this arch was to celebrate victory over the demise of the Northern kingdom, the 10 tribes of the house of Israel, aka Joseph/Ephraim," wrote *Hebrew Nation*. "Is that really something that we want to put up in New York?"

Churches in the 'civil rights' crosshairs

(WNS)--Massachusetts has become the latest state to approve protected class status for transgender persons, and churches should not expect any exemption from the law that goes into effect Oct. 1. According to the Gender Identity Guidance report by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, churches be can considered places of public accommodation and subjected to fines and penalties for not accommodating transgender persons in accordance with their gender identity. The push to revoke religious liberty protections for churches and faith-based organizations that object to the new definitions of sexuality and gender extends to the federal government, which recently issued its own report about ways to enforce the new cultural order.

California judge rules schoolchildren must have vaccines

(WNS)--A federal judge in San Diego denied a request on Aug. 26 that would have allowed unvaccinated children to attend California schools while a legal battle over

Leviticus scroll discovery shows Scripture's inerrancy

Text from charred artifact mirrors Old Testament verses from the Bible's third book

By Samantha Gobba

(WNS)--When archeologists in the 1970s found a charred scroll in the Holy Ark in the Synagogue of Ein Gedi, an ancient Hebrew town burned in AD 600, they never imagined they might be able to read it.

But recent advancements in non-invasive imaging and even newer processing software allowed an international team of experts to "unwrap" five damaged, but legible layers of the animal skin to reveal Leviticus 1:1-9 and Leviticus 2:1-11.

The Ein-Gedi scroll is now the oldest known Pentateuchal scroll, apart from the Dead Sea Scrolls. When the first letters came through on his computer screen, University of Kentucky professor Brent Seales was thrilled. "We were laughing. We were just so happy," he told me. "It was like, okay, we've waited for this moment. We can do it."

But that first moment was soon overawed, when partner researchers in Israel read the text and emailed him back.

"Knowing that it was a biblical scroll, a Torah scroll, previously undiscovered and unread, made it so much sweeter a discovery than just the technical part of, we can read writing," said Seales, a computer scientist. "We're discovering a piece of biblical history that

hasn't been seen before, for almost 2,000 years. So that moment was a lot more humbling, I have to say."

Getting to that moment took years of painstaking process. Seales had worked for years with his "virtual unwrapping" software on charred scrolls found at Herculaneum, a city buried by the Mt. Vesuvius eruption in AD 79. After learning about that project, Pnina Shor, head of the Dead Sea Scrolls Project at the Israel Antiquities Authority, had the Ein-Gedi scroll scanned with a three-dimensional micro-computed tomography and sent the data to Seales.

When he received the images, Seales said he and his colleagues "adopted it at first as sort of a side project." It wasn't easy. "The layers with the writing on [scrolls]

are rolled up. They're stacked, they're crushed, they're fused. It's totally unpredictable," Seales said in a news conference Monday.

And the segments didn't align automatically. Seales had to work systematically on each one. By the summer of 2015, he had "unwrapped" just the first layer. Now with five layers successfully laid out, Seales thinks the work is complete. He has another year of funding, and in that time hopes to crack the Herculaneum scrolls and get his software ready for release as open source code.

Once the Ein-Gedi scroll was available for biblical scholars to study, it proved highly significant: The text scholars can read is identical to the Hebrew Masoretic Text

used today.

Radiocarbon results indicate scribes copied the scroll in the third or fourth century, but a report from paleographer Ada Yardeni, an authority on Hebrew text, states it likely dates back to the second half of the first century. Either way, the scroll proves those 18 lines of God's law have not changed, one jot or tittle, in at least 1,700 years.

Regent University's Corné Bekker said this latest discovery is yet another score for biblical inerrancy. "Every new discovery in biblical archeology has served to underscore the trustworthiness of the Bible," Bekker told me. "Science and faith are not enemies, but friends."

Christians save church from demolition in China

By Chiqui Guyjoco

Christians in China succeeded in saving a church, one which possesses legal papers, from getting demolished.

According to China Aid, members of Mengen Church launched a petition to prevent the demolition of their church that resulted from a land battle between the Christians and authorities who wanted to build a Buddhist temple on their

church land.

The petition garnered 147 signatures and succeeded in halting the demolition attempt. The church members also managed to convince on July 28 an electrician hired by a local official named Pan Dingqun from cutting off their church building's power and electricity supply.

"[On July 28] several Christians went into town to report this matter, because our church has all

the legal documents," Wei, head of Mengen Church, told China Aid. "The town's government personnel replied that they would conduct an investigation into this matter, but I am afraid they have collaborated [with the people who instigated the case]. The result will not likely be good."

Another Christian, who spoke on conditions of anonymity, also accused authorities of using local gangs in the ongoing persecution and harassment against Christians.

"The government is currently pre-occupied with the 'big tigers' and the 'little tigers' [continue to] unreasonably bully people, using means such as burying people alive and thinking they can occupy other people's land," said the Christian.

Such an incident happened back in April when church pastor, Li Jianguo, and his wife, Ding Cuimei, opposed a local developer who wanted to demolish Beitou Church in Zhumadian, Henan province in order to possess the land.

The couple stood their ground against the demolition team, which then resorted to burying the couple alive. Li managed to dig his way out while his wife died from suffocation.

While reports of church demolitions appear to have waned in the recent month, the Communist state ramped up its persecution of Christians and their churches detaining church leaders and members, sealing off churches, and even forcing them to join a state-run Protestant church.

Syria declares end of ceasefire, US seeks clarification from Russia

<http://on.rt.com/7pp0>

(RT News) - The initial seven days of the nationwide ceasefire in Syria have run their course, the Syrian Army has declared. However, it failed to add whether the truce will be reinstated in the near future. In response the US has called on Russia to clarify the statement made by the Syrians.

The Syrian Army's statement blames "terrorist groups" for jeopardizing the cessation of hostilities, Reuters reports.

"It was assumed that the ceasefire will present a real chance to end the bloodshed, but terrorist groups did not adhere to any of the points of the agreement on a ceasefire, the number of violations on their part has exceeded 300," reads the statement published by SANA news.

According to the statement, the Syrian Army has "shown the highest level of endurance in confronting the abuses by terrorist groups."

The Russia-US brokered cessation of hostilities came into force on September 12 at 16:00 GMT. The deal was signed by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and his US counterpart, Secretary of State John Kerry, after marathon talks in Geneva earlier this month.

The Syrian Army claims that "armed terrorist groups took advantage of the declared ceasefire" in order to regroup and mobilize additional forces. It adds that the militants aimed to continue attacks on "residential areas" and military sites in several regions, including the war-ravaged city of

Aleppo.

The US responded by saying it is expecting Russia to clarify the statement made by the Syrian Army. "Our arrangement is with Russia, which is responsible for the Syrian

regime's compliance, so we expect Russia to clarify their position," US State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement, according to Reuters.

Despite the statement by the Syrian Army, US Secretary of State John Kerry said he still hopes the ceasefire can hold, AP reports. He noted that the truce did allow some aid to reach Syria, but stressed that the cessation of hostilities did not produce the desired decrease in violence.

"We have not had seven days of calm and of delivery of humanitarian goods," Kerry said on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Monday. He added that both Russian and US officials are negotiating in Geneva to bring additional aid to civilians in Syria, including for the besieged areas in Aleppo.

The International Syria Support Group is to meet on Tuesday in New York, US State Department spokesman Mark Toner said, Reuters reported.



The entrance of the Waer district is pictured in the central Syrian city of Homs, Syria September 19, 2016. © Omar Sanadiki / Reuters

"The International Syria Support Group meeting will be a very important signals check for members of this group to assess the agreement... where we are and what next steps need to be taken and where we need to see more improvement," Toner said.

On Sunday, the Russian Defense Ministry said that the ceasefire had been observed only by the Syrian government troops, while the US-backed rebels had tried to use the truce to strengthen their forces.

"During the sixth day of the ceasefire... only the Syrian government troops have been actually observing the moratorium on combat operations," Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Major-General Igor Konashenkov said.

The cessation of hostilities also suffered a big setback on Saturday

Is China exaggerating the Uighur terror threat?

(WNS)--As Islamic State (ISIS) propaganda stretches slick tentacles into the West, luring Americans and Europeans to fight jihad in Syria, the terror group also is increasingly seducing recruits along the Eastern Silk Road. More than 100 Uighur Muslims from China are currently fighting jihad in Syria, according to recently leaked ISIS documents, and Chinese state media has

Obama snubbed by Chinese, forced to exit from behind of Air Force One

By China Aid

China's leaders snubbed Barack Obama during his last trip to Asia recently. The authorities refused to provide a staircase to Air Force one and forced him to exit from the "ass" of the plane.

The Guardian reported: China's leaders have been accused of delivering a calculated diplomatic snub to Barack Obama after the US president was not provided with a staircase to leave his plane during his chaotic arrival in Hangzhou before the start of the G20.

Chinese authorities have rolled out the red carpet for leaders including India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, the Russian president,

after US-led coalition airstrikes hit Syrian government forces. Some 62 soldiers were killed and over 100 wounded as a result of the attack. While Washington called the incident a mistake, Syrian leader Bashar Assad spoke of "flagrant aggression."

Vladimir Putin, the South Korean president, Park Geun-hye, Brazil's president, Michel Temer, and the British prime minister, Theresa May, who touched down on Sunday morning.

But the leader of the world's largest economy, who is on his final tour of Asia, was forced to disembark from Air Force One through a little-used exit in the plane's belly after no rolling staircase was provided when he landed in the eastern Chinese city on Saturday afternoon.

When Obama did find his way on to a red carpet on the tarmac below there were heated altercations between US and Chinese officials, with one Chinese official caught on video shouting: "This is our country! This is our airport!"

"The reception that President Obama and his staff got when they arrived here Saturday afternoon was bruising, even by Chinese standards," the New York Times reported.

reported Uighur recruits at three times that number. The Uighurs, a Turkic-speaking ethnic minority group nestled in the northwestern mountains of Xinjiang, have long accused China of religiously motivated persecution. But in recent months, as militants have staged terror attacks outside China, the Uighur issue has taken on a transnational dimension, raising security concerns for the People's Republic. Earlier in September, a Uighur Muslim crashed an explosive-laden van into a Chinese diplomatic compound in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, killing himself and

wounding five civilians. Kyrgyz officials identified the suicide bomber as Zoir Khalimov, and claimed his attack was supported by the Nusra Front, the al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria.

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Health

Merck says their shingles vaccine may spread shingles

By Dena Schmidt

(NaturalHealth365) The world of vaccines just keeps getting more bizarre, and the reality of vaccine side effects more grim. Now, a



major shingles vaccine manufacturer is admitting that their vaccine may actually cause the spread of shingles, in addition to being linked with numerous other disturbing vaccine dangers. Shingles is an extremely painful blistering skin rash caused by the herpes zoster virus. It can also be linked with chickenpox, or the varicella virus, if one had it as a child.

