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Jerry Tharp, pastor of Lone Jack Baptist Church in Lone Jack, Mo. hasn't been fortunate enough to see The Tabernacle Experience himself. But after several church members experienced it in 2014 when it set up outside Platte City, Mo. they asked him about hosting the traveling life-size replica of Moses' shrine.

"They were so moved," says Tharp. "I could tell it had a real impact on their faith. They would do anything to bring it back."

And with that passion and devotion to see it done, the little church of 150

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Worship Wagon brings church to poor, homeless

Charlene Aaron | CBN News

Songs of praise fill the air under a bridge near downtown Kansas City in an effort to reach the city's most un-reached people.

"Worship Wagon" serves the city's poor and homeless. Those who attend the church on wheels participate in a weekly, non-denominational service each Monday night and are encouraged to come just as they are.

Bruce McGregor and Joe Ratterman came up with the idea for Worship Wagon.

"It's really funny, cause we'll set up

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Voting a family affair

Voter registration deadlines loom In KS & MO for November elections

Anita Widaman | Metro Voice

Voting is a rite of passage in our home. We have taken our girls to vote with us since they were born. This summer our youngest daughter registered to vote for the first time! It took five minutes or less to register. It was exciting to receive her voter ID in the mail. It's part of growing up.

With the upcoming important presidential election, be sure that you are registered and familiar with where and what is needed to vote. Samuel

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Local Christian university enrollment quadruples

by **Jill Lee**

“We’ve waited a long time for this,” said Chad Pollard, Kansas Christian College’s (KCC) vice president of operations. “We’ve waited a long time for the need to purchase more dorm furniture and to have enrollment applications being submitted at a pace that makes it difficult to manage. We’ve waited, prayed, believed, worked hard and taken risks. We’ve done our best to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and the results are rewarding.”

In 2015, what was then Kansas City College and Bible School was in danger. After more than 75 years of serving as a ministry training school at the corner of 74th and Metcalf in Overland Park, the school had the equivalent of just 18 full-time students. Changes had to be made if the school was to continue equipping students for a “lifetime of Kingdom service.”

Under the leadership of President Delbert Scott and a newly formed team of administrators, the decision



was made to change the name to the simpler Kansas Christian College to build a new website, to launch online education programs and to set plans in motion for a revived athletics program.

Most of the changes were completed during the summer of 2015, and just one year later, KCC is a rejuvenated campus. Seventy-six full-time traditional students began their semester at KCC this August, along with nearly 40 students enrolled via KCC Online. Even more students are expected as new online cohorts begin throughout the academic year.

“To see what God has done in just one year is absolutely amazing,” said Pollard, who graduated from KCC(BS) in 2003. “I love my alma mater, and it played a major role in my spiritual formation. To see it brimming with students again is amazing, and I’m so thankful I get to be part of training a new generation of students to impact the world for Christ.”

For information about KCC, visit www.kansaschristian.edu.

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Chad Pollard



POLLARD

Student uses Fusion training to reach Middle East, refugees

by **Ben Hawkins**

When they heard news of an emergency request put out by the International Mission Board (IMB), 19-year-old Sara Patterson* and her friend lived among a Bedouin people group who are scattered throughout the Middle East and North Africa

Patterson and her friend ventured to the Middle East/North Africa on their own in January 2016, travelling from village to village and sharing with people who had never heard the gospel before. But it was not Patterson’s first time to the region. A year earlier, she worked in the region with a group of college-aged women deployed by Fusion, a missions-training program based on the campus of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

“Fusion is like nothing else,” Patterson said. “It will flip your world upside down.”

The program, she added, challenges young people to seriously consider the cost of following Christ and prepares them “for a lifetime of being enabled to go make disciples in any region.”

As such, after completing a year of training and mission work with Fusion, Patterson decided to go on mission independently, doing humanitarian work while sharing the gospel in Central Africa last fall, and then returning to the Middle



KANSAS CITY – Scott Brawner, founder and executive director of Fusion, coaches recruits during their Ground Training Aug. 1-14. The Fusion program, an intense missions training program for college students, was established and has its home at Midwestern Baptist College and Theological Seminary and is now a prominent training program.

East/North Africa this spring.

But then she heard about the IMB’s emergency call-out to Greece, where 156,000 refugees from countries like Syria and Iraq needed both humanitarian aid and a message of hope.

“It gave me confidence, resiliency, and the realization that I’m not called to comfort or success, but to obedience.”

They needed people proficient with Arabic and familiar with Muslim cultures. Patterson and her friend knew they needed to volunteer, so they were soon transferred to Greece, where they served in April and May—surrounded by hundreds of children without parents and by thousands of men and women who, without Christ had no hope.

When they left Greece in May, they left behind an underground church

with 17 believers, Patterson said. And, once again on U.S. soil, they had opportunities to share with the U.S. Department of State about the mindset that women need to have while working among refugees as they had done.

This fall, Patterson returned to the campus of Midwestern Seminary, where she is serving as a Fusion advocate—that is, a team leader, who will lead a group of four or five other girls on global mission next spring.

“I’m thankful to the Lord for this opportunity to learn,” she said, adding that she never would have been able to follow God’s call to Central Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, or Greece, had she not gone through the Fusion program in late 2014 and early 2015.

“Fusion enabled me practically in a lot of ways,” she said. “It gave me

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Adams stated, "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

Both Missouri and Kansas have great resources online listing the deadlines for registering for the November general election and other election information such as absentee voting, military-overseas voting, ID requirements, etc. (See sidebar.) Our out of state college daughter will need to request an absentee ballot to vote in the

November election.

One is encouraged to be sure they are registered and then registers others. A great resource on how to register friends, family and fellow church attenders is a step-by-step process found at www.cultureimpact.org/resources. This resource urges churches to hold voter registration on Sundays. The online tool kit has everything you need from bulletin inserts to pastor sermon notes. If government and cultural issues are your passion, step up to your civil obligation and serve!

Voting is important. Remember the "hanging chads?" In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson



A woman registers to vote outside a church

from being removed from office. It is important to vote and vote our Christian values. Our vote will decide Supreme Court Justices, new community swimming pools, trade agreements, education goals, and more. An

issue that is discussed between college students who visit our home is "free college." When we vote we are casting our values. When we do not vote, we are allowing someone else's values to govern us. The Metro Voice will have information in the October issue to establish if candidates share your values, but it is each voter's responsibility to read about candidates' values, past voting record and biography and pertinent election issues.

In America our votes are equal. Whether we are a college student or 90 years old; rich or poor; individuals get one vote. However, for our vote for it to count, you need to cast it!

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features Linda Fields, Author of Find Your Why Forward and Metro Voice contributor; William Ford III, director Marketplace Leadership at Christ for the Nations Institute; and Diane Bickle, manager, Glad Heart Realty and others.

Fields, founder of 7M-pact, says she's proud to bring the IM-

PACT Conference to Kansas City for the second year in a row. "The conference will deliver spiritual refreshing and practical training for personal and professional success in the marketplace," she says.



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 - Kay Warren, Saddleback Church

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Second Annual National Baptist Criminal Justice Commission comes to KC

The National Baptist Criminal Justice Commission (NBCJC) will hold its Second Annual Criminal Justice Luncheon at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Kansas City Convention Center. The luncheon theme is "Envisioning the Future Ministry of Criminal Justice Exceptionally!"



Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray.

Rev. Dr. Frank E. Ray of Memphis will be keynote speaker. The event is open to the public and is presented in conjunction with the 136th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, (NBC) USA, Inc. which runs from Sept. 5-9.

"We invite ex-offenders, families, law enforcement, victims of crime and the general public that are working their way through the Criminal Justice System to come," stated Dr. Harold Simmons, National Commissioner.

Information regarding employment, legal services, mental health, and much more will be available. The luncheon is sponsored by Prison Fellowship Ministry.

Organizers are expecting 12 associations that work with those impacted by the criminal justice system to provide counseling and resource information from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Our research data indicates that after a decline in the correctional population, about 1 in 35 adults in the United States was under some form of correctional supervision at year end 2013 and about 1 in 51 adults were on probation or parole at year end 2013," Simmons said.

Tickets and/or reservations for the luncheon may be purchased in advance and on the day of the event with a \$25 donation. Proceeds will benefit the National Baptist Criminal Justice Commission's work to support individuals, families, victims, and their communities that

are working their way through the criminal justice system through ministry.

For info, call (901) 651-2488 or email rap4661@gmail.com. There is no cost for those who come for information or for associations to set-up booths.

Local congressman's cell phone number among those released in hacking

U.S. 5th Congressional District Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (D) of Missouri says his cell phone number was one of those released by the hacker known as Gucifier 2.0. Cleaver says he received "an avalanche of mean-spirited phone calls" after the cyber attack released cell phone numbers and home addresses that were collected from the computer of California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

Congressman Cleaver says many of the calls were mean. Cleaver's current allegations come six years after he and his office released a statement saying the Congressman had been "spit upon" by tea party enthusiasts protesting House members who had just voted to pass the Affordable Care Act-or Obama-care.

The national media jumped on the story and used it to portray the Tea Party as racist. When video was released disproving the allegation, Cleaver recanted the story on Kansas City's FOX4 TV station, saying it wasn't him who started the rumor. "I never, I never reported anything, never a single thing in Washington, not one thing."

Cleaver said in the interview.

Cleaver says he was out of town during this current incident and couldn't protect his phone because his computer skills were "babyish". A Missouri news outlet reports quoted Cleaver saying that a helpful CNN commentator, "upon hearing about the hacking, asked for my phone and began taking steps to prevent further intrusion into my personal information."

Though no evidence of "mean calls" has been made public in the current allegations, Cleaver was given tax-payer funded security around his home compliments of local law enforcement.



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September 11, 15 years later

Where were you on 9-11?

Metro Voice asked our friends and readers to share their memories of the fateful day that changed America. Here are their stories.

George Ayoub Pastor

Amman, Jordan

9/11 marks my first year I had moved to America. My family and I were forced to leave the Middle East when I was informed by the government that an Islamic radical group was planning to kidnap my daughter who was in first grade at the time. I had to look for a safer country for my family.