Shingles vaccine comes with many unwanted side effects and health warnings

Merck, maker of the Zostavax shingles vaccine, lists the spread of shingles as one of the vaccine side effects of the drug. Its warning literature also lists a number of other groups who should not receive this vaccine due to vaccine dangers.

These are the exact words – within the Merck shingles vaccine insert: “ZOSTAVAX is a live, attenuated varicella-zoster vaccine and administration may result in disseminated disease in individuals who are immunosuppressed or immunodeficient.”

Just to be clear: Anyone with a history of anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reaction to gelatin or neomycin should not receive it. Individuals suffering from acute illness ranging from fever to tuberculosis should avoid it. Pregnant women are not candidates for the vaccine, and all women are instructed to avoid becoming pregnant for at least three months after receiving the Zostavax shingles vaccine.

Immune compromised people are at high risk

Those who are suffering from immunosuppression or immunodeficiency are not candidates for the shingles vaccine. Plus, we’re told that Zostavax should not be administered to anyone with a history of acquired or primary immunodeficiency states. Patients with lymphoma, leukemia or other malignant neoplasms can be at high risk for complications. In addition, those with AIDS or conditions of the lymphatic system, bone marrow, infection, human immunodeficiency viruses, and those on immunosuppressive therapy should avoid the shingles vaccine.

Studies confirm risk of receiving shingles from the shingles vaccine

Research has determined a number of adverse reactions and negative

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health conditions occurring in persons who received the Zostavax vaccine. While injection-site reactions and headaches were the most common, the ZEST study showed some persons experiencing ongoing rashes, including the Herpes zoster virus – the virus associated with shingles!

The presence of varicella-like rashes was also detected in some vaccine recipients – this is the virus associated with chickenpox. Apparently, the Merck shingles vaccine, created to help people avoid getting shingles, just might give you shingles – and you’re at risk for chickenpox as well.

Vitamin C: A natural remedy for shingles

The good news is that shingles can be effectively treated with vitamin C. Vitamin C is a unique antiviral agent that can totally eradicate the shingles virus and other viruses from the body when taken in high doses. Vitamin C accomplishes this by augmenting and support-

Avoid inflammation: Top 5 anti-inflammatory foods everyone should eat

By Rebecca Jacobs

(NaturalHealth365) With inflammation being the leading cause of death today, it’s essential to include anti-inflammatory foods into your diet in order to decrease the likelihood of disease, and increase longevity. In a recent article published in the psychoneuroimmunology journal, Dr. George Slavich discloses that inflammation is involved in 8 out of 10 leading causes of death seen in the United States today!

Without a lifestyle change, inflammation will continue to wreak havoc for millions of people. However, the good news is that there are things we can do to avoid becoming a disease statistic.

Why inflammation may be the new silent killer

With processed foods, environmental toxins, and stress levels running high it’s no wonder our bodies are under an incredible amount of stress, and inflammation is spiraling out of control. If you’re not in tune with your symptoms, you may not piece the puzzle together.

It’s very easy to confuse inflammatory symptoms with something else, which is why inflammation can be considered a ‘silent killer.’ Did you know that even a common cold is tied back to inflammation?

According to the Arizona Center for Medicine, every chronic disease is an inflammatory disease. What does this mean for you? This means that getting ahold of your overall state of inflammation

Government vaccine court records show injuries and deaths from flu shot as 2016 flu season begins

By Brian Shilhavy

(Health Impact News) As government medical officials make plans to take away vaccine exemptions for children and seek to make vaccines mandatory in the United States, vital information about the safety of vaccines is either ignored or censored.

The American public is largely unaware that there is a vaccine court known as the *National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program* (NVICP). This program was started as a result of a law passed in 1986 that gave pharmaceutical companies total legal immunity from being sued due to injuries and deaths resulting from vaccines.

If you or a family member is injured or dies from vaccines, you must now sue the federal government in this special vaccine court. Many cases are litigated

ing the immune system. While large doses are key, its antioxidant properties are extremely effective in deactivating any virus. Vitamin C studies conducted by Frederick Klenner, MD found that shingles

for years before a settlement is reached.

Once every 3 months the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines meets, and the Department of Justice issues a report of cases settled for vaccine injuries and deaths. As far as I know, Health Impact News is the



only media source that publishes these reports each quarter.

The most recent report was just issued on September 20, 2016 which covered the period from 5/16/16 to 8/15/16. 233 cases were adjudicated. 113 of them were listed in the report (see

patients who received a 3,000 mg injection of vitamin C reported relief from their painful symptoms within just two hours.

Vitamin C can also be taken orally

below), specifying the vaccine, the injury or death, and the amount of time the case was pending before settlement.

89 of the 113 cases settled were for injuries and deaths due to the flu vaccine, making the flu vaccine the most dangerous vaccine in the U.S., harming and killing more people than all the other vaccines combined.

How many people in the United States, including doctors and nurses who give flu shots, are made aware of these statistics prior to receiving a flu shot, or allowing one to be given to their children and loved ones?

View the full report here: <http://vaccineimpact.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2016/09/September-2016-DOJ-Report-Vaccine-Injuries-and-Deaths.pdf>

for shingles relief, but aggressive dosing is required. Of course, if you’re suffering with any serious health problem – seek the help of a trusted, integrative healthcare provider for best results.

will greatly improve your health, reverse and prevent disease, and even slow the aging process. The number one step is taking a good hard look at the foods you’re eating in order to take the step necessary to avoid inflammatory-related disease.



Don’t ever forget: the foods consumed within the standard American diet are our body’s worst enemies. These foods are processed, toxic, and a major cause of inflammation. With inflammatory foods on the rise it’s no surprise that conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, asthma, autoimmune conditions, and heart disease continue to rise as well. If we don’t change our food habits, these conditions will continue to grow.

How do we change all of this? Let’s take a closer look.

These foods will help you reduce inflammation and avoid health problems

#1: Beets: Are you surprised that beets make it onto the top of the list? Just look at their vibrant color bursting with antioxidants ready to cool inflammation in your body! In case you were wondering, the antioxidant betalain is what’s responsible for the beets vibrant color. Not only are beets a beautiful addition to any plate, they

work wonders at helping to repair cell damage caused by systemic inflammation.

#2: Blueberries: Blueberries are super delicious, and extremely high in antioxidants to help fight off free radicals in the body.

Blueberries have been known to help slow down cognitive decline, and improve memory function by protecting the body from inflammation and combatting oxidative damage, and stress. One more reason to load up on blueberries!

#3: Walnuts: There’s a reason why walnuts resemble the human brain. Walnuts are actually excellent for brain health, and rich in omega 3 fatty-acids. For those who don’t get enough omega 3’s from fatty fish, walnuts are an excellent option. Walnuts are also very high in their own unique antioxidant compounds, and their ‘special’ antioxidants – only found in a few commonly eaten foods – place walnuts at the top of the list of anti-inflammatory foods.

#4: Leafy Greens: Here’s just one more reason to fill your plate up with dark leafy green vegetables. Leafy greens are packed full of powerful minerals to nourish your body while also being high in antioxidants and flavonoids to help fight free radicals in the body, and reduce overall inflammation. If you struggle to get leafy greens into your diet try adding a handful of fresh spinach to a smoothie, or making a delicious green juice with cucumber, celery, kale, and lemon.

#5: Pineapple: Yes, even this

tropical sweet treat contains powerful anti-inflammatory powers! Pineapple is high in bromelain which not only packs in a nice dose of anti-inflammatory benefits but it helps assist with digestion as well. Pineapple is also high in vitamin C, which can help the body fight against germs, and illness. Try adding some pineapple to a morning green smoothie, or chop it up for a mid-day snack.

The bottom line is that the majority of Americans suffer with an inflammatory condition that is completely preventable and reversible. By removing pro-inflammatory foods such as unhealthy (trans) fats, refined sugars and processed meats; while at the same time adding in anti-inflammatory foods high in antioxidants – the body can begin to heal.

To get a jump start toward healthier eating – try this delicious anti-inflammatory smoothie.

Cocoa Berry Smoothie (serves 1)
Ingredients: 1 cup of unsweetened almond milk, ½ frozen banana, 1 Tbsp. cocoa powder, 1 Tbsp. chopped walnuts, 1 cup of frozen blueberries & 1 handful of fresh spinach. Place all ingredients into a high speed blender, and blend until smooth. Enjoy!

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Are you a mind-controlled CIA stooge?

By Paul Craig Roberts

Do you smirk when you hear someone question the official stories of Orlando, San Bernardino, Paris or Nice? Do you feel superior to 2,500 architects and engineers, to firefighters, commercial and military pilots, physicists and chemists, and former high government officials who have raised doubts about 9/11? If so, you reflect the profile of a mind-controlled CIA stooge.

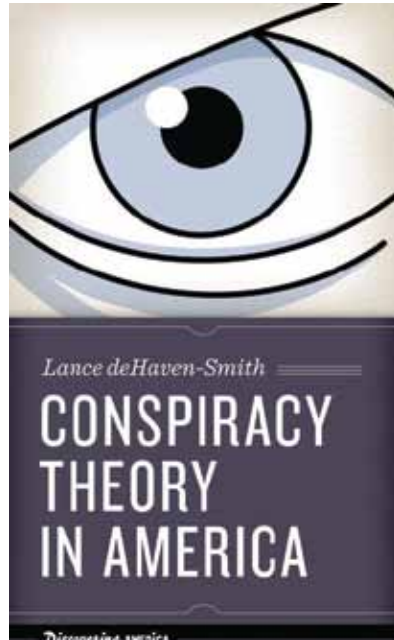
The term “conspiracy theory” was invented and put into public discourse by the CIA in 1964 in order to discredit the many skeptics who challenged the Warren Commission’s conclusion that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by a lone gunman named Lee Harvey Oswald, who himself was assassinated while in police custody before he could be questioned. The CIA used its friends in the media to launch a campaign to make suspicion of the Warren Commission report a target of ridicule and hostility. This campaign was “one of the most successful propaganda initiatives of all time.”

So writes political science professor Lance deHaven-Smith, who in his peer-reviewed book, *Conspiracy Theory in America*, published by the University of Texas Press, tells the story of how the CIA succeeded in creating in the public mind reflexive, automatic, stigmatization of those who challenge government explanations. This is an extremely important and readable book, one of those rare books with the power to break you out of The Matrix.

Professor deHaven-Smith is able to write this book because the original CIA Dispatch #1035-960, which sets out the CIA plot, was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. Apparently, the bureaucracy did not regard a document this old as being of any importance. The document is marked “Destroy when no longer needed,” but somehow wasn’t. CIA Dispatch #1035-960 is reproduced in the book.

The success that the CIA has had in stigmatizing skepticism of government explanations has made it difficult to investigate State Crimes Against Democracy

(SCAD) such as 9/11. With the public mind programmed to ridicule “conspiracy kooks,” even in



the case of suspicious events such as 9/11 the government can destroy evidence, ignore prescribed procedures, delay an investigation, and then form a political committee to put its imprimatur on the official story. Professor deHaven-Smith notes that in such events as Kennedy’s assassination and 9/11 official police and prosecutorial

investigations are never employed. The event is handed off to a political commission.

Professor deHaven-Smith’s book supports what I have told my readers: the government controls the story from the beginning by having the official explanation ready the moment a SCAD occurs. This makes any other explanation a “conspiracy theory.” This is the way Professor deHaven-Smith puts it:

“A SCAD approach to memes assumes further that the CIA and other possibly participating agencies are formulating memes well in advance of operations, and therefore SCAD memes appear and are popularized very quickly before any competing concepts are on the scene.”

The CIA’s success in controlling public perception of what our Founding Fathers would have regarded as suspicious events involving the government enables those in power positions within government to orchestrate events that serve hidden agendas. The events of September 11 created the new paradigm of endless war in behalf of a Washington-

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dominated world. The CIA’s success in controlling public perceptions has made it impossible to investigate elite political crimes. Consequently, it is now possible for treason to be official US government policy.

Professor deHaven-Smith’s book will tell you the story of the assassination of President Kennedy by elements of the US military, CIA, and Secret Service. Just as the Warren Commission covered up the State Crime Against Democracy, Professor deHaven-Smith shows why we should doubt the official 9/11 story...and anything else that the government tells us.

Read this book. It is short. It is affordable. It is reality preparation. It will inoculate you against being a dumb, insouciant, brainwashed American. I am surprised that the CIA has not purchased the entire print run and burned the books. Perhaps the CIA feels secure from its success in brainwashing the public and does not believe that American democracy and accountable government can be restored.

88-Year-old prayer warrior’s sequel to bestseller should be read by every ‘thoughtful Christian’

By Janis Backing

CHICAGO, IL. - “If God is for us, who can be against us?” The answer to that question, posed centuries ago by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8, would seem obvious: No one!

Why, then, aren’t more of us seeing victory in our lives?

«Victory over the flesh, the world and the devil is all provided for us. Appropriating that victory and walking in it is our responsibility,» explains Dr. Mark I. Bubeck, author of *Warfare Praying: Biblical Strategies for Overcoming the*

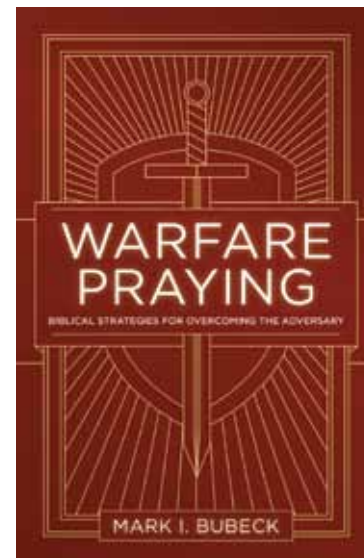
Adversary (Moody Publishers).

During his decades of faithful ministry, this 88-year-old prayer warrior has “fought the good fight” through the practice of doctrinal prayer. In this follow-up to his bestselling book *The Adversary* (250,000 copies sold), Dr. Bubeck shares this practice, along with dynamic biblical teaching on the armor of God and our position in Christ.

The author says, “God has taught me to use doctrinal prayer, which is biblical truth applied in prayer,

over my family and for our troubled world for many years. I am more convinced than ever that God’s truth always wins! We are always on the side of victory when we are able to focus the truth on every situation of life.”

Moreover, God means the fullness of the Spirit to be a part of the normal, daily living of every believer, Dr. Bubeck adds: “The Word of God keeps the formula simple. We are not talking about a condition available only to ‘super saints.’”



A practical “handbook” on spiritual warfare, *Warfare Praying* helps readers look beyond their

present battles and highlights the protection and victory in Christ due to His death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit’s role in that protection, the power of prayer and the armor of God outlined in Ephesians 6. The book also includes doctrinal prayers penned by Dr. Bubeck to help guide readers in their intercession.

“This is a book that should be read by every thoughtful Christian,” says Erwin W. Lutzer, pastor emeritus of The Moody Church. “Mark Bubeck not only exposes the work and strategy of our enemy Satan, but also teaches us how we can overcome him by participating in the victory Jesus Christ wrought on our behalf.”

Kaepernick copycats fuel controversy

Athletes’ protests ignite debate over free speech and respect

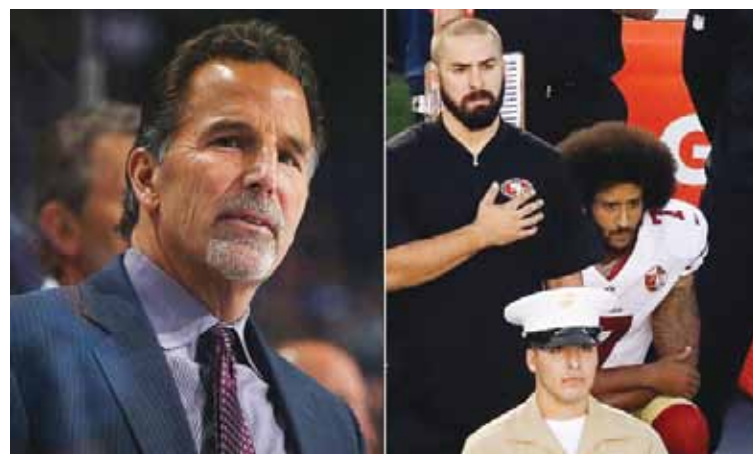
By Kiley Crossland

(WNS)—More athletes this week protested the national anthem, kneeling or raising a fist during the “Star Spangled Banner” to bring attention to racial injustice.

The controversial trend started in late August when San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sat during the anthem before the team’s preseason games. “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color,” Kaepernick told NFL Media. “To me, this is bigger than football, and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way.”

The trend caught on quickly. On Sept. 9, high school football players in at least eight states, including almost an entire team in Norfolk, Va., knelt during the anthem. They were joined by: volleyball players at West Virginia State University; football players at University of Tulsa and Indiana State University; professional soccer player Megan Rapinoe; and professional

football players for the Denver Broncos, Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots, Kansas City Chiefs, Miami Dolphins, and Los Angeles Rams.



John Tortorella, the Team USA and Columbus Blue Jackets head coach, has said that if any of his players sit during the national anthem he will force them to sit out the rest of the game.

While most coaches, team owners, college presidents, and high school superintendents are defending their players’ Constitutional right to free expression, a few are pushing back. U.S. national hockey coach John Tortorella told ESPN in advance of the World Cup of Hockey, “If any of my players sit on the bench for the national

anthem, they will sit there the rest of the game.”

Last week, University of Texas Chancellor Bill McRaven, a retired

admiral, sent a memo to all presidents and athletic directors at the eight UT System universities asking them to “encourage your coaching staff and your players to stand up straight when the national anthem” is played, according to The Texas Tribune.

“While no one should be compelled to stand, they should rec-

ognize that by sitting in protest to the flag they are disrespecting everyone who sacrificed to make this country what it is today—as imperfect as it might be,” McRaven wrote.

President Barack Obama defended Kaepernick’s action: “He’s following his constitutional right to make a statement.” Obama acknowledged the flag and anthem hold meaning for men and women in uniform and “that is a tough thing for them to get past to then hear what his deeper concerns are,” but added, “I don’t doubt his sincerity based on what I’ve heard. I think he cares about some real, legitimate issues that have to be talked about.”

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump disagreed: “I think it’s a lack of respect for our country. I think it’s a lack of appreciation for our country and it’s a very sad thing. I’ve never seen anything quite like it, actually,” Trump said during a call to Fox and Friends. He suggested Kaepernick and others protesting “should try another country, see if they like it better.”

Kaepernick said he would not stop his protest until the “flag represents what it’s supposed to represent.”



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New England Biblical values summit meeting

Tuesday, October 4th, 7-9PM at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St, Agawam, MA, (Fireplace Room)

of the audience if time allows. The meeting will be followed by a time of open fellowship and

the ball toward our goals?

The Panel:



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Dr. C. S. Cooley, Redemption Gate Mission (confirmed) (MA)

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Michael and Paulie Heath, Helping Hands Ministries (confirmed) (ME)

Dr. Steven Craft (confirmed) (NJ)

Pastor David Levandusky, Living Waters AG (confirmed) (MA)

Pastor Renzo Ventrice, The Black Robed Regiment, (tentative yes) (MA)

Dr. John Rankin, Founder, Theological Education Institute (tentative yes) (CT)

Harold Shurtleff, Founder, Camp

networking. Coffee and snacks provided.

The event is free but an offering will be received to cover costs.

These are the questions:

1. What is the biggest challenge to Biblical values in New England today?
2. What is the best way to meet the challenge?
3. How can we improve cooperation among conservatives in New England?
4. How can we influence young people to take on these challenges?
5. What is one thing everybody in the room can do this week to move

The Theme: How can we steer the New England states back toward the Biblical values of the Founding Fathers?

In 1616 Captain John Smith coined the term New England, meaning all colonial lands from the Long Island Sound NY to Newfoundland. We will hold an interactive Town Hall style discussion group featuring a panel of Conservative Christian and Jewish leaders from these New England states.

The fast-moving format will feature a series of 5 questions posed to all attendees in which panel members will each respond, before opening the discussion to members

St. Paul's 150th Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 445 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. Founded by German immigrants in 1867, just after the end of the Civil War, St. Paul's has become a diverse community and the congregation now includes people from several African countries, especially Liberia, many of whom fled the civil war in that country.



will chronicle the past, present and future of the congregation. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and can be obtained by calling Leela Ballah 401-359-2549 or by calling the church office at 401-941-5100.

For more information contact William J. Oehlkers 433-0058 or wjo@jhuedu 80 Rogers Avenue Barrington, RI 02806-1123

The celebratory service of thanksgiving is being held at 10:00 AM on Sunday October 23rd. A reception will be held in the parish hall immediately following the service. The Rev. Timothy Yeadon, President of the New England District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will preach, and special music will include the boys' choir of San Miguel School.

On Saturday October 15th, the congregation will host a banquet at the Pawtucket Country Club which

Christ's Church Fellowship has come to Rhode Island!

Christ's Church Fellowship is a Conservative, Bible-Believing, Spirit-Filled Fellowship which was started in 1988 with three ministers who had a passion for church-planting. At its height, Christ's Church Fellowship (CCF) started churches here in the United States, Afri-



can Nations, and Russia -- over 5100 churches total! CCF is the Spirit-Filled arm of the Stone-Campbell Movement

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Peter Wolfgang, Family Institute of Connecticut (confirmed) (CT)
Dr. David Berman (confirmed) (NH)

Pastor Juan Feliciano, Calvary's Love Church (invited) (MA)
Dr. Scott Lively, Defend the Family International (confirmed) (MA)

For more information contact Denise at 413-885-5777

"Will You not Yourself revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6).