On 9/11 I stepped into my office to find two employees watching the news on a small TV screen. They asked me to come and see what had occurred. I looked, and I wasn't surprised, I was used to seeing things like this constantly taking place in front of me. I witnessed things like my best friend getting shot, my aunt dying, and my father being severely injured due to war. However, my American friends did not understand why I wasn't shocked at what had occurred. Then I witnessed the second plane hitting the second tower, and I realized that it wasn't an accidental plane crash, rather a planned attack. That is when it hit me what happened was extremely serious. After this, I began to believe there is no safe country in this world. We can see this in how security began growing in airports. God called me to move back to the Middle East eight years ago to serve the Lord, realizing that danger has spread to all over the world.

The biggest change I witnessed after 9/11 is that the general awareness grew among Americans—people began understanding the opposition much better, they grew strong and learned how to fight against it. The ministry grew after this incident. People began supporting mission work located in dangerous areas of the world. I'm glad I know heaven is a safe place.

Tina Gray Finance Manager Westside Family Church Lenexa, Kan.

I remember the morning of 9/11 well. I was home alone; my husband and two daughters had already left for work and school. As I went about my normal routine, I heard the news that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. Stunned, I stood there staring at the TV; I couldn't believe it and wasn't sure what to do. I hurried off to work at Westside Family Church and walked into the office, where everyone was frozen watching the events unfold. The church office phone rang, I answered and a woman was crying uncontrollably. Her brother worked in one of the buildings and she had no way of knowing if he was ok. I prayed with her and tried to stay strong to comfort her.

The phone continued to ring all day. We opened up the church sanctuary for prayer and people came all day long to kneel in prayer.

It was very strange to be safe in Kansas

while so much heartbreak and devastation was happening in New York. The sound of the woman crying on the phone will forever be a memory. She did call back later that day; her brother stopped to run an errand that morning; he was safe!!

I think 9/11 forever changed the citizens of the United States. It became a personal journey for us all to make sense of this tragedy and yet still go forward. It forced us to face the reality that terrorism was real and present in the USA.

Maurice O'Neill Musician and teacher Fayetteville, Mo.

Almost immediately, my mind started composing a song that I have since used with two church choirs and a community choir. A large portion of the anthem simply quotes the Isaac Watts hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

Julie Johnson Newtown, Conn.

We lived in Lee's Summit on 9/11/01. It was my daughter Elise's 5th birthday. I had just returned from taking the boys to school when Mark called from the office, saying to turn on the television. I remember the horror of watching the day unfold. It was unreal.

It was perhaps the longest day I ever remember. Late in the afternoon of 9/11, my mother & I turned off the TV and went outside. It was a gorgeous day in Kansas City. I remember we grabbed a couple brooms and swept the patio in silence. We needed to get away from the horror of the news, but we could not stop thinking about it. It was like a fog had descended, and it took days if not weeks to lift.

In July of 2002 we moved to Connecticut, just 60 miles outside NYC. As the first anniversary of the attack approached, it was a frequent topic of conversation. More than once I was told that I just couldn't understand the significance of that day, having lived in Kansas City during the attack. And to a point, I'm sure they were correct. Many of my neighbors and friends know someone personally who perished that day. But at the same time, I don't think they understand how the entire country stopped after the attacks. It was monumental to us all.

Delbert L. Scott President Kansas Christian College Overland Park, Kan.

While walking out of my basement apartment in Jefferson City heading to a Missouri Senate breakfast I passed by a tv showing the live coverage of the plane hitting the first building. By the time I got to the breakfast the coverage was showing the second building being hit. Shortly after arriving at my office in the state capital, the first building collapsed and then

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Why the National 9/11 Memorial matters

by Dwight Widaman

As we approached the site of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, my heart quickened. I could feel that something big—very big—use to occupy this space on Manhattan Island. I looked up into the chilly, overcast April sky and imagined the tops of the World Trade Towers disappearing into the clouds.

Accompanied by good friends, Mark and Julie Johnson, who moved to Connecticut from Lee's Summit the year after 9-11, Anita and I had looked forward to experiencing the exhibits with them. I told them this was the most important thing I wished to see. And, there is so much to see, though I didn't realize how much we would feel.

Visitors step up to a waist-high ledge to view giant reflecting pools built in the exact location of the towers 50-feet below. Water cascades down the sides from underneath the bronze ledge that memorializes the names of all those lost in the World Trade Center Towers, Pentagon, Flight 93 and from the attacks in 1993.

As the water falls, it catches the edge of the stone blocks creating a spray that mimics the iconic facade of the buildings. Anita notices that it is quiet. Not quiet as in the absence of noise but quiet as visitors to the memorial contemplate the names of victims. You hear only water as the sounds of New York City fade to nothingness in the distance. This water, plus emotions that spring from within one's heart, create a sacred space in the city that never sleeps.

We slowly walked around the memorial, letting our fingers trail gently and reverently across names of the 2,983 victims etched in bronze.

Nearby, a building that seems to jut out from the plaza, allows entrance to the museum atrium below. There



you'll first see the concept of design of the World Trade Towers—an iconic architectural symbol of America's strength, power and ingenuity. You can't miss a wall-size photo of the towers and surrounding area taken just moments before the first impact.

The exhibit is divided into three time periods: the day it happened (9/11), the immediate aftermath (post-9/11) and pre-9/11. The last displaying the historical context.

Several things stand out and they remind me this should be considered one of the most important national memorials in our nation. It is certainly one of the most hallowed.

The museum is a somber place. People speak in hushed tones, if they speak at all. Young people instinctively slip their phones into pockets. Scattered throughout are tissues for those overcome with emotion.

I have not experienced a weight on my heart such as this since the day I visited Yad Vashem—World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem. While separated by six decades, both the Yad Vashem and 9/11 Museums show that evil is alive in the world and humanity still pays the price.

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the second. What a tragic loss of life. After a brief Senate session which included prayer, we were dismissed for the day. No one knew where the next strike would be.

America's heart was turned back to God for a brief time. I spoke in schools in my district and in patriotic rallies from the Bible. Soon we forgot how vulnerable we are and that we indeed need God's favor.

The attack made us distrustful of those unlike us. Government regulations and oversight (TSA) brought on new rules and procedures.

We fought a war and were successful till we pulled out and all the sacrifice on men and

women was to little long-term benefit.

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler Missouri's 4th Congressional District



September 11, 2001, started out like every other day. I had just finished feeding breakfast to our 18-month-old daughter when Dennis, our neighbor who was serving as Cass County's Farm Bureau president, stopped by with papers I needed to sign as board secretary. When I greeted him, he said, "I just heard on the radio that a plane has hit the Trade Towers in New York City. They think it's an accident but they aren't sure." I turned on the TV and we stood spellbound watching the events

unfold, horrified as we watched the fire, grieved for the victims, and trying to reckon the senselessness of it all. As we watched, a second plane appeared and slammed into the other tower and we knew this was no accident. Dennis quickly left to go home to his family and I called my husband. He came home and we watched in silence, shocked and sickened at the ensuing fall of the towers knowing our lives would never be the same. We went outside and saw a sight we'll never forget: airplane trails looping in the sky as planes were ordered to turn around and land as soon as possible...and then nothing. Clear blue skies with NO trails. An eeriness that punctuated our uncertainty ensued.

Since then we have lost basic freedoms we took for granted. No longer can we quickly board

a plane without being scanned or scrutinized. No longer can we pull up to the front of Missouri's State Capitol or many other government buildings due to barricades. No longer can we assume everyone here appreciates freedom and is our friend. The perverse actions of a few have affected us all.

But our resolve is strong and our appreciation for the freedoms we do have and the sacrifices made by others before 9-11 and since 9-11 to stamp back evil and promote liberty are strong and true. We are more vigilant, more cautious, and, hopefully, more prayerful. We know that God is the source of our freedoms and He is our hope. In Him is our future and, for that, I can rest assured.

"Barefoot Rick" Roeber Lee's Summit, Mo.



I remember the morning clearly. I was working at Sprint PCS in the Network Operations Control Center (NOCC). It was a clear, beautiful September morning. Someone came out of the control center to our offices and said that a plane had struck one of the twin towers in New York. My initial thought was a small plane had gone off course and slammed into the building. Entering the theater of the NOCC, the scene was playing out over and over again on the big screen TVs. We all watched in horror as the plane hit the tower. As we were watching, the second plane hit. My job with Sprint at the time was working in disaster recovery. For the next three weeks, I sat on conference calls working with the other carriers as workers combed through the wreckage. They were often following "pings" of cell phone transmissions and finding human remains at these locations. I will never forget this.

Our country returned to God, briefly, during this time. It showed that our enemies were evil and would stop at nothing to hurt us. I am reminded of Isa. 26:9 that states when the earth experiences judgement, then people learn righteousness. Unfortunately, this was short-lived. I believe we are once again asleep at the wheel and another calamity is just around the corner. Will this be the catalyst that propels God's people into His arms? Time will tell.

Shmuel Wolkenfeld Rabbi, Or HaOlam Messianic Congregation Overland Park, Kan.



On 9/11/01, I was in my office homeschooling my daughter when I received an email from one of my congregants with the news of the first tower, the north one, being hit. There was much uncertainty, and it was thought at first it was a private plane gone awry. Then we received another email, when the tower collapsed. We don't own a TV, but after that I viewed news events on line, and saw the second tower go down.

Three of my kids and I had just been on the top of the towers the summer before. I am a native New Yorker, so took great pleasure pointing out the Queensboro 59th St. Bridge, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, etc. I introduced them to Nathan's hot dogs in the deli on the 109th floor or so!

That event changed America forever. We are not fortress America anymore, safely removed from the wars of the world. To some extent, the event woke us up to the dangers of radical Islamism, and the weakness of our country caused by our own waywardness as a nation. Sadly, both awakenings were too ephemeral, and we are in a spate of denial of evil now, both within and without. We need an outpouring of personal repentance. Very timely to call for such as we approach the Biblical holidays of the sounding of the shofar trumpets of judgment on Rosh HaShannah!