Theresa Kate at the Music Connection Coffeehouse

By Sheila Clarkin - The Music Connection

The Music Connection Coffeehouse, located within New Hope Christian Church at 1436 GAR Hwy, Swansea, is pleased to announce the first time visit of singer/songwriter, Theresa Kate, on Saturday, October 15th. Doors will open for this free event at 6pm and music starts at 7pm.

Theresa brings a contemporary blend of rock and pop to the Christian Music Industry. While growing up in Connecticut, God was a huge presence in her childhood, but it was not until she traveled to Tennessee to Belmont University that she felt called to

perform her faith. While studying topics such as music publishing and artist management, Theresa performed at a downtown dinner theater as well as traveling through the surrounding states with a gos-

captures the essence of her ongoing journey. By strengthening her faith through music, Theresa has learned that God is infinitely present; even in the darkest of hours. There is nothing she enjoys more



pel-ministry choir. In many ways, her experience down south is what shaped who she has become as a person and a musician.

Today, she ministers as a worship leader for her church in East Longmeadow. Her debut album, "Just Believe", is inspired by her personal journey of faith. It

than to sing for her savior, Jesus Christ! She is an activist who is out in the world spreading the Good News through her music. Please join us for this awesome evening.

To hear her music or learn more please visit www.theresakate.com

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contemporary music with non-objectionable lyrics; a professional appearance, no T-shirt/work jeans and no playing in 'bar room' type atmospheres.

We'd like all the members to have a faith-based Christian life and older men preferably. We are also adding a small string section and in the near future perhaps a horn section (3 pieces, sax, trumpet and trombone) as well. Rehearsal space is provided and some instruments may also be provided if needed. Contact Billy Montella Jr at billynka@live.com or call 401-480-7900.

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North Christian Church water baptism

By Michelle Pavia

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).



On August 28, 2016, the North Christian Church congregation gathered out in front to celebrate the baptism of several of its members, ranging in age from 10-70 years old. Only two people were officially scheduled to be baptized, but others were led by the Spirit to proclaim their faith publically on

this momentous day. Evangelist Scott Grande opened up the celebration with prayer and words from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He reminded attendees that water baptism is symbolic of what God has accomplished to make us new creatures. The believer being submerged under the water symbolizes the identification with the death and burial of Jesus Christ, and its resultant victory over sin. Coming out from the water is the identification with Jesus Christ’s resurrection and a picture of new life in Him. “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection” (Romans 6:4-5). When asking those baptized to share about their experience, one

person explained, “I grew up Catholic, and was baptized when I was very young and didn’t know what it meant. However, I did not go through with the Catholic sacrament of confirmation (which is to confirm the choice your parents made to baptize you) because I did not have a relationship with God at that time. Shortly after our family started coming to NCC, I not only accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I began a wonderful and fulfilling relationship with God. My life was changed, and I became a new creature! I was so happy to be baptized. I was so grateful to be there with my husband and children in addition to my beloved church family. It was a wonderful experience to publicly declare my love and devotion for Christ and for everyone to witness my commitment to following the narrow path and nurturing the new creature.” Another member shared her gratitude for being cleansed by the saving work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the cross: “I felt that I was starting with a new slate before Jesus. I wish that I had gone through the baptism earlier than later. I

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felt truly honored to have been a participant in this special day”. One of the children expressed her excitement to be baptized, stating that she wanted “... to have a full relationship with God.”



No matter the age, each believer experiences water baptism on a uniquely personal and intimate

level. As a church family, we experience a collective joy in sharing in one another’s faith and the opportunity for this public celebration! Our prayer is that public displays of faith will lead even more in our community to new life in Christ.

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

PHOTOS Left: NCC Member Gets Baptized Right: Church Family Celebrates Public Baptism

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received. Meanwhile, grateful for the happiness the box had brought to their little girl, her family began attending that church, and eventually her father became a minister. Fast forward a few years, and the young lady thought of trying to contact her young benefactor on Facebook; her effort was successful, and a pen-pal friendship ensued. Before long, the young man flew to the Philippines to meet her. It was love at first sight. They returned to the U. S., her father officiated at their wedding and, on their honeymoon, they stopped by Boone, NC to thank Operation Christmas Child for being an integral part of blessing them through the Lord.

couple, the first letter the child had ever gotten. Six months later the couple flew to Israel and adopted that little boy. Parents had been in his box, after all...



Nehemiah, the King’s cup bearer, who wept over the destruction of Jerusalem, mourned, fasted, and confessed to God the sins not only of the nation Israel, but also his own, and those of his father’s family (who were slave-owners and alcoholics.) Graham told how God heard Nehemiah’s prayer and honored it by showing him favor: the King sent Nehemiah back to Jerusalem to build up the walls and, within 52 days, the task was completed.

Modeling Nehemiah’s prayer pattern, Graham asked Rally participants to join hands with someone nearby and confess aloud first the sins of our nation, then their own sins, privately, and finally the sins of their fathers. Graham ended with prayer for RI State employees and officials, asked for protection and wisdom for our law enforcement officers, and for salvation for each. He also prayed for the Holy Spirit to come into RI residents. Stressing that “God loves you”, he explained how our problems are caused by sin, which separates us from God. All of us have sinned, the penalty for which is death. But

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on faith and trust Him, for no one else on earth has done this for us. Quoting Jesus’ amazing claim: “I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6), Graham persisted: “Have you invited God into your heart? If you’re not sure, pray this prayer with me.” Then he recited the Sinner’s Prayer of faith, belief, and repentance that ends with an invitation for God to take control. Afterward, Graham invited those who had prayed with him and had cell phones to dial

21777, text the word “Decision”, and receive gospel information electronically right away.

Following the invitation, Graham said the only way to turn things around is for Christians to VOTE! He did not advise for whom to vote, but said to let God lead us to vote for candidates who stand for Biblical truth. He urged everyone to find out where candidates stand morally and spiritually. Secularism

Franklin Graham to Page 19

The second story involved a shoebox that landed at an orphanage in Israel after all instructions re: prayer and pictures had been faithfully followed by the donors. Not accustomed to getting gifts, the orphans were overjoyed to unwrap their own boxes of toys -- all except for one little guy who sat forlornly, uninterested in opening his. When approached to learn what was wrong, he could only blurt out, “I don’t want presents; I want parents.” “Well, let’s just see what’s inside,” coaxed the kindly Staff member, so together they opened the box and lifted out the candy and colorful toys.

At the Rally, because he recognizes the efficacy of prayer, Franklin Graham emphasized the great need for Christians to pray for our State and Country. He believes God may be slowly removing His hand of protection from our nation because we have collectively

because God is holy, He cannot abide with sin. However, He loved us so much that He sent a sinless Jesus Christ on a rescue mission from Heaven down to earth, where He voluntarily died in our place on a Cross, and felt God’s fearsome

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Rhode Islanders’ led by Franklin Graham pray for our nation at the RI Statehouse

“Oh,” said the Staff, “look here in the bottom – it’s a picture of the nice couple who sent this. Let’s write to thank them.” The little boy, still upset, let the counselor do most of the work, but agreed to sign it. However, everything suddenly changed when, six weeks later, a reply arrived from the

turned our backs on Him, aborting His creatures and denigrating His plan for one-woman, one-man marriage. (To allay any concerns that his message might be political, Graham stated he had “zero hope in either the Democrat or Republican parties, but only in Almighty God.”) He cited the example of

wrath when all our sins – past, present, and future, were poured onto Him. After dying and being buried on account of our sins, Christ was raised on the third day, is now alive and, Graham said, was right there with us, adding that our only hope is if we are willing to accept what Christ has done for us

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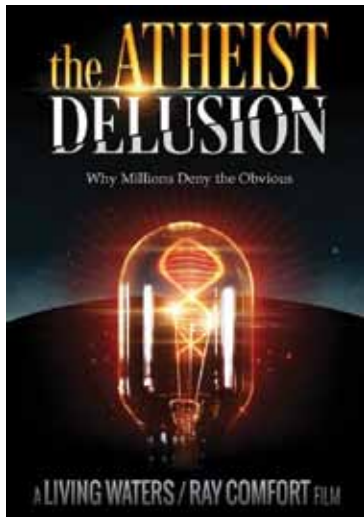
Controversial atheist movie to premiere at Noah's Ark

LOS ANGELES, CA.-- The world premiere of "The Atheist Delusion," which claims to "destroy atheism with one scientific question," will be screened to a private audience while streaming live from within Ken Ham's recently opened Ark Encounter, the massive life-sized Noah's Ark in Northern Kentucky.

Ray Comfort, the movie's producer, said, "From the start, we were concerned that people wouldn't take seriously a movie that 'destroys atheism with one scientific question.' But it does exactly that by scientifically confirming the existence of God. Having a respected, scientifically based organization like Answers in Genesis being willing to premiere it is such an honor."

Thousands have already viewed the movie within the first two days of its pre-release as a paid download, but on October 22, its official release date, it will be streamed live from the Ark.

Comfort said, "This film isn't likely to convince the average proud



and closed-minded atheist. But countless others, tempted to believe the ridiculous lie of atheism, are open-minded, and will be convinced by seeing the irrefutable proof for the existence of God."

The best-selling author and filmmaker, whose movies have been viewed by millions, added, "We would love for millions more to watch 'The Atheist Delusion,' and invite Christians to host the live-streaming event from their church or home. The world premiere will be highly evangelistic, as well as thoroughly encouraging, equipping, and inspiring to seasoned believers."

The private event, hosted by Ray Comfort and Ken Ham, will be streamed live on AtheistMovie.com on October 22 at 8 p.m. (ET). At the same time the movie will also be released on YouTube. To view the movie before its official release, see www.AtheistMovie.com for details.

To host a premiere go to www.atheistmovie.com/host-live-premiere

New film from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's My Hope ministry debuts online

By Jeremy Reynolds

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (ANS) - Over the last 14 years, millions around the world have heard the Gospel through My Hope, a ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

My Hope has launched an all-new 30-minute program entitled "Decisions" which will be accessible-free of charge-anywhere via television broadcast, internet streaming and DVD.

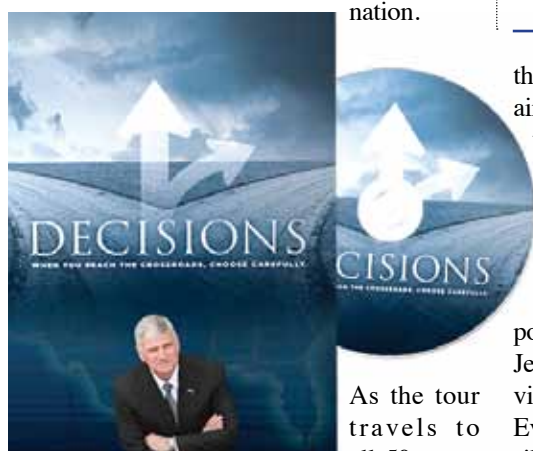
According to a news release from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), "Decisions" features a Gospel message from Franklin Graham, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

It also looks at the lives of people of different ages and backgrounds who have heard the Gospel through Graham's 2016 Decision America Tour and made life-changing decisions to follow Christ.

Speaking in the news release, Franklin Graham said, "I've been talking to people about the importance of decisions. I see thousands of people faced with a choice... and I want (them) to know the truth.

He added, "Any time you have a crowd of people, I can guarantee there will be somebody in that crowd that doesn't know Jesus Christ. So, every time I'm at the microphone I'm going to give the Gospel."

Through the Decision America Tour, Franklin Graham is holding prayer rallies in each state capital encouraging Christians to vote, to live out their faith in every part of their lives, and to pray for their nation.



As the tour travels to all 50 states in 2016, Graham is presenting the Gospel-the hope found through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"Decisions," the 2016 installment of the evangelistic films available from My Hope, follows in succession of previous films. They are, "Value of a Soul" (2015), "Heaven" (2014), and "The Cross" (2013).

"Decisions," will also be shown as

Pro-life film 'Voiceless' to get advance screening in front of the U.S. Supreme Court

By Rev. Patrick Mahoney

WASHINGTON, - After initially denying Church on the Hill and Movie to Movement's request to preview the groundbreaking new film "Voiceless" in front of the Supreme Court on October 2, Court officials have granted permission.

After two weeks of communications and meetings with Court officials, in which the screening request was denied three separate times, and less than 48 hours away from filing a lawsuit to assert Church on the Hill and Rev. Patrick Mahoney's First Amendment rights, the Court reversed course and settled on a plan to screen "Voiceless" in front of the Court.

According to organizers, this is the first time the Supreme Court has ever permitted a film to be shown in front of the Court. This is not only a historic victory for free speech and the First Amendment, but also a powerful opportunity to give a voice to the millions of innocent children who have no voice of their own.

The award-winning film "Voiceless" introduces viewers to a discharged soldier who discovers an abortion clinic operating across the street from his Philadelphia church. He struggles to motivate his church to get involved in protecting unborn babies, and eventually must decide whether to risk it all to fight for what is right.

Filmmakers say that "Voiceless" is the first pro-life film that pow-

erfully addresses the reasons why most people don't engage the injustice of abortion. This film is brilliantly designed to inspire and motivate the church to action.

Rev. Patrick Mahoney, Pastor of the Washington, D.C. based Church on the Hill and Director of the Christian Defense Coalition states, "We celebrate this historic victory for the First Amendment and free speech by showing the film 'Voiceless' on the most hallowed public space in America. That is, the public sidewalk in front of the



United States Supreme Court. As we had to fight to have this powerful film shown, we will continue to be a loud and prophetic voice for human rights and justice working to end the violence of abortion. We will continue to be a 'voice' for the 'voiceless' until abortion ends up on the scrapheap of history like slavery and segregation."

"Voiceless" Executive Producer Jason Jones said, "I served as executive producer on Voiceless and founded Movie to Movement to use art to overturn laws that deny legal protection to the child in the womb. We are making a statement at the Supreme Court that the child in the womb demands full legal protection from the violence of

abortion, and even if the Court refuses to recognize the inalienable rights of the human person, we will continue to proclaim them through the power and beauty of film."

Constitutional attorney Catherine Glenn Foster said, "This is an unprecedented victory for the First Amendment, and we are delighted that the Supreme Court is partnering with us in affirming the constitutional rights of all Americans. On October 2, we will be screening the powerful pro-life film 'Voiceless' in front of the Supreme Court, the first film ever permitted to be shown there. We are using this historic opportunity to give a voice to the more than one million children tragically aborted every year in America alone, and invigorate the church to speak out against the

violence of abortion. The First Amendment guarantees that every American can use his or her voice to advocate for life, and this film reveals the need for each one of us to honor our duty to speak out for the least of these, our fellow man."

"Voiceless" will be shown on Sunday, October 2, at 6:30 P.M. on the eve of the Supreme Court's 2016 Term and in the midst of a heated presidential race, with both candidates making the Supreme Court a central issue in their campaigns. There will be also be a candlelight prayer vigil as part of the October 2 film presentation. "Voiceless" opens in theaters nationwide on October 7.

Pureflix.Com starts initiative to help homeschool parents, students

By David Migdal

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.. - As the school year kicks into gear, PureFlix.com, a leader in the faith and family streaming video space, is starting an initiative designed to complement the efforts of families who are homeschooling their children.

Parents can sign-up on the PureFlix.com homeschool page for a

the Billy Graham television special airing on local and Christian networks beginning Oct. 10. Readers are asked to check local listings for airings in their area.

"We are very happy to offer this resource to the church which will powerfully present the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Steve Rhoads, vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, responsible for My Hope globally and also speaking in the news release.

He added, "The church in the United States has a unique opportunity at this moment to proclaim Jesus, who offers hope and redemption to a lost world. We pray that the good news will be preached and that God will bring a revival to His people."

For more information on My Hope, visit www.MyHopewithBillyGraham.org.

free, four-week curriculum support tool kit and get access to thousands of documentaries and titles on science, history, Biblical stories, animals, government and more in the company's growing video library. Every week for a month, suggested titles will be e-mailed to subscribers to the program.

Some of the more popular titles on the platform include "Drive-Thru History," "Our Fascinating Universe," "Ancient Culture," and "3-2-1 Penguins" and "Friends and Heroes." Singular titles as well as episodic series are available in several categories. In the Kids category, for example, titles are broken into several age-appropriate segments.

"For the past six months, we've listened to what homeschool families have told us about the support they need to enhance their homeschooling efforts," said Greg Gudorf, CEO of Pure Flix Digital. "Based on that feedback, we decided to launch this initiative and use our videos to help them and their children."

"We strongly support Pure Flix in their efforts to assist families with healthy media choices," said Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC). "Putting parents in charge of creative ways to enhance and enrich their children's education is a critical compo-



According to recent statistics, the number of children being homeschooled is booming. The National Center for Educational Statistics estimates that 1.8 million children in the 5-17 age bracket are being homeschooled in the U.S. and that between 2003-2012, the number increased by 61.8 percent (677,00 students). Homeschoolers represent 3.4 percent of all students between 5-17 years old.

What's driving the growth? According to consumer research conducted by Pure Flix at several recent homeschool conventions in Texas, Florida, Georgia and California, the reasons range from the need to emphasize a Christian worldview, to issues involving safety at schools, the Common Core curriculum, and the teaching of controversial topics.

"The growth has been phenomenal and shows no signs of slowing down," said Gudorf. "The interesting thing is, not all states report how many homeschool students they have, so the numbers could be even larger than reported. We are pleased to be supporting homeschool parents via our PureFlix.com.

New fossil discovery poses problem for evolutionists

By Eric Metaxas

There's an old story about a chemist, a physicist, and an economist stranded on a desert island with nothing to eat but a can of soup. Puzzling over how to open the can, the chemist says, "Let's heat the can until it swells and bursts from the buildup of gases." "No, no," says the physicist, "let's throw it off that cliff with just enough kinetic energy to split it open on the rocks below." The economist, after thinking a moment says, "Assume a can opener."

There's more than one trade that deals in assumptions. The way Darwinists approach the origin of life is a lot like that economist's idea for opening the can. The Darwinian mechanism of mutation and natural selection explains everything about life, we're told—except how it began. "Assume a

self-replicating cell containing information in the form of genetic code," Darwinists are forced to say. Well, fine. But where did *that* little miracle come from?

A new discovery makes explaining even that first cell tougher still. Fossils unearthed by Australian scientists in Greenland may be the oldest traces of life ever discovered. A team from the University of Wollongong recently published their findings in the journal "Nature," describing a series of structures called "stromatolites" that emerged from receding ice.

"Stromatolites" may sound like something your doctor would diagnose, but they're actually biological rocks formed by colonies of microbes that live in shallow water. If you visit the Bahamas today, you can see living stromatolites.

What's so special about them? Well, they appear in rocks most scientists date to 220 million years older than the oldest fossils, which pushes the supposed date for the origin of life back to 3.7 billion years ago.

This, admits the New York Times, "complicate[s] the story of evolution of early life from chemicals..." No kidding! According to conventional geology, these microbe colonies existed on the heels of a period when Earth was undergoing heavy asteroid bombardment, making it virtually uninhabitable. This early date, adds The Times, "leaves comparatively little time for evolution to have occurred..."

That is an understatement. These life forms came into existence virtually overnight, writes David Klinghoffer at Evolution News and

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Views. "[g]enetic code, proteins, photosynthesis, the works."

This appearance of fully-developed life forms so early in the fossil record led Dr. Abigail Allwood of Caltech to remark that "life [must not be] a fussy, reluctant and unlikely thing." Rather, "[i]t will emerge whenever there's an opportunity."

Pardon me? If life occurs so spontaneously and predictably even under the harshest conditions, then it should be popping up all over the place! Yet scientists still cannot come close to producing even a single cell from raw chemicals in the lab.

Dr. Stephen Meyer explains in his book "Signature in the Cell" why this may be Darwinism's Achilles heel. In order to begin

evolution by natural selection, you need a self-replicating unit. But the cell and its DNA blueprint are too complicated by far to have arisen through chance chemical reactions. The odds of even a single protein forming by accident are astronomical. So Meyer and other Intelligent Design theorists conclude that Someone must have designed and created the structures necessary for life.

Meanwhile Darwinists, faced with a fossil record that theoretically pushes the origin of life back further into the past, are forced to assume the metaphorical can opener. They just don't know how these early cells came into existence, and the more we dig up, the more improbable—rather than likely—life becomes.

For them at least.

America being sold out by the vote-for-Clinton Bush Family!

By Judi McLeod

Going over most patriot heads unless they read the Drudge Report or the British Guardian newspaper: America is being sold out by the Bush family. No mistake. You read that right. George H.W. Bush, father of George W. and Jeb will cast his vote in Election 2016 for Hillary Clinton.

"Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, JFK's niece, writes on Facebook that the former president will spurn Donald Trump for Clinton in November." (Guardian, Sept. 20, 2016) "The post by Kathleen Kennedy Townsend – the former lieutenant governor of Maryland and daughter of Robert F Kennedy – shows her posing with George HW Bush with the caption "The President told me he is voting for Hillary!!!"

"Townsend – writing on Facebook under the name Kathleen Hartington – has been a longtime vocal supporter of Clinton's campaign.