Scott Hutson Church volunteer Kansas City, Mo.

On September 11, 2001, I was serving as youth director at a ministry that also had a Christian school. I heard some discussion coming from a classroom and stopped in to see what was on the television. It was shortly after that the second plane hit the south tower. Not believing what I was watching, my heart sank as I saw the towers collapse, knowing instantly that I had just witnessed the deaths of hundreds, if not thousands of people. These memories give me the convic-

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"Shalom" is Hebrew for peace, but more than that it's a restored relationship between God and man and man to man. We purpose to encourage this shalom through Jesus Christ. Jesus' ministry is a way of repentance, forgiveness and new life and we love creating a space for this to happen in ways that guests will always remember.

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• Message: Consistent with a biblical worldview and a catalyst for Christian spiritual growth

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for up to 384 guests. Each dorm room within the bunkhouses includes eight rooms that hold up to 12 people per room, with a private bath with two sinks, two showers, and two toilets. Each dorm is equipped with one American Disabilities Act compliant room with a shower and toilet. Another lodging facility is the Ranch House, a 4,600-square-foot guest house with four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. It can be reserved by any group that comes to Cave Springs or used on its own for a smaller retreat, meeting, or reunion. It is a great place to house speakers, bands, or leadership staff and families during a large camp or conference.

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from the editor

FIGHT TERROR, NOT MODESTY

A French court in late August overturned what was known as the 'burkini ban.' The local law prohibited Muslim women from wearing traditional garments on the beach in Nice, France. The policy came to a head when beach-goers snapped cell phone photos of half a dozen French police enforcing the ban by descending on a middle-aged Muslim woman and forcing her remove her tunic on the beach then ticketing her for being "over-dressed". Yes, you read that right.

If she was a modest middle-aged Christian woman we'd be outraged, right? And that's the problem. We should be outraged anyway. If Christians stand by and let other faiths lose their rights as citizens, then we are all doomed. If Muslim women want to cover up on the beach with a tunic, or what my wife calls and wears to and from the beach herself on vacation—a "moo moo", or Muslim, Hindu or Christian women want to wear any other modest beach attire, more power to 'em.

For a law that forces women to expose MORE of their bodies to be passed, let alone even considered, is more than frightening. If France wants to actually



Ever diligent? Police descend on woman to force her to undress under Burkini ban

win the war on terror, perhaps they should be focusing on those sporting vest bombs, not middle-aged Muslim women out for an afternoon at the beach in their moo moos.

WHAT'S IN A MOTTO?

What's our national motto? Seems like an easy question to answer. In Hillary Clinton's acceptance speech she stated: "Our country's motto is e pluribus unum: out of many, we are one. Will we stay true to that motto?"

I can see some candidates making the mistake but what about President Obama? Surely such a learned man as himself knows the truth. Right? This is the man who the media tells us is a "constitutional scholar," perhaps the greatest of our time, they say.

In 2010, President Obama similarly said, "In the United States, our motto is E pluribus unum — out of many, one."

One little problem. E pluribus unum is NOT our national motto. In 1956, "In God We Trust" was made the official motto of the United States of America by an Act of Congress. It's law.

After observers pointed this out online, liberals and angry atheists quickly came to Clinton's defense, saying she was right about the motto and to ignore any one who would dare question her knowledge.



But the atheists, liberals and media elites who want to strip a bit of fact from history books by just saying "it isn't so" will have to get over a pesky little line in U.S. Code: 36 U.S.C. § 302 says in its entirety: "In God we trust" is the national motto."

Having optimism in a chaotic world



CLINT DECKER

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One day as I was checking out from a store and visiting with the clerk about random things, he said to me "We are in trouble!" referring to world and national events. He is not alone in his line of thinking. Many people I visit with are very concerned about the state of our world no matter if they are religious or not.

Honestly, they have a reason to be. The natural disasters America is experiencing with monumental flooding and raging fires is displacing tens of thousands and causing hundreds of millions in damages. The death tolls



our major cities are facing due to violence are higher than what our soldiers have faced on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. The effect of political ideology and battles are reaching with devastating effects, to the smallest corners of our society. Even so, in the face of this I have tremendous optimism.

First, I understand where all this craziness is coming from so it comes without alarm. We live in a place where there is a God who is good, and a Devil who is evil. These opposing forces naturally lead to ongoing spiritual battles that are revealed in our daily news

headlines. Jesus spoke of this when He said, "The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. I came that they might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The work of the thief produces chaos leading to pessimism, while the work of Jesus produces hope leading to optimism.

The reason I believe these are great days is because of Jesus' resurrection centuries ago. There is a common phrase in Christian circles that goes, "Because He lives, I live." This speaks of the victory Jesus won through His cross. Leading up to His epic victory,



CHER NOT IDEAL SPOKESWOMAN FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Cher, recently speaking at a LGBT fund-raiser for Hillary Clinton, went into a 15-minute, hate-filled rant calling Donald Trump a racist. "He doesn't mean we want to make America great again. He means we want to make America straight and white," she said in a speech long on profane words I cannot print here. She also compared Trump to "despots, you know Stalin and Hitler."

The 70-year-old actress, who still prefers see-through lace leggings on public outings, has some race problems that dwarf Trump calling for a security wall to be built on our southern border. The singer who took the song "Half-Breed" to number one on U.S. song charts in 1973, is being sued by her black choreographer for, wait for it... racism and discriminatory hiring practices.

The lawsuit contends that during casting auditions for the show's dancers Cher told her choreographer Kevin Wilson to seek out white, blonde dancers, saying, "We have too much color onstage." He claims in the suit that she also requested not to cast "anymore dark skinned black dancers on the tour." Wilson is now suing her for racial discrimination and retaliation.

No word if Cher wishes she could "turn back time."

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evil and its allies threw every form of attack at Him. When He was arrested, tried and sentenced to death - they rejoiced. When He was tortured - they cheered. When He was nailed to the cross and died - they rose in a spirit of achievement. When He was buried - they celebrated.

Then three days later the tables were turned. Suddenly, Jesus was revived! He rose from the dead! He walked victoriously out of His own tomb! Evil cried out in anguish at His triumph. He won! Evil was defeated! Evil no longer was the world's Dictator. People can now have optimism and hope in the face of violence and destruction.

Because He lives, so can we! Because He overcame, so can we overcome! Because He was victorious, so can we be victorious! Because of Jesus' resurrection, no matter the circumstances, there is ALWAYS a future and hope! If we turn from our sin and place our trust fully in Jesus, His victory and hope will be ours.

—Clint Decker is President & Evangelist with Great Awakenings, Inc. cdecker@greatawakenings.org

Messianic Judaism: Linking to Israel's Covenants

Ever wonder how it is that the Biblical faith, as it relates to the faithfulness of God and the Jewish People, eludes the everyday experience for Christian practice? Have the Covenants of Israel, the origin of the "Messianic" faith, now become a Christian alternative or replacement? Do you believe that there is a new entity (the Church) beyond Israel's identity, fulfilling God's plan in the world? Many within Christian theology would say so. But even if you say no to



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that tradition, what does it mean to be

Christian, when Jesus said, "Salvation is" (not "was") of the Jews?"

When you pray or worship, does the fact that Jesus was a Jew matter? And, if the Jewish people are still a covenant people created by God, what can it mean that they continue to "carry the oracles of God" when Jesus is now understood as the Messiah (Christ) of the "whole" world?

And why should you care if you understand yourself to be a "Christian" and not a Jew?

Dare to read on!

If reconciliation is a primary theme in Christianity, then consider that the upcoming Biblical cycle (Days of Repentance: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), raises serious questions of your identity in God as one "redeemed", reconciled to Israel's Biblical narrative.

I know we agree on at least one thing. The text of the Bible is the answer to all of these questions.

"Therefore, remember that for-

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merly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in

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RETREATS

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100th summer, and having over 500 alumni here for a celebration there were thousands of stories shared of how Camp Wood positively changed countless lives. As we move into the next century of service to others we at camp look forward to continuing to enrich the lives of campers and guests in our communities.

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Monday, Oct. 17th
9:30 am *Waving of lulavs*

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Tuesday, Oct. 11th
6:30 pm *Kol Nidre*
Wednesday, Oct. 12th
9:15 am *Morning Service*
5:30 pm *Mincha (Afternoon Prayer)*
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SEPT. 27 CROWDER AMERICAN PRODIGAL TOUR. 7:00 P.M. AT THE FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH, TOPEKA, KS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 855-443-8499.

CONCERTS

GUITARIST CHARLES DAVID SMART. September 2, 7:30 pm-9:30 pm. Homer's Coffee House, 7126 W. 80th St., Overland Park, KS 66204.

WORSHIP WITH DANIEL BRYMER. September 4, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Hillcrest Covenant, 88th St. & Nall Ave., Prairie Village, KS.

GAITHER VOCAL BAND. September 8, 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church Raytown, 10500 E. State Rte 350, Raytown, MO 64138. 816-353-1994.

SPIRIT FEST. September 10, 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 350 MO 150 Hwy., Lee's Summit, MO 64082. Completely free community event: Free BBQ, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Brats. Giant Inflatables, Kids Games, KC Wolf, Silent Auction on Chiefs Memorabilia. Music by DJ Kirby Ham. Punt, Pass, and Kick competition for all ages. 816-537-7233.

NEHEMIAH FEST X. September 16-18. Smith's Fork Park @ Smithville Lake, 1601 DD Hwy, Smithville, MO. Free Admission, music, food, disk golf tournament, vendors petting zoo, camping. Christian Music & Camping Festival 50 bands 4 stages. nehemiahfest.com.

SWEET SPIRIT & FRIENDS MUSIC OUTREACH. September 17, 6:00 pm. Moment of Truth Church, 310 Randolph Rd., Claycomo, MO. Special guests: Desperation Church Praise Team. 6:00 pm food, music begins 7:00 pm. Come on by and bring a friend. Everyone needs a little encouragement from time to time. 816-452-4426.