"Jim McGrath, a Bush family spokesman, told the Guardian: "The vote President Bush will cast as a private citizen in some 50 days will be just that: a private vote cast in 50 days. He is not commenting on the presidential race in the interim."

Mighty big of him, not commenting on the presidential race in the interim between now and election. "The vote President Bush will cast as a private citizen in some 50 days will be just that: a private vote cast in 50 days." No, it's not. It's a vote against the future of America, turning the country over to what would be the third term for the nation's biggest detractor. Voting privately for a candidate of choice is one thing. Announcing for whom you are going to vote well ahead of election day, is stumping.

"The former president made clear in May he would not endorse Donald Trump, a stance echoed by his son, former president George W Bush. (Guardian) "At the time, Jim McGrath, a spokesman for George HW Bush, told the Guardian "At age 91, President Bush is retired from politics.

He naturally did a few things to help Jeb, but those were the 'exceptions that proved the rule'."

"George HW's son and George W's brother, Jeb Bush, was one of Trump's unsuccessful opponents in the 2016 Republican primary. The Republican nominee repeatedly maligned Jeb Bush, a former two-term governor of Florida, as "low-energy".

"Jeb Bush has repeatedly derided Trump and his "abrasive, know nothing-like nativist rhetoric" but ruled out support for Clinton in a Washington Post editorial in July, writing: "I haven't decided how I'll vote in November – whether I'll support the Libertarian ticket or write in a candidate."

"If George HW Bush does cast his ballot for Clinton, he'll join a number of prominent Republicans who have crossed party lines in 2016 out of disdain for Trump. The ranks include many close to the Bush family including Brent Scowcroft, George HW Bush's national security adviser as well as Sally Bradshaw, a longtime top aide to Jeb Bush."

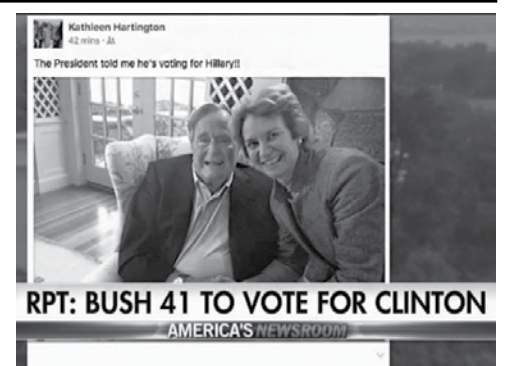
Bush's "private citizen vote" should qualify him as president of the #NeverTrumpers claiming voting for congenital liar Hillary Clinton is "voting your conscience".

Given George H.W.'s early stance on One World Government back in 1991, his support of Hillary

Clinton should be no surprise. Then there's the long 8-year deafening silence from George W. Bush during all the uninterrupted horrors of Barack Obama's Fundamental Transformation of America, really the Fundamental Destruction of America.

Thank Heaven, the family's multi-million dollar push to get Jeb Bush elected in the Republican primary not only failed, but failed abysmally.

That America's back stabbers include former presidents from the Republican side of the aisle is tragedy in the making. It is



proof positive that politicians in both the Democrat and Republican parties would sell off their nation's sovereignty for a song just to hold onto political power.

God bless America. God bless its people being sold-out by former presidents and a wannabe one, tied to a serving president whose intention is the wholesale destruction of the country he was elected to serve.

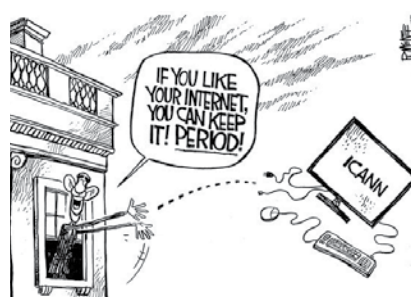
Just because ICANN doesn't mean you should

By Tony Perkins - Washington Update

Al Gore may not have invented the internet, but his government is responsible for managing it! For more than 20 years, a little-known nonprofit called ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) has been at the controls of the web's domain and IP addresses. Overseen by the Commerce Department, this private west coast office has been an international hub for maintaining one of the most important aspects of the internet.

That's about to change, according to the Obama administration. Larry Strickling, U.S. government's assistant secretary for communications and information has announced that the government is moving the American-controlled internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to the global ICANN. As one tech expert said, "That sentence may not mean a whole lot to many people, but this move is of huge global significance in how the internet is managed and governed." By letting go of this contract, there's a very real fear that the U.S. is giving up its stake of control in how the web functions. Much of that responsibility lies with the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), which is a global group that keeps the web, as Ed Vaizey

writes, "from being controlled by one organization, or dominated by a few special interests."



But that doesn't mean there aren't problems. In a global neighborhood, there are always going to be countries who disagree with the U.S. on fundamental values like religious liberty or free speech. And in recent years, some of those nations have lobbied to put the internet under U.N. control. Before the president hands over the keys to the U.N. or anyone else, Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) are doing everything they can to stop him. Both chairmen expressed their concern in a pointed letter to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), calling the idea of an "internet hand-off" "misguided or, at the very least, premature."

Despite the administration's guarantees, the frustrated duo write, "under the current proposal, the power of

foreign governments would be significantly increased." Senator Cruz agrees, and sounded the alarm in a speech to the Heritage Foundation this summer. "Right now, the Obama administration's proposal to give away the internet is an extraordinary threat to our freedom, and it's one that many Americans don't know anything about." Just think about what countries like China, Russia, or Iran would do with their hands on the world's most powerful communication tool. Not only would they censor speech (as they've done in their own nations), but others would use this newfound power to eradicate so-called "hate speech," a term -- he warned -- with a definition that "can be very, very malleable." "We are facing a very real possibility of speech being censored in the name of 'hate speech.' It is hate to express a view different from whatever the prevailing orthodoxy of the government is."

And that isn't just Senator Cruz's view. It's the admission of Larry Strickling himself. In a hearing Wednesday, Senator Cruz asked point blank what this move would mean for the future of American freedom. "Just to clarify your answer to the question, if the [internet] transition goes forward... the U.S. would be on the very same footing as would Russia or Iran or

China?" Strickling replied, "That's correct." Then the Texas senator turned to ICANN CEO Goran Marby. "Is ICANN bound by the First Amendment?" he asked. "To my understanding," Marby said, "no."

More than 100 conservative leaders are trying to fight the administration's outrageous internet giveaway. The Conservative Action Project (of which FRC is a part) has been fierce in its opposition, explaining in a Memo to the Movement that "Perhaps none of Mr. Obama's actions during his two terms will do as irreparable damage to our national security as his transferring the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority functions to the foreign government-controlled [ICANN]." Desperate to derail the move, Senator Cruz has introduced a bill called the Protecting Internet Freedom Act, aimed at stopping the NTIA from letting the key contracts expire. "It will also," the group reminds people, "ensure that the United States maintains sole ownership of the .gov and .mil top-level domains, which are vital to national security." Obviously, the internet doesn't belong to America. But America plays a crucial role in ensuring that it's an avenue for human rights, free speech, and transparency. Help us keep it that way! Contact your senators and ask them to support the Protecting Internet Freedom Act today!

Inspiration

Is Jesus enough for you?

By Carol Round

Grove, OK (ANS) -- "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" — Romans 8:28 (NIV).

For too many years, I lived a "take no-risks" life. I was living what most would call the "American Dream" with a nice house, a husband and two children in rural Oklahoma. Life, although not always easy, was comfortable and predictable.

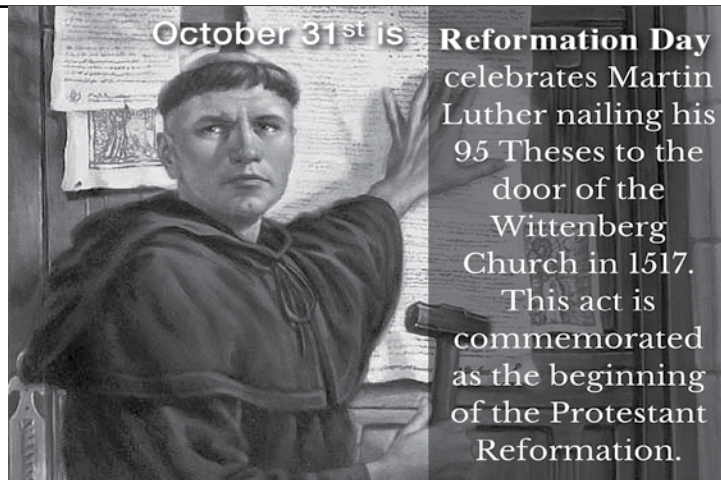
Although I knew of God, I wasn't intimately acquainted with Him. I'd attended church and Sunday school off and on throughout my lifetime. My relationship with the church was on-again/off-again, sitting in a cushion-lined pew. I volunteered to help with children's ministries but that was the extent of my commitment.

It wasn't until my 28-year marriage ended 15 years ago that I began searching for something—some-

one—to fill the void. Since that October afternoon in 2001 when I asked God for direction in my life, my journey has led me back to the body of Christ and on adventures I never dreamed of: mission trips outside this country and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. More importantly, it led me into the arms of Jesus, the One who loves me more than life itself.

Kristin Welch, author and Pastor's wife, also lived a comfortable life in a Houston suburb. In her book, "Rhinstone Jesus," she writes, "...for most of my pew sitting years, I ignored something very important. I was full of faith, but I wasn't obedient. I could quote scripture and talk about all my blessings, but I couldn't show you my faith in action."

In 2010, Kristin traveled with Compassion International to write about poverty in Kenya. She says, "I wasn't expecting everything I ever knew about God to break wide open. I wasn't expecting to see so much human suffering."



It took an orphan boy's answer to shake her to the core. While standing in his cardboard home, without one noticeable comfort, water dripping on her head, she says, "His smile lit up the room. I couldn't resist asking, 'Why are you so happy?'"

"I have Jesus. He is enough," the young boy replied confidently.

Kristin was "shocked to see such unspeakable joy radiate from someone with nothing, not even a mom and dad or a real bed or enough food. And when I looked at what he had and what I didn't have, I discovered Jesus wasn't enough for me. In my culture, in my life, stuff made me happy," she writes.

"More stuff made me happier."

She adds, "For over 35 years, I tried to fit Jesus into my life. I added Him here and there. And then I met a kid in Africa who fit his life into Jesus and he had so much more than I did."

Kristin's encounter that day led her to found Mercy House, a ministry for women living in poverty around the globe. Kristin says, "It's been a journey of wild obedience and crazy yes-saying that resulted in this organization."

And that's what happens when you say, "Yes," to Jesus. Is He enough for you?

Suicidal Muslim heard preaching over a loudspeaker, found hope

By Mark Ellis

Sameer was born and raised in a fanatic Muslim family. He strictly followed the practices of Islam and prayed five times a day.