LOOKING FOR AMERICA TOUR SWITCHFOOT, RELIANT K. September 20, 7:00 pm. Uptown Theater, 3700 Broadway St., Kansas City, MO 64111. 816-753-8665.

THE CHUCK WAGON GANG. September 22, 7:00 pm. First Christian Church Kearney, 2151 S. Jefferson St., Kearney, MO 64060. 816-628-6653.

PHIL & PAM MORGAN HYMN CD DEBUT! September 25, 6:30 pm. First Baptist, 2 NE Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. 816-525-0700.

CROWDER AMERICAN PRODIGAL TOUR. September 27, 7:00 pm. Fellowship Bible Church, Topeka, .KS. 855-443-8499.

SWEET SPIRIT. October 15, 6:00 pm. Moment of Truth Bible Baptist Church, 310 S. Randolph Rd., Claycomo, MO 64119. 816-452-4426.

JEREMY CAMP - Oct. 20, 7pm, Light of the World Christian Center, 3301 Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS. Jeremy Camp with Love and the Outcome. General admission \$25 Gold circle \$35. To purchase tickets visit lotwcc.org/events or shofarconcerts.com. (785) 271-1010 or (417) 563-3471

BIG DADDY WEAWE. October 29. First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. 350 Hwy., Raytown, MO 64138. Watch for ticket details coming soon! 816-353-1994.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL (Call for groups)

ALPHA OMEGA CHRISTIAN MUSIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, PRAYER, DEVOTION, POTLUCK AND JAM. FIRST FRIDAY, 7pm. 10035 E. Westport Rd., Indep., MO 64052.

MO-KAN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION POTLUCK AND JAM. FOURTH FRIDAY (except for Nov. & Dec. when we meet on the 3rd Fri.). Northland Christian Church, 6120 NE 48th St., KCMO. 913-432-0359.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE CHURCH. SECOND SATURDAY, 6pm. 341 S. 72nd St., Kansas City, KS 66111. Praise and Worship songs of Zion. 913-334-1009.

CGMA NW MO CHAPTER MEETING, GOSPEL MUSIC AND POTLUCK. SECOND SATURDAY. Faith Assembly of God Church, South 13 Hwy, Polo, MO. Travel North on I-35 North, go North of Liberty to the Polo/Lathrop Exit. Turn right onto 116 Hwy. Go 12 miles to 13 Hwy. Turn left and go ¼ mile. pegcla@msn.com.

MOMENT OF TRUTH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH. THIRD SATURDAY in January, May, September & October, 7pm. 310 Randolph Rd, Claycomo, MO. Gospel music sing. 816-452-4426.

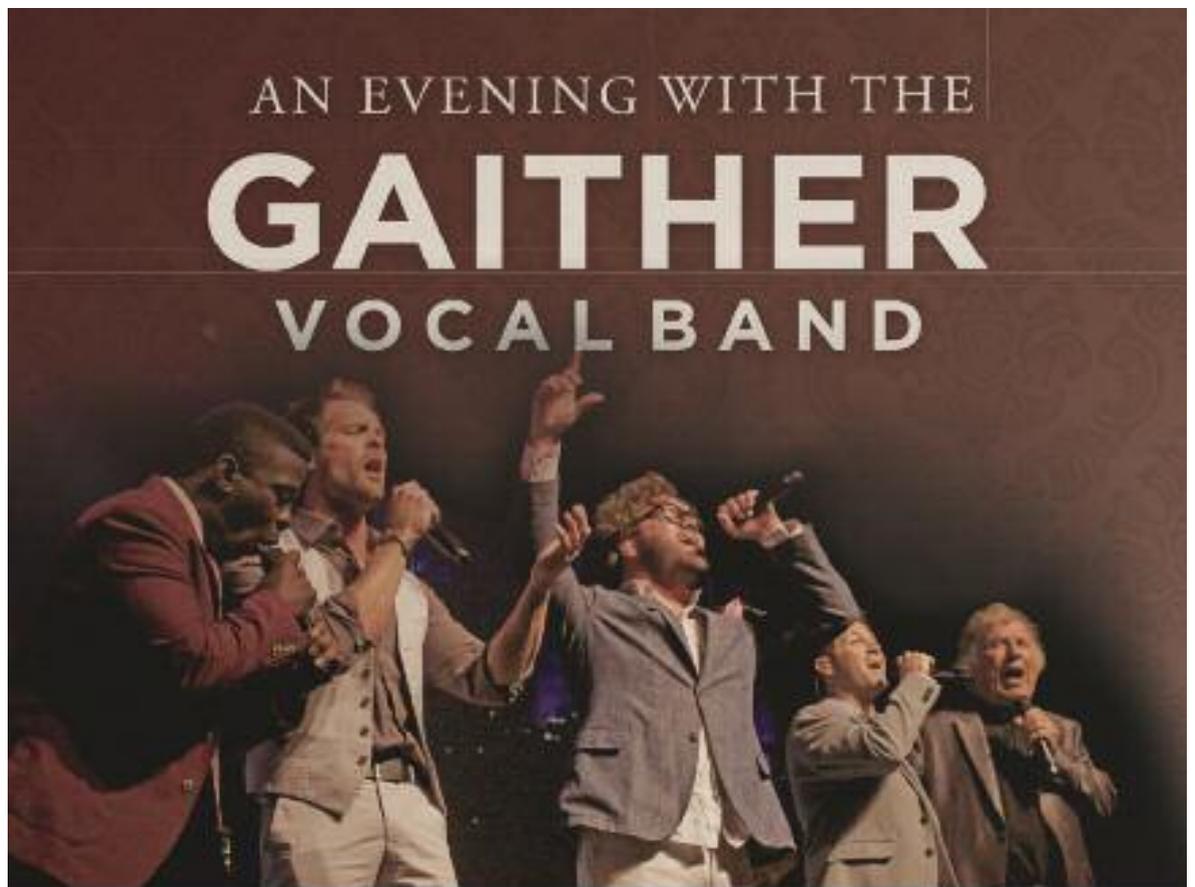
RADIANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD. LAST SUNDAY, 6:30 p.m. Hwy. 33, Kearney, MO. Open mike. Gospel sing.

PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH. SECOND SUNDAY, 6 p.m. Pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. Paradise Missouri. 816-591-1020.

CLASSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT. Thursday's, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm. Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City, 5801 W. 115th St., Overland Park, KS 66211. A free workshop series will be held for people suffering from chronic health issues such as asthma, arthritis, dementia, diabetes, heart disease and mental health conditions. kloeb@jfskc.org 913-327-8000.

MOUNTAIN TOP MARRIAGE OZARK MOUNTAIN RETREAT. September 2-5. Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, MO. \$339.00/per couple. Teachers - Roger and



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AVOID PROBATE. September 6, 7:00 pm. Lewis Living Trust Center. 700 NE Langsford, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. 816-524-3200.

SELAH NOMOAG LADIES FALL CONFERENCE. September 9 & 10. Lake Maurer Retreat Center, 901 Lake Maurer Rd., Excelsior Springs, MO 64024. Guest speaker: Sue Duffield and Worship: Leslie Woods. 724-992-1099.

THE MOST REWARDING CHALLENGE: AN INTRODUCTION TO FOSTER PARENTING. September 9, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Rd., room 250, Kansas City, MO 64151. 3,000 kids in Northwest Missouri have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. Every one of them needs a caring and nurturing home. Find out how you can help kids in your own back yard by becoming a foster parent.

GOOD NEWS CLUB TEAM ORIENTATION TRAINING. September 10, 9:00 am-4:00 pm (register by September 8). Shawnee Bible Church, 12921 W. 61st St., Shawnee KS.

DAVE RAMSEY'S 9-WEEK VIDEO COURSE, JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL PEACE. September 11, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (Sundays). Pisgah Baptist Church, 1.5 miles east of Excelsior Springs on Highway 10. Cost: \$95 per

person or per couple for materials. 816-630-5121.

JEWISH ROOTS CLASSES BEGIN. Sept 12 & 13. Messianic Jewish Institute of KC, 8512 Stearns Ave, Overland Park, KS 66214 This opportunity is for a student at any level interested in the study of Biblical culture, first century Judaism, and the Jewish roots of the Christian faith. Study the Bible as it was given, set in the soil of the land of Israel and the Jewish people. 913-888-7272. www.jewishrootsinstitute.org

HEART OF AMERICA BIBLE COLLEGE CLASSES BEGIN. September 13, 2016, 6:00 PM. Heart of America Bible College, 7600 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO (816) 356-6380

SUCCESS DISCOVER THE SECRETS TO ACHIEVING MORE. September 13, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. John Knox Pavilion, Lee's Summit, MO. Unlock 20 exciting principles, principles that propel ordinary people to do the extraordinary. Two ways to register. 1-800-588-0166 and finchsuccess.com/seminars.

SHADOW EMPIRE SEMINAR. Sept.15 & 16, 7:00 PM. KCC SDA Church, 14651 Peterson Rd., Kansas City, Missouri. Issues pertaining to the rise and fall of religious freedom. (563) 271-0476. ShadowEmpire.com

SHADOW EMPIRE SEMINAR. Sept.15 & 16. Gladstone SDA Church, 3800 NE 80th St., Kansas City, Missouri. Issues pertaining to the rise and fall of religious freedom. (563) 271-0476. ShadowEmpire.com

IMPACT 16 MARKETPLACE CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY. September 15-18. Embassy Suites Country Club Plaza, 220 W. 43rd St., Kansas City, MO. Pre-Conference summit, September 15, Focus, Results & Freedom in the New World of Work. Featuring Linda Fields, Author Find Your Why Forward, William Ford III, Director Marketplace Leadership at Church for the Nations Institute, and Diane Bickle, Manager Glad heart Realty and others.

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST. September 17, 9:30 am. First Baptist Church, 214 Ferrel St., Platte City, MO. 816-858-2018.

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST. September 17, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Northland Mission Church, 600, NW 110th Ter., Kansas City, MO 64155.

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST. Sept. 17, 9:30 - 4:30, doors open at 8:30 Grace Family Fellowship, 125 N. Armstrong, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. 816-540-5872. www.gffpleasanthill.org

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE METHODIST MISSION. September 18. Avondale United Methodist Church, 3101 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO. 816-522-1023.