Beset by hardships in his life, he prayed a heartfelt prayer one day: "I am facing so many problems in my own personal life and family life. I don't know how to overcome it. Please hear my prayer, answer me and help me to come out from all my troubles."

In his late twenties, his problems intensified and he combated depression. He hated life. He battled insomnia and suicidal thoughts. Friends supplied him with sedatives, which he crushed and mixed with dagga to smoke in a dagga pipe. The wild dagga leaves are said to have a mild calming effect when smoked. In some users, the effects are similar to marijuana, but it is less potent. However, it was not enough to cure his insomnia, so he began to inject it. Soon he became a drug addict and alcoholic.

Drugs satisfied him for a short time, but as his tolerance built up he was always looking for his next fix. A life devoted to drugs, alcohol, and promiscuous relationships masked his depression, but deep inside it was still there. A dark cloud followed him wherever he went.

One day Sameer became despondent after a relationship soured with a "vulgar" young woman. Suicidal thoughts overwhelmed him. He found a rope and a tree to hang himself. Little did he realize the tree was within earshot of an outdoor evangelistic meeting led by Pastor Paul of Bibles for Mideast.

As Sameer clambered up the tree to tie the rope, he heard Pastor Paul preaching this message through a loudspeaker: "The man who is

going to commit suicide, you don't have to die, for our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and died for you and will grant you peace and life. He died as a ransom for your sins and was raised from the dead to glorify you as His child. If you believe in Jesus you will be saved from sin, iniquities and all of your problems."

The message pierced his heart. Curious, wanting to know more, he climbed down from the tree and walked toward the meeting. People who knew about Sameer's reputation were afraid when they saw him. They knew him to be a fanatic Muslim, an alcoholic, and they saw the rope in his hand.

Pastor Paul had converted from Islam to Christianity. Some jumped to the conclusion Sameer was coming to attack the preacher. Several men tried to grab Sameer, but Pastor Paul intervened and asked him to come up to the platform.

Sameer explained what happened and asked for prayers. Pastor Paul told him more about Jesus and Sameer got down on his knees in front of everyone. Other pastors joined in and they put their hands on Sameer's head and prayed.

As they prayed, Sameer had an unusual, God-inspired vision. In his vision he was like a sheep caught in a thicket, about to be attacked by wild animals. He thought his life was over. Suddenly Jesus appeared as the Good Shepherd, saved him from the wild beasts, freed him from the bramble of thorns and carried him on His shoulders.

Jesus transported him a long distance until they reached a sheepfold, surrounded by a beautiful, strong wall. In the vision Jesus said to him, "You are my child. I have

marked you upon my palms as your Savior. Be my witness."

Sameer cried out to Great Shepherd of the sheep: "Lord I accept you as my Savior. I will be your witness."

Within a few days he was baptized. Now he is witnessing for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as an evangelist with Bibles for Mideast.

Many of us can relate with the despair that Sameer felt in his life before Christ. Some turn to drugs, others alcohol, sex, food or some other distraction. Some even turn to suicide. Often this despair is brought on by the false hope of lost love, broken promises and dreams and can be magnified by an empty ritualistic religious life.

Are you experiencing a time of darkness in your life just now? If so, then let me encourage you to reach out and take hold of the hand of the One who sees in the dark. Feel the warmth of His love, the safety of His protection. Be still and listen as He reminds you of His promise to guide your steps and light your path.

He guides us in Proverbs 3:5, 6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

And He protects us in Mathew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

He loves us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, He gave his

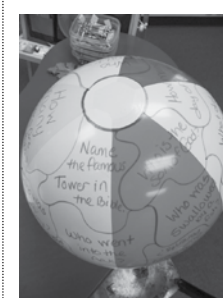
Beach Ball Fun Night *MINISTRY TIP*

By Rev. Doug Forbes

The Christian Life should be fun and filled with positive, happy activities. One fun activity your youth group will enjoy trying is a beach ball fun night.

For Beach Ball Fun Night, you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, a volleyball net, croquet mallets, a chair for each person, one to two dozen 9 or 12 inch beach balls (your goal is to have one beach ball for every two young people) and lots of hot air.

Begin with beach ball dodge ball, and then move on to the beach ball soccer, volleyball and croquet. (Make your giant wickets for beach-ball croquet from metal coat hangers.)



Finish by playing a game of wonder ball using beach balls. To play wonder ball, have your stu-

dents sit in chairs forming a circle. When music is played, one or more balls are passed. The person holding the ball when the music stops is out. Keep playing until there is only one person left. That person wins the ball. You could play several games and have several winners. When we play this with younger children, we let everyone win a ball.

For a Bible study, conduct a short devotional on happiness. John 10:10(b) tells us that Jesus came to give us a full life. Psalm 1 and Psalm 68:3 tells us that we are happiest when we make good choices. Ask your young people to use their concordances to look up Bible verses or stories on happiness and joy. These could include the Exodus, the wedding in Cana of Galilee and Jesus feeding hungry people and healing the sick.

Conclude with prayer thanking God for joyful, happy times. Pray for those less fortunate in our country and around the world.

This could be a good opportunity to introduce a missions project that would bring happiness to other children. One possible project is Operation Christmas Child. This project involves filling a shoebox with toys, school supplies, candy and basic necessities for a needy child. For more information on Operation Christmas child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

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The Letter

There was a man who worked for the Post Office, whose job it was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came to his desk addressed in shaky handwriting to God. He thought he should open it to see what it was about. He opened it and read:

Dear God, I am a 93-year-old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?

Sincerely, Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to his fellow workers. Each of them dug into their wallets and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all of the workers felt a warm glow for the kind thing they had done.

Christmas came and went. A few days later another letter came from the old lady to God. All of the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read:

Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it must have been those thieves at the Post Office.

Sincerely, Edna

The Arrest

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

For the Sick

A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said, "can we leave now?" "No," her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" Mom asked. "Yes." "How could you have gone all the

way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?"

"I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick.'"

The Trip

A man goes on a 2-month business trip to Europe and leaves his cat with his brother. Three days before his return he calls his brother. Brother 1: So how is my cat doing? Brother 2: He's dead. Brother 1: He's dead! What do you mean he's dead?! I loved that cat. Couldn't you think of a nicer way to tell me?! I'm leaving in 3 days. You could of broke the news easier. You could of told me today that she got out of the house or something. Then when I called before I left you could of told me we found her but she is up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down. Then when I called you from the airport you could of told me that the fire department was there and scared her off the roof and the cat died when it hit the ground. Brother 2: I'm sorry...you're right...that was insensitive I won't let it happen again. Brother 1: Alright, alright, forget about it. Anyway, how is Mom doing? Brother 2: She's up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down.

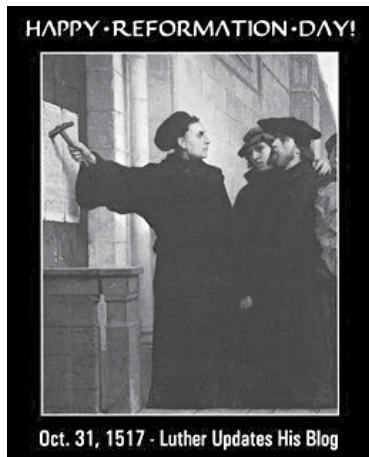
younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired." The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. The owner says, "Ten dollars." The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?" The owner replies, "He's a big liar. He didn't do any of that stuff."

Signs your pastor is addicted to westerns

~ His sermon on Revelation is titled "Showdown at High Noon."
 ~ At the end of the service, he replaces altar call with „roundup."
 ~ Refers to the Deacons Meetings as "a campfire chat."
 ~ Keeps referring to "brothers" as Hoss and Little Joe.
 ~ Walks into the pulpit with a hearty, "Hi-Yo Silver"
 ~ Always refers to his Bible as "my Six-Shooter."
 ~ Forces ushers to tie bandanas around their faces and pass around ten-gallon cowboy hats instead of offering plates.
 ~ When performing a wedding, he begins the ceremony with, "Howdy Pardners."
 ~ Constantly threatens to preach well past "high noon."
 ~ He insists on being addressed as "Reverend Duke."
 ~ Refers to the next churchwide fellowship dinner as „gathering around the chuckwagon."
 ~ His new three-week sermon series: "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."
 ~ Asks for the song "Rawhide" to be sung as a call to worship.

The silent sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him - it was a chilly day. That evening, the minister found the man at home all alone sitting by a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had

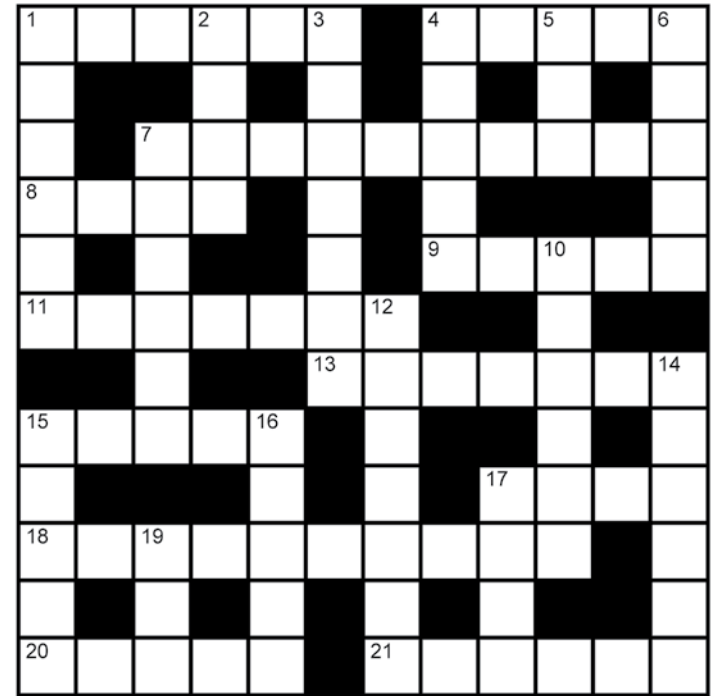


Dog For Sale

A guy sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black mutt just sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the mutt replies. "So, what's your story?" The mutt looks up and says, "Well, I discovered my gift of talking pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running. The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any

Soul Food

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Across

- 1 Prophet; Sheila (anag) (6)
- 4 Naomi, for example (5)
- 7 Lookout (10)
- 8 Plague in Egypt (4)
- 9 Bitter ones were used at Passover (5)
- 11 Like Jesus at the Transfiguration (7)
- 13 Walk all over (7)
- 15 Cross-bearer (5)
- 17 Swarming pest (4)
- 18 A false teacher (10)
- 20 Gift of the Magi (5)
- 21 Crown (6)

Down

- 1 Book before Job (6)
- 2 Mark of approval (4)
- 3 Really old (7)
- 4 There was one in Endor (5)
- 5 A sign to Gideon (3)
- 6 Deeds (5)
- 7 Sound judgement (6)
- 10 Becomes ready to harvest (6)
- 12 Cornered (7)
- 14 Hold high (6)
- 15 Sinful city (5)
- 16 One of the gates in Ezekiel's vision (5)
- 17 A city of Benjamin (4)
- 19 Boat propeller (3)

been spoken since the initial greeting. The minister glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. With that, the minister smiled at his host, shook his hand, and let himself out.