AVOID PROBATE. September 22, 7:00 pm. Lewis Living Trust Center. 700 NE Langsford, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. 816-524-3200.



BETH MOORE SIMULCAST. SEE AD FOR LOCATIONS!

SKILLBUILDERS. Fall 2016. Sept 23 - Nov. 22. Platte Country Resource Center, KCMO. The Palmer Center, Independence Mo. Although classes are designed for widowed persons, anyone may attend. No preregistration is necessary. No charge. Topics: Understanding your Grief, Fall Lawn & Garden Care, Home Computer and Mobile Device Care, Making Solo Decisions, Estate Planning, Home Security, Stress Management, Managing Your Money, Coping with the Holidays. 913-648-1520. Spon. by Crossroads Hospice, KC Hospice, Independence P&R.

GOOD NEWS CLUB TEAM ORIENTATION TRAINING. September 24, 9:00 am-4:00 pm (register by September 22). Blue Ridge Bible Church, 8524 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO.

KEVIN DEVRIES. FINDING NOAH DOCUMENTARY AND Q&A. Various dates and location. Sept 25 -- Abundant Life Church (9:15 & 11:00 a.m. services); Lee's Summit, MO. Sept 25--Abundant Life Church (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) Lee's Summit, MO. Sept 27 -- Lee's Summit Community Church (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.). Sept 28 -- FBC-Raytown (5:45 p.m. service) Raytown, MO. Sept 29 -- FCA

Adult Chapter Meeting @ St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, MO

KEVIN DEVRIES. THE DAY THE DEVIL SHOWED UP TO CHURCH. Various dates and location. Sept 27 -- TGIW-Lee's Summit @ LSCC Common Ground. Sept 28 -- TGIW-Lee's Summit @ The Stanley".

TOUGH GUYS AND DRAMA QUEENS PARENTING SEMINAR. September 25, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. 350 Hwy., Raytown, MO 64138. \$10 per person. Today's teens come with an entirely new set of challenges. Question is: are you prepared? Mark Gregston is ready to whip your parenting techniques into shape, and avoid the common pitfalls of parenting teens. 816-353-1994.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE. September 28-November 6. Overland Park, KS. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life. Our Community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond.

REVELATION OF HOPE PROPHECY SEMINAR. Sept.29, 7:00 PM. Gladstone SDA Church, 3800 NE 80th St., Kansas City, Missouri. Prophecy not only describes last day events, but it helps us in our daily lives to make it through these trying times. (563) 271-0476

REVELATION OF HOPE PROPHECY SEMINAR. Sept.30, 7:00 PM. KCC SDA Church, 14651 Peterson Rd., Kansas City, Missouri. Prophecy not only describes last day events, but it helps us in our daily lives to make it through these trying times. (563) 271-0476

THE MOST REWARDING CHALLENGE: AN INTRODUCTION TO FOSTER PARENTING. September 29, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Discover Middle School, 800 Midway Dr., Liberty, MO 64068. 3,000 kids in Northwest Missouri have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

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Every one of them needs a caring and nurturing home. Find out how you can help kids in your own back yard by becoming a foster parent.

WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE. September 29 - October 1. Christ Triumphant Church, 401 NE Chipman, Lee's Summit, MO. Speakers include: Patricia King, Joann Hunter, Katie Sousa and Carol Koch. The heart of Women on the Frontlines is to create an encounter zone for hungry believers to receive the powerful impartation from those who have gone before. 816-524-6120.

BREAKTHROUGH CONFERENCE. September 30-October 1. World Revival Church, 9900 View High Drive, Kansas City, MO 64134. Steve and Kathy Gray will speak during the day sessions which are open to paid registrants. They will share about the major breakthroughs they have personally experienced that have liberated and empowered them to lead a revival and reformation movement that continues to impact nations. Evening services will be open to the public, with powerful praise and worship and revelatory preaching of the word of God that will release that "breaker anointing" in your life. You will be able to say, "My life will never be the same again." 816-763-0708.

BRILLIANCE IGNITE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. September 30-October 1. Lenexa Christian Center, 17500 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS.

HIGH HOLY DAYS ADAT YESHUA. Rosh HaShanah, Oct. 2-4; Yom Kippur, Oct. 11 & 12; Sukkot, Oct. 16 & 17; Simchat Torah, Oct. 24. Adat Yeshua Messianic Congregation, 8512 Stearns Ave. Overland Park, KS. Authentic and uplifting services. Featuring traditional Jewish liturgy and prayers. 913-888-7272. www.adatyeshuakc.com See ad.

FALL HOLY DAYS AT OR HAOLAM. October 2, 7:00 pm. Erev Rosh Hashanah. October 3, 11:00 am, Rosh Hashanah. October 11, 7:00 pm, Erev Yom Kippur Khol Nidre. October 12, 11:00 am, Yom Kippur. October 12, 7:00 pm, Neilah (end of YK fast/carry-in meal). October 17, 11:00 am, First Day of Sukkot. October 22, 10:00 am, Shabbat Sukkot Day 6 (ALSO celebrating Messiah's Birthday/carry-in meal). October 24, 11:00 am, Shemini Atzeret/Hoshana Rabbah/Simkhat Torah. Or HaOLAM Messianic Congregation, 9898 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS. 913-383-8448.

WINDERMERE FALL ADULT RETREAT. October 6-8. Windermere Baptist Conference Center, Roach, MO 65787. Guests include: Dr. Greg Morrow; Dr. Paul Gibson, Great music. 573-346-5200.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING SEMINAR. October 14, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm & October 15, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Heart of America Ministries, 7600 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138. 816-356-6380.

OBLATE RETREAT. October 28-30. Conception Abbey, 37174 State Highway VV, Conception, MO 64433. Fr Benedict Neenan, O.S.B. explains the history of Beuronese style and art. Br. Michael Marcotte, O.S.B on Beuronese Art & Music. Plan now to attend. 660-944-3100.

ALLIANCE FOR LIFE CONFERENCE 2016. October 30-November 1. Ramada Plaza Hotel, Oasis Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803. Speakers Lori DeVillez and Scott Klusendorf. You will be

learning from pro-life peers on topics that will enhance, equip and rejuvenate your focus and purpose as a dream bigger for your ministry. 816-806-4168.

NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. November 5. Stephens College Campus, Columbia, MO. Sponsored by: Next Generation Ministries. Featuring Craig Jutila, 7 Choices that will change your leadership life.

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE. September 3, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Faith Temple Church, 1162 SW Lincoln St., Topeka, KS. The church is partnering with an organization called, Funds2Orgs, who will purchase each pair of shoes. The shoes can be donated on the date of the drive, by contacting Marshelia at 785-640-4165 for a "free pickup!"

OPENING CONVOCATION. September 9, 10:00 am. William Jewell College, Gano Chapel, 500 College Hill, Liberty, MO 64068. William Jewell's new president, Dr. Elizabeth MacLeod Walls, will deliver the address as the college marks the official start of the academic year and honors Sarah Rowland and Judge Fernando J. Gaitan Jr. for civic service. 816-415-5223.

VITAE FOUNDATION BANQUET. September 9, 7:00 pm. Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Special guest Carly Fiorina.

UNBOUND BOOTH AT ART WESTPORT. September 9-11. 4050 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO 64111. Unbound will have a booth with information about how we work side by side with people in 20 countries, and how we can too. We will be giving away handmade Unbound bracelets. 913-384-6500.

CARNIVAL. September 10, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Avondale Baptist Church, 2501 NE Parvin Rd., Kansas City, MO. The carnival and all activities are free of charge! Parents will be able to register their children for AWANA. Join us for fun, games, food, prizes and more in our parking lot!

RIDES FOR LIVES: CAR, TRUCK, & BIKE SHOW. September 10, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. 350 Hwy., Raytown, MO 64138. Benefit for Hope Network, Mission of Hope Clinic, and Children's Mercy Hospital. 816-353-1994.

REMEMBERING! 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11. September 11, 10:45 am. Calvary Baptist Church, 900 NW 22nd St., Blue Springs, MO 64015. Recognizing all 1st Responders. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ed "Doc" Golden. 816-228-5540.

BUILD HOPE - BENEFIT FOR THE TRUMAN HERITAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. September 11, 5:00 pm. First Baptist Church Blue Springs, 4500 Little Blue Parkway, Independence, MO, 64057. Featured Gospel Quartet "Four By Grace". "Free" A "love offering" will be taken to benefit Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity. 816-461-6551.

MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME 2016 APPLE FESTIVAL. September 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. First Baptist Church, 58 Hwy. & South Washington St., Raymore, MO. Handmade quilt & craft auction. Home-made craft sales, great FREE Children's area with games, crafts, prizes, and face painting. Food including breakfast, lunch and a variety of apple treats. Live Christian Entertainment most activities will be indoors! 1-800-264-622.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION. September 15, 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Call for Location. So many women and men are living in darkness because of a past abortion. God has called If Not For Grace Ministries to bring His message of hope and healing to these brokenhearted. Come learn more about how you can impact God's kingdom using your time & talent. rbitterman@infq.org or 816-237-9769.

HARVESTER'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION. September 15, 4:00 pm. Fort Osage Church of the Nazarene, 19333 E. 24 Hwy., Independence, MO 64056. Distribution of fresh produce to anyone who needs it. All are welcome. 816-796-5879.

THE TABERNACLE EXPERIENCE. Sept. 16-25. Various times. Lone Jack Baptist Church, 202 Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. Replica of Moses' Tabernacle. Reserve tour online. Free. Donations appreciated. 55 minute narration. www.lonejackbaptist.org See ad.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH KANSAS CITY CELEBRATION. September 16, 17, & 18. First Baptist Church North Kansas City, 2205 Iron St., North Kansas City, MO. 816-842-1175.

SWEET LIFE DESSERT COMEDY THEATRE. September 17, 6:00 pm. Fellowship Of Grace Parkville, 8501 Tom Watson Pkwy., Parkville, MO 64152. 1-800-965-9324.

OPENING LITERACY CENTER. Sept. 17. Walnut Grove Apartment complex (sponsored by LINK, Chouteau Elementary, the apartment company, and Avondale UMC). It is between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Literacy Center is a small library for children. It'll provide ESL class for adults. AvondaleMethodist.org

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST. Sept. 17, 8:00 AM. Denny's Restaurant, K.C., MO., I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-Off, Kansas City, Missouri. Spon. by Heart of America Christian Fellowship. (816) 356-6380

LITTLE HOUSE YARD SALE. September 17, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Avondale UMC, 3101 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO. 816-522-1023.

KC FAMILY FEST. September 18, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. Westside Family Church, 8500 Woodsonia Dr., Lenexa, KS 66227. Free community festival for families! Bring your whole crew for acres of rides, inflatables, games and activities for all ages. Enjoy music, kiddie rides and lots of family-friendly fun! Lunch will be available from the best

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LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST. Sept. 24, 9:00 AM. Heart of America Christian Fellowship, 7600 Blue Ridge Blvd., 7600 BLUE RIDGE BLVD., KANSAS CITY, Missouri. (816) 356-6380

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR. September 26, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Maranatha Christian Academy, 15000 W. 63rd St., Shawnee, KS 66216. Open to the public. 916-631-0637.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OVERLAND PARK. Sept. 28 - Nov. 6, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Vigil location: Center for Women's Health, 4840 College Blvd., OPKS. Prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach. Contact Sally, 913-609-9635 or Wendy 816-765-9477. Learn more and get involved. Protect mothers and children by joining the ground breaking, coordinated, international pro-life mobilization effort in history. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city. 40daysforlife.com/overlandpark

SEE YOU AT THE POLE. Sept. 28. For the last 25 years, See You at the Pole has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation. www.syatp.com

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE. September 28-November 6. Overland Park, KS. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life. Our

Community will take part in 40 Days for Life... a ground-breaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond.

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. September 29. Creekmoor Golf Course, Raymore, MO. Sponsored by Teaching God's Infinite Wisdom. 816-525-6339.

PARKVILLE WOMEN'S CLINIC EVENING ON THE HILL. September 29, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Courtyard Kansas City at Briarcliff, 4000 N. Mulberry Dr., Kansas City, MO 64116. Join us for dinner, a testimony from one of our clients, and the opportunity to learn more about how you can support the women and families that visit our clinic. Contact us at srice@parkvillewomenclinic.com or 816-746-4855 for ticket information. 816-746-4855.

2016 RACHEL HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT & SILENT AUCTION! September 30, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (registration), Shotgun Start at Noon. Shoal Creek Golf Club, 8905 Shoal Creek Pkwy., Kansas City, MO 64157. 816-921-5050.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF THE GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET AND SILENT/LIVE AUCTION. October 1, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. Blue Ridge Bible Church (fellowship hall), 8524 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138. Cost \$20.00 per person. Be blessed by special testimonies

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FALL HOLY DAYS AT OR HAOLAM. October 2, 7:00 pm. Erev Rosh Hashanah. October 3, 11:00 am, Rosh Hashanah. October 11, 7:00 pm, Erev Yom Kippur Khol Nidre. October 12, 11:00 am, Yom Kippur. October 12, 7:00 pm, Neilah (end of YK fast/carry-in meal). October 17, 11:00 am, First Day of Sukkot. October 22, 10:00 am, Shabbat Sukkot Day 6 (ALSO celebrating Messiah's Birthday/carry-in meal). October 24, 11:00 am, Shemini Atzeret/Hoshana Rabbah/Simkhat Torah. Or HaOLAM Messianic Congregation, 9898 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS. 913-383-8448.

HIGH HOLY DAYS ADAT YESHUA. Rosh HaShanah, Oct. 2-4; Yom Kippur, Oct. 11 & 12; Sukkot, Oct. 16 & 17; Simchat Torah, Oct. 24. Adat Yeshua Messianic Congregation, 8512 Stearns Ave. Overland Park, KS. Authentic and uplifting services. Featuring traditional Jewish liturgy and prayers. 913-888-7272. www.adatyeshuakc.com See ad.

MISSOURI LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE. October 12, 2016.

TEE UP FOR HOPE. October 13, 11:00 am (registration + lunch) & 12:00 pm (shotgun start) & 5:30 pm (awards).

Drumm Farm Gold Club, 15400 E. 34th St., Independence, MO 64055. Sponsored by Hope Network of Raytown.

SUKKOT MIDWEST 2016! October 16-24. Paradise Lakes Resort, 985 NW 1901st Rd., Lone Jack, MO. Give your family an experience they'll never forget as they participate in the traditions of the saints of old! holtwick@swbell.net

KANSAS DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR GENERAL ELECTION. Oct. 18

FAMILY SCIFEST. October 26, 6:30 pm. Blue Ridge Bible

Church, 8524 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64138. Children of all ages and families are invited for this FREE event. Enjoy a free Hot Dog Dinner, Cool Science Labs presenting the Good News, and Carnival Games. 816-353-8053.

VITAE BANQUET. October 28. St. Joseph, MO. Gov. Mike Huckabee. 573-634-4316.

GENERAL ELECTION. NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

DR. BENJAMIN CARSON BLACK TIE GALA DINNER. November 12, 7:00 pm. Double Tree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Tickets are \$235. Sponsored by The African Chamber of Greater KC. Dr. Carson's topic is "Health care issues that affect America and the economy". This includes a Q & A with the audience. thecarsonevent.com.

FINE ARTS

"POPS IN THE PARK". September 5, 7:00 pm. Theatre in the Park, Shawnee Mission Park, 7904 Renner Rd., Shawnee, KS 66219. Free. Sponsored by The Kansas City Symphony. Helzberg Instrument Petting Zoo opens at 5:30 pm. Youth Symphony of Kansas City at 6:00 pm. Bring your family and friends, plus blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner if you'd like. 816-471-0400.

ART WESTPORT 2016. September 9-11. Westport District, Westport Rd. & Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO 64111. The annual juried event is Kansas City's only outdoor art show and festival exclusively for local artists residing within 80 miles of the downtown Kansas City Post Office. 816-384-2401

EVITA. September 9-October 2. Spencer Theatre, 4949 Cherry St., Kansas City, MO 64110. Travel back to the times of Argentine political leader Eva Peron. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this rock opera explores the role of women in politics, the power of populism and the romantic rags-to-riches story of Evita's life and charity work. 816-235-1453.

THE BOOK OF RUTH. Sept. 9 & 10, 7 p.m.; Sept. 11, 2 p.m. DT Black Box Theater, Dramatic Truth, 10510 Grand-

view Rd., KCMO. Beautiful mix of Graham-based modern and classical pointe work. Choreography by Liz Dimmel to a compilation of piano pieces composed by Jeff Bijour and John Elliott. 816-767-9222.

FACTORY RECITAL - A NIGHT OF CLASSICAL MUSIC. September 10, 7:30 pm. Blue River Bible Church, 15608 Fairchild Dr., Kansas City, MO 64147. Free Event. Calvary University Music Department Faculty. www.calvary.edu.

HANSEL AND GRETEL. September 17, 21, 23, and 25. Muriel Kauffman Theatre, 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64108. This opera, based on the classic Brother Grimm fairy tale of a brother and sister. The setting for this production has been reimagined as a fantasy carnival world delightfully enhanced by performers from Doug Varone & Dancers with set and costumes by Tony Award nominee David Zinn. Sprinkled with familiar melodies and topped with a happy ending, Hansel and Gretel promises to be a sweet start to the season. 816-471-7344.

KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY FAMILY SERIES: BUCKETS N BOARDS. September 18, 2:00 pm. Kauffman Center for Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. Tickets start at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. A hilarious and high-energy show handcrafted by Matt Levingston and Gareth Sever is chock-full of precise percussion, ridiculous songs, spectacular tap dancing, inventive instrumentation and unique musical talent. A Branson sensation, Buckets N Boards with the Kansas City Symphony is an experience sure to entertain the entire family. 816-471-0400.

THE NINE WHO DARED: COURAGE IN LITTLE ROCK. September 20-October 21. Coterie Theatre, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. This uniquely interactive drama asks you to put yourself in the shoes of the citizens of 1957 Little Rock, Arkansas, as witness to one of the defining moments of the Civil Rights Movement. 816-474-6552.

THE THREE BILLIE GOATS GRUFF MEET THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURE. September 24. Puppetry Arts Institute, 11025 E. Winner Rd., Independence, MO 64052.

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NORTHEAST ARTS KC PRESENTS SUMMER DUSK 2016 ENSEMBLE IBERICA. September 17, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Concourse Park in the Colonnade Building St. John and Gladstone Blvd. (John F. Kennedy Memorial). Free Sunset Concert Series. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and cooler! Family Friendly. northeastartskc.org

THE 85TH ANNUAL PLAZA ART FAIR. September 23-25. Country Club Plaza, 4750 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64112. The event features 240 artist from across the country, food from 30 Plaza restaurants, 3 live music stages and more than 20 community arts organizations in a three-day celebration of the arts. 816-561-3456.

RUN FOR THE GORILLAS KANSAS CITY ZOO RUN. September 24, 8:30 am. Kansas City Zoo, 6800 Zoo Drive, Kansas City, MO. 4-mile times event starting at 8:30 am. Our Family Fun Run starts at 9:45 am. www.kansascityzoorun.org

WALK WITH COMPASSION. September 24, 9:30 am. Theis Park, 533 Emmanuel Cleaver Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64111. Walk with Compassion Kansas City is part of Compassion International's walk to end child poverty. With the money raised we will help with medical emergencies, disaster relief and much, much more. 800-336-7535.

FALL FLOWER FAIR CONSERVATORY EXHIBIT AT POWELL GARDENS. September 24-November 13. Powell Gardens, 1609 NW U.S. Hwy. 50, Kingsville, MO 64061. Immerse yourself in the rich shades of fall inside Powell Gardens' glass-topped conservatory. The exhibit, designed by Horticulturist Brent Tucker, features colorful mums, purple grasses, and vibrant coleus providing pops of yellow and orange. Included with admission. powellgardens.org/exhibits. 816-697-2600.