Leftovers

Three wives were bemoaning their husbands' attitudes towards leftovers: "It gets rough," one said. "My husband is a TV producer and he calls them reruns." "You think you have it bad," was the reply. "Mine is a quality control engineer and he calls them rejects!" "That's nothing compared to me," said the third lady. "My husband is a mortician. He calls them remains!"

Funny Thoughts:

Good teachers are those who can challenge young minds without losing their own.

Okay, so I danced like no one was watching. My court date is pending.

Nobody is perfect, until you fall in love with them.

Being over the hill is better than being under it.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

I always wanted to be a bull rider in the rodeo! I think it would be GREAT to have a job where I had to work only 8 seconds a week!

He who laughs last probably made a back-up.

Silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

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Oct 9 • Deadline to register to vote in general election

Oct 13 • 6-9:30p.m. ~ Pro-Life Banquet and "Stand, and Light Up the Night: The Great Pro-Life Commission" Rayberg City Films Presents, In association with Rhode Island Right to Life a new short film: The premiere will be featured at the 2016 Proudly Pro-Life Banquet honoring Students from across RI--Join us for an inspiring night filled with hope, and invite the young people in your life to come with you. For ticket, information or to sponsor a youth to attend call 401-663-5355, or email vbergeron@rirtl.org. The Villa 272 Cowesett Ave, West Warwick, RI

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Oct 22 • 10a.m.-3p.m. ~ SNE Ministry Network School of Ministry: Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine & New Testament Survey \$60.00 per course plus books. Lunch provided. To register sneinn.com/minister-development-1/school-of-ministry. or call 508-248-3711 Classes are at Victory Assembly of God 321 Veazie St. Providence

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has crept into our State Houses, municipalities and schools, taking over our nation. Describing secularism as “the same thing as communism”, Graham said Christians MUST take a bold stand about putting God back into the schools. He urged Christians not to withdraw, but to run for office, and help find committed men and women to run and be elected. He explained away any objections about this involving the issue of separation of church and state by referring to our Founding Fathers’ determination not to allow any State-mandated religion, as in Europe, but to ensure instead that Americans had freedom of religion and would not have to leave their faith outside their spheres of public activity.

Graham recommended that those unhappy about voting for either Trump or Clinton should study the Democrat and Republican Party Platforms, which are diametrically opposed, and may be accessed at <http://www.decisionamericatour.com>. After learning what the Platforms stand for, Christians must, “even if you have to hold your nose, make a choice and...VOTE!” In the last election, 20 to 30 million Christians sat it out, thereby abandoning their civic duties to unbelievers. This enabled passage of bad laws such as NC’s that allows transgender bathrooms. Now “men pretending to be women may go into restrooms with our granddaughters,” he said. But Christians serving as judges, County Commissioners, and School Board members would change everything, Graham believes, pointing out that “school boards decide curriculum; progressives and atheists need to be told their suggestions for bad books are no

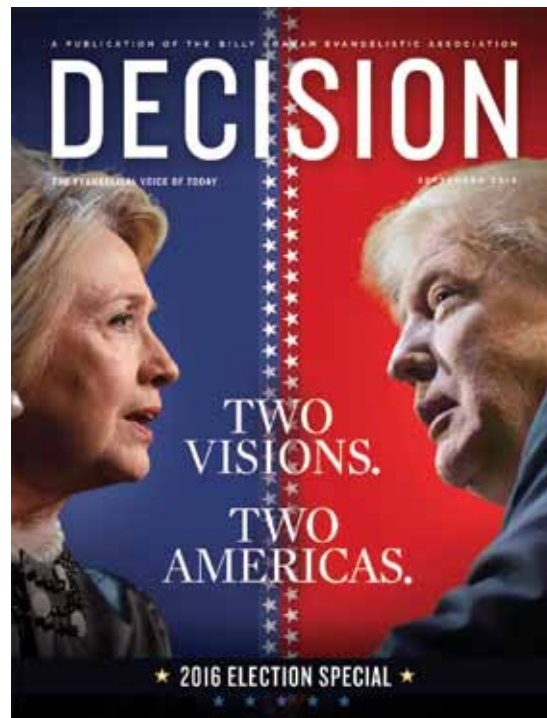
good. Don’t retreat – stand up to them!” He suggested forming prayer groups with friends to pray for their communities and seek out good candidates for public office. Commenting on close votes in NH and MN where stay-at-home Christians had permitted progressives to win, Graham strongly urged, “Become a Community Organizer for God! YOUR VOTE COUNTS – GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE!” (Note: deadline for registering to vote in RI is October 9.)

In conclusion, Graham asked people to repeat after him pledges to honor God and Country: to God, by honoring Him at home, in public, and with their votes. To Country, by praying fervently, voting in every election, and offering to serve themselves, if necessary. He said to do this for your grandchildren and children. “America is changing into such an evil place, our only hope is God. Our job as Christians is to make Jesus part of every part of our life – but not in our personal strength -- in God’s. We need to be able to say truthfully, ‘In God We Trust’”.

The behind-the-scenes story about how the crowd was mobilized to attend the Providence Rally was revealed in a recent interview with Bruce James, Director of Evangelism and Men’s Ministry for the Baptist Convention of New England (BCNE). Five years ago, he had begun partnering with BGEA (with BCNE’s full endorsement) through its “My Hope” program, and then was named BGEA’s field rep for RI and MA.

While 5,000,000 decisions were made for Christ during the sixty-year era of the Billy Graham Crusades, in just the 14 years since

“My Hope” started in Latin America, spread to 57 countries, and then to the U. S. in 2011, there have been 10,000,000 decisions. Obviously, “My Hope” is a powerful evangelistic tool, well-suited to many venues. It produces a 30-minute evangelistic DVD for showings in small groups at churches, in homes, prisons, and nursing homes. For months leading



up to the showings, people are encouraged to pray that the hearts of specific viewers will be touched. The 2015 DVD, “Value of a Soul”, depicts testimonies of four people whom the Gospel saved out of difficult circumstances. This year’s DVD, “Decision”, presents strong and effective testimonies of people saved at this year’s Decision America Tour rallies, including two from New England.

Last year when Franklin Graham felt the

Lord’s leading to call off all Crusades in 2016, and tour every State Capitol with Decision America, James began mobilizing the N. E. churches and church plants, assisted by BGEA’s database of 400 churches. By Rally day, 182 RI and MA churches had registered to participate, six buses were chartered, information had gone to many other churches of various denominations including Catholic, and mobilizers had called every church in the database informing them of an initial meeting at Woodlawn Baptist Church to determine who could help. Hispanic churches comprised a large component.

Follow-up to the Rallies features a plan to give a free DVD, “Decision”, to the 182 registered churches in RI and MA (and the others throughout the country). These churches will be asked to participate in “My Hope” to help evangelize families and friends using this persuasive DVD, due out about October 1st. Soon, 90-minute “My Hope” evangelistic training sessions will be scheduled in key area churches to which other local churches will be invited. Several excellent materials will be distributed free to participating churches including 10 “Decision” DVDs. Adults attending the trainings will receive BGEA prayer cards to pass out among their friends at church and elsewhere. On the back is space for listing unsaved friends who need prayer before being shown the DVD. Prayer, the key to saving souls, is also the key to saving America.

“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” Matthew 21:22



WHERE THEY STAND ON THE SUPREME COURT

	HILLARY CLINTON	DONALD TRUMP
WHAT THEY SAID	Clinton told the <i>Washington Times</i> : “I would not appoint someone who didn’t think <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is settled law.”	Trump has praised the late Antonin Scalia as a model justice, saying Scalia’s career was “defined by his reverence for the Constitution...”
ON THE TEXAS ABORTION DECISION	Clinton praised the justices’ 5-3 decision that severely limits the ability of states to regulate abortion.	Trump harshly criticized the justices who overturned the law and questioned their judgment.
ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS	Clinton said she would strive to appoint judges in the mold of liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor.	Trump released a list of potential conservative justices vetted in consultation with the Heritage Foundation and Federalist Society.

WHERE THEY STAND ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

	HILLARY CLINTON	DONALD TRUMP
WHAT THEY SAID	Clinton suggests that women’s abortion rights supersede religious liberty, saying, “Deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.”	“Religious freedom [is] the right of people of faith to freely practice their faith. [It is] so important.”
ON PUBLIC EXPRESSION	She opposes the practice of bakers, photographers and other business owners declining services for same-sex weddings due to faith-based reasons, saying “It’s outrageous” to be “denied a wedding cake for being gay.”	He vowed to “protect Christians” during a convocation speech at Liberty University.

WHERE THEY STAND ON ABORTION

	HILLARY CLINTON	DONALD TRUMP
WHAT THEY SAID	“I support <i>Roe versus Wade</i> because I think it is an important... statement about the importance of a woman making this most difficult decision...”	“I hate the concept of abortion. And since [being pro-choice] I’ve very much evolved... And I am very, very proud to say that I am pro-life.”
ON LATE-TERM ABORTION	Clinton said during a Fox News debate she favors allowing restrictions on late-term abortions with “exceptions for the life and health of the mother.”	Trump told Bloomberg News in January that he believes abortion should be banned at some point in pregnancy, with exceptions for rape, incest or life of the mother.
ON FUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD	Clinton told Planned Parenthood leaders that Republicans should join her in calling for greater taxpayer funding for the abortion giant if they really care about women.	Trump has said, “The abortion aspect of Planned Parenthood should absolutely not be funded,” adding that he might consider funding for the non-abortion services of Planned Parenthood.

WHERE THEY STAND ON NATIONAL SECURITY

	HILLARY CLINTON	DONALD TRUMP
WHAT THEY SAID	“We must be prepared... to go after terrorists wherever they plot using all the tools at our disposal.”	“You have to fight fire with fire. We have to be so strong. We have to fight so viciously. And violently because we’re dealing with violent people...”
LGBT AGENDA IN THE MILITARY	Last year Clinton promised to push for transgender troops to serve openly—something President Obama approved in June to Clinton’s applause.	Trump hasn’t directly addressed this issue. For background, he criticized the high court’s gay marriage decision, but he has been inconsistent on issues related to transgender people.
IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL	Clinton says she supports the deal on a “distrust but verify” condition. She said, “I would not support this agreement for one second if I thought it would put Israel in greater danger.”	Trump has said Obama should have backed out because it is a “bad deal” and that American negotiators were outwitted. He called it “total incompetence.”

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