LEE'S SUMMIT QUILTERS' GUILD ANNUAL QUILT SHOW. October 21 & 22, 9:00 am. Woods Chapel United Methodist Church, 4725 NE Lakewood, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Over 100 quilts displayed, door prizes, antique bed turning, vendors, technique demonstrations, boutique, scissors sharpening. Handicap accessible. 816-356-6953.

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SONGS OF THE GREAT WAR. October 6-October 16 (Sunday, Thursday, Friday), 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Musical Theater Heritage, Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. Featuring an outstanding local cast with orchestra, highlighting the years of the great American Songbook during WWI. 816-221-6987.

FAMILY OUTINGS

BRAVOK! KAUFFMAN CENTER TURNS 5, LIVE! September 2, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64108. The FREE party will feature local bands and performances on three stages, lawn games provided by KC Crew, food, cocktails, pop-up interactive activities and more.

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KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. September 3-October 16, 10:00 am-7:00 pm. 628 N. 126th St., Bonner Springs, KS. Weekends only plus Columbus Day and Labor Day. www.KCrenfest.com 800-373-0357.

45TH WALNUT VALLEY FESTIVAL NATIONAL FLAT-PICKING CHAMPIONSHIPS. September 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18. 8 Contests, 4 stages in operation, workshops, arts and crafts fair. www.wvfest.com 620-221-3250.

WALDO'S FALL FESTIVAL. September 17. Waldo Area, 75th St. & Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131. This free event is a family-friendly, neighborhood festival that includes kids rides, games, and face painting, plus food

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Wednesday, October 12, 11 A.M. Yom Kippur יום כיפור

Wednesday, October 12, 7 P.M. Neilah (end of YK fast / carry-in meal)

Monday, October 17, 11 A.M. First Day of Sukkot סוכות

Saturday, October 22, 10 A.M. Shabbat Sukkot Day 8 (ALSO celebrating Messiah's Birthday / carry-in meal)

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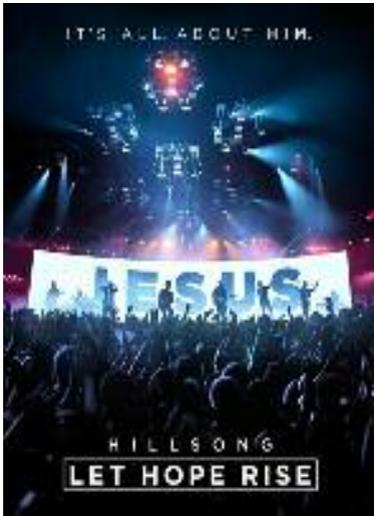
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Faith-based movies on big screen

Hillsong
'I'm Not Ashamed'
leads strong lineup

entertainment

by Michael Faust



For fans of faith-based films, this fall could be a banner time to visit the theater.

With Hillsong: Let Hope Rise leading the way Sept. 16, eight films marketed toward Christian audiences will hit the box office by the end of the year. While some of them cannot be considered kid-friendly, all of them contain strong faith or moral elements that set them apart from more mainstream films.

Hillsong – distributed by PureFlix -- follows the incredible rise in popularity of the Australian band Hillsong United, whose songs are sung in churches throughout the United States and the world.

Some of the band's more popular songs include "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" and "Touch The Sky." Hillsong United has sold more than 17 million albums.

"Hillsong: Let Hope Rise is so much more than a film about a Christian band or even a church. It is truly a theatrical worship experience," said Michael Scott of PureFlix. "It is a dream come true for us, as a studio committed to influencing the global culture, to partner with a church like Hillsong."

Jonathan Bock, the movie's producer, said "anyone who regularly attends a church knows Hillsong's music by heart."

More than 50 million people sing Hillsong's music each Sunday, according to studio data.

"That's how influential they've be-

come," Bock said. "And yet despite the fame and adulation, they're still just a humble worship band trying to do what tens of thousands of other worship bands try to do every week -- glorify God through their music. How they balance that is a fascinating and surprising story."

Other movies marketed to Christian audiences this fall include:

To Joey, With Love (Sept. 20)

This documentary follows the emotion-laden true story of Joey+Rory, a husband-and-wife singing duo that chose to simplify their life and set aside their music careers in preparation for the birth of their first child. They documented their journey on video -- and in the midst of it, Joey (the wife and mom) -- was diagnosed with cancer. She died March 4 of this year. The documentary will be in theaters for only one night.



movie follows a war veteran as he takes a position at a Philadelphia church and then discovers there is an abortion clinic across the street. He wants to make a difference in the lives of the women at the clinic, but the congregation -- his employer -- is divided on the issue. It is rated PG-13 for thematic material and some violence.



Priceless (Oct. 14)

When a man named James becomes desperate for a job and some cash, he agrees to drive a truck across the country -- no questions asked. But when he learns what he is carrying -- people being trafficked -- he is faced with life-changing decisions. Joel and Luke Smallbone, the brothers in the band For King and Country, are behind the film. It is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving human trafficking, and some violence.

I'm Not Ashamed (Oct. 21)

Seventeen years after the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado, this new film tells the story of

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Rachel Scott, who was killed that day and who refused to deny God in her final seconds. Most of the movie follows Scott as she impacts others for Christ during her high school years leading up to that tragic day. It is rated PG-13 for thematic material, teen drinking and smoking, disturbing violent content and some suggestive situations.



Hacksaw Ridge (Nov. 4)

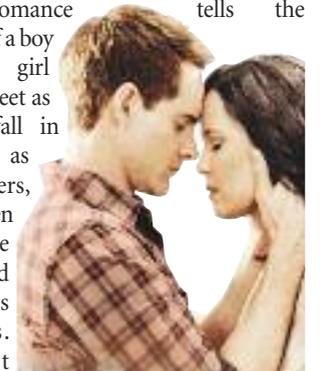
Directed by Mel Gibson, this biographical war film follows a U.S. Army medic during World War II who was a

Seventh-day Adventist conscientious objector and refused to carry firearms into battle. It is not yet rated.

New Life (Oct. 28)

Starring Fireproof star Erin Bethea, this romance tells the story of a boy and a girl who meet as kids, fall in love as teenagers, and then are married as adults. But when tragedy hits, their future is in doubt. This film is not yet rated.

Michael Faust has covered the film industry for more than a decade. Follow him on Twitter (@MichaelFaust).



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BOOK REVIEW: A Lawyer's Case for His Faith is easy, and important, read

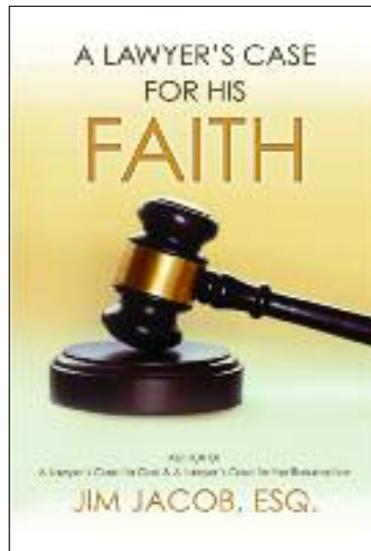
An ardent atheist became a defender of the Christian faith. Kansas City-area attorney and author, Jim Jacob, has written about it in his new book, *A Lawyer's Case for His Faith*. Self-published this year through Yaakov Press, the book is available at Jacob's website www.jimjacobbooks.com for \$7.95 or two for \$9.95. It also is available on Amazon. A companion booklet, *A Lawyer's Case for the Resurrection*—also published in 2016—is available for \$5.95 or two for \$7.95. Both have bulk pricing available.

This book is easy to understand for readers wishing to strengthen their ability to share and defend their faith. Students will find this book an excellent resource for helping them in aca-

demic settings antagonistic toward Christianity. Christians wishing to share and defend their faith in the workplace or public discourses also will find it to be a valuable equipping tool. The book is also a great resource for reading and discussion in Bible study groups and family devotional settings.

Written in the genre of Christian apologetics, *A Lawyer's Case for His Faith* is a fresh, new offering following in the footsteps of Christian classics like Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ* (1998) and Josh McDowell's *More Than a Carpenter* (1977).

A Lawyer's Case for His Faith was written by Jacob as an attorney laying out the case for Christianity as if mak-



ing the argument in a court room before a jury. While easy-to-read and well-laid-out in 211 pages, the book is also chock-full of 504 footnotes documented in endnotes after three appendices.

The author—a Messianic Christian with Jewish roots and nearly 40-years of law experience—brilliantly blends faith with evidentiary support from science, archeology and history from the Bible. Questions the book poses and answers include, Does God Exist? Can the Bible and Science be Reconciled? Can All Religions Be Correct? Can a Good God Co-Exist in a World Filled with Suffering? Can the Old Testament Be Used As Historical Evidence? Did Yeshua (Hebrew for

Jesus) Truly Live and Die in Israel 2000 Years Ago? What Do Historians Say About the Resurrection of Yeshua? Is Yeshua the Jewish Messiah? Are We Absolutely Sure That There Are No Absolutes?

Jacob understands skeptics and the mindset of atheism, as he was a hardcore atheist for 39-years. As he would do in a courtroom, Jacob anticipates and systematically rebuts and refutes many of the arguments against Christianity.

As if he were speaking to a jury, Jacob lays out the evidence and case for Christianity in an easy-to-follow, yet persuasive and thoroughly documented way. *A Lawyer's Case for His Faith* is a must read for 2016 and is sure to be a classic of Christian apologetics for years to come.

—By Metro Voice

Former Palestinian sniper turned Christ follower explores 'The Mind of Terror' in new book

He was nicknamed the "Butcher" during the time of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Tass Saada said he earned that nickname for his exploits as a sniper for Arafat's Fatah movement, targeting Israeli soldiers.

Several years later, Saada turned from being an Islamic extremist into a follower of Jesus Christ.

Saada was born in Gaza and joined the anti-Israel Fatah liberation movement when he was just 17 after getting "mesmerized" by Arafat, whom he considered a "hero."

Aside from being a sniper, Saada also worked as Arafat's personal driver.

At that time he was one of the Palestinian revolutionaries who believed that Palestinians had the right to attack Israel and "push it into the sea" for having "stolen" Palestinian land.

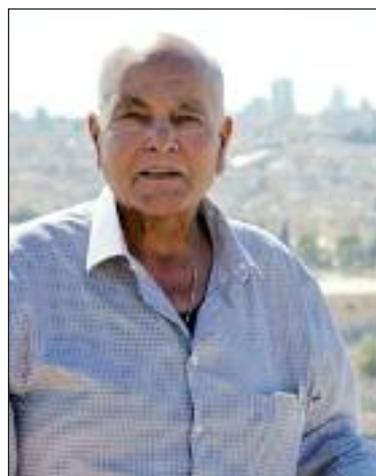
However, Saada shares he had a sudden change of mind—and ehart—in the 1970s at the height of the Palestinian uprising. Leaving all behind, he flew to the United States to start a new life.

In America, he said he heard the Gospel for the first time in his life and was deeply touched. He subsequently converted to Christianity at the age of 42.

Mega publisher Tyndale has published Saada's newest book titled *The Mind of Terror: A Former Muslim Sniper Explores What Motivates ISIS and Other Extremist Groups* (and how best to respond)."

In the book, Saada examines the minds of terrorists, explaining what motivates them. Aside from describing the motivations and objectives of Islamic extremists, he also provides a peaceful solution to the raging conflict in the Middle East.

Saada shared an excerpt from the book in a post he made on his Facebook page July 8. The excerpt provides a glimpse of

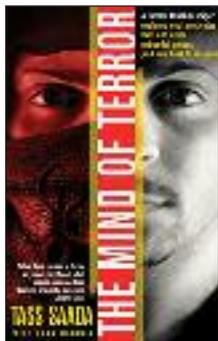


"If you're sitting in the hot sun day after day with little to do, the notion of striking back against the dominant power—even if you know you won't succeed—carries a tantalizing appeal. It is simply unrealistic to put human beings in confinement and tell them to 'behave.' Some of them are going to misbehave, and out of this reaction comes terrorism."

In a succeeding post, Saada quoted Matthew 5:9 when the Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace makers for they will be called children of God."

Saada said Jesus is inviting people to a "radically different mind-set" and "calling us to reach out to others and teach them the way of peace."

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Tenth Avenue North has a new album coming in October, and fans can pre-order it right now. Fans can also get the Followers Deluxe CD pre-order, which includes North's newest album "Followers," digital instant download tracks 'What You Want,' 'Afraid,' and



'Overflow,' 12 oz. of Coffee from Just Love Coffee, and a Followers Coffee Mug. Tenth Avenue North has partnered with Just Love Coffee for this package, having hand-selected the coffee, and a percentage of the profits from each coffee sale will go back to the community of adoptive families, mission-minded people, and non-profits.

For more information on the new album, package deals, and Just Love

Coffee, please visit tenthavenuenorth.com and justlovecoffee.com.

Finally! Selah has opted to release yet another Greatest Hymns (Vol. 2) album! Eleven years after their first offering, the Dove Award-winning trio has returned to their roots, which included new recordings of "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Wayfaring Stranger," "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" and "Amazing

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Grace," as well as 14 more tracks.

Greatest Hymns, Vol. 2, a Curb Records release, will be distributed by Word Distribution.

Other Albums releasing in the coming months include:



- Saints
- Remedy Drive - Hope's Not Giving Up
- Geoff Moore - The Next Thing
- The Isaacs - Nature's Symphony in 432: A Journey From Pain To Praise
- Seacoast Worship - LIVE (Deluxe Edition)
- The Afters - Live On Forever
- Casting Crowns - The Very Next Thing
- Laura Story - Open Hands

Big turnout expected for Tabernacle Experience

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people is in the middle of a huge undertaking—bringing one of the most popular traveling exhibits in the country to the Kansas City area from Sept. 16 through 25.

Developed by Jeanne Whitaker, a California woman who got the idea while praying on a trip to Israel some twenty years ago, her vision quickly grew into reality with the help of her own church. The Tabernacle Experience is now a detailed and historically accurate replica of Moses' shrine carried by the Israelites across the Sinai Desert after they were freed from Egypt as told in the book of Exodus. The must-see, hands-on exhibit has been visited by over 200,000 people across the United States and Canada.

But why does a tent, fabric walls and an altar set up in parking lots, fields and church yards across the nation capture the imagination and spiritual aspirations of so many people? Pastor Tharp says it brings the Bible's words to life and connects the dots to Jesus Christ. "It's a walk-thru visual of the Old Testament Hebrew worship experience which points to the person of Christ. Our perspective is to look backwards and see how Christ fulfilled the different pieces in the Tabernacle."

The exhibit features historically accurate artistically crafted biblical replicas of the Brazen Altar, the Table of Showbread and finally the Ark of the Covenant. State-of-the-art interactive displays take what a visitor sees to a new level that's understandable to young and old alike whether they be seasoned Christians or just curious individuals who haven't attended church in a while but are drawn to the ancient worship practices.

It is an event that fascinates not only the Christian community, but communities as a whole. When The Tabernacle Experience visited Saddleback Church in California, over 10,000 people saw it with lines stretching for hours. Teenagers, college students, families with young children, grandparents, pastors, school children and their teachers stood in the rain for their turn to enter. Some described it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience they were not willing to miss.

Many said it was an unexpected emotional experience they will never forget.

"It's a whole experience to see the replica," Tina Miller, 40, told a local media outlet. "It's a shadow of what's in heaven. It's like seeing a bit of heaven on earth."

Asked how his small church could take on such a project, pastor Tharp chuckled, "Help!" he said. The church has approached and been approached by other churches and organ-



izations who have either attended the event in the past or heard about it and eagerly volunteered their services.

"We're thankful that others have come along side us to make this a reality," Tharp says, "but we need more help—especially volunteers to man various positions within the exhibit."

While the exhibit is mostly self-guided, those volunteers do help in directing worshippers through the various aspects of the tabernacle tent. With the help of audio, they journey through the sanctuary with a 55-minute narration in which they interact at each of nine stations. Jesus Christ is revealed in each aspect of the tabernacle.

"That's what it is all about," emphasizes Tharp. "We want people to see the different pieces of the Tabernacle and how they relate to Christ and his fulfillment of them and catapult us into worship of God as well as communicate the message of Christ to those who might be religious but not know him personally."

The 2016 Tabernacle Experience will take place on a grassy knoll in a field just west of the church located at the corner of the Lone Jack exit on 50 Highway just east of Lee's Summit.

The Tabernacle Experience will take place Sept. 16 thru 25, rain or shine. Times are: Mon.-Fri. 11am-8pm, Saturday 9am-8pm and Sunday 1pm-8pm. Lone Jack Baptist Church is located at the intersection of Bynum Rd. and 50 Hwy, 202 S Bynum Rd., Lone Jack, Mo.

While the event is free, participants are asked to prayerfully consider a donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Walk-ins are welcome but you may have to wait for those with reservations. You are highly encouraged to go on-line and reserve your special time to attend though donations/payments can only be taken at the door

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Lawsuit claims the popular messaging app fails to protect minors from graphic photos and stories

by **Jae Wasson**

(WNS)--When Evan Spiegel launched Snapchat in 2011, he advertised the messaging app with a racy photoshoot of two bikini-clad girls.

The popular app, projected for explosive growth over the next two years, hasn't changed its game since. One frustrated mom has had enough, filing suit to demand the company protect minors, like her 14-year-old son, from sexual content in its new Discover stories section.

"Millions of parents in the United States today are unaware that Snapchat is curating and publishing this profoundly sexual and offensive content to their children," the lawsuit states. "Snapchat has placed profit ... over the safety of children."

Snapchat Discover, started in January 2015, allows Snapchat's media partners, such as BuzzFeed, ESPN, and Mashable, to share stories with its more than 150 million users. The stories appear among user-generated content at the top of the screen when users click on the app's Stories section.

The boy from the lawsuit, a typical teenager, joined the Snapchat craze

when his friends did. He was scrolling through the Stories section when a BuzzFeed article popped up. It showed his favorite Disney characters in sexually explicit poses, complete with descriptions. A few stories over, he saw a Vice article that included pictures of a performance artist being groped.

The boy showed his mother, Lynette Young, who was shocked Snapchat let him see such content without warning her first.

The family's lawyer, Mark Geragos, filed suit on behalf of the Youngs and the millions of other minors who use the site. He claims the Snapchat stories violate the Communication Decency Act of 1996, which requires websites to warn parents about sexually explicit content.

The suit also accuses the app of negligence by routinely facilitating "sexting" among minors. Part of Snapchat's appeal is the alleged impermanence of photos, which could encourage users to take pictures they might regret. Because



of this, Apple's app store rates Snapchat as only appropriate for users 12 years old and up, warning content could include "mild nudity."

The Youngs lawsuit says more needs to be done. Geragos told the LA Times he's received about 25 complaints about the easy access to explicit content on Snapchat. He is asking for warnings about adult content and the option for parental controls.

Snapchat released a statement saying it has not reviewed the lawsuit: "We are sorry if people are offended. Our Discover partners have editorial independence, which is something we support."

But Snapchat's partners told The Verge the company actually controls most of the content and presentation of the stories.

The Youngs likely face a tough legal battle. Judges have struck down most of the Communication Decency Act in the years since its adoption, in the face of First Amendment protection claims.

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tion that our freedoms are valuable and costly, and every member of our armed forces is worthy of our honor and respect.

Lynda Randle
Singer, songwriter, author
Kansas City, Mo.



I remember I was on my way to the Quartet Convention in Louisville Ken. And I remember driving with my two daughters and nanny in the car and needing to make a quick stop at the grocery store. Inside I happened to look up at a television screen and saw the video of the planes crashing into the twin towers and people in total panic and it was just unbelievable. Really surreal. When I got up to the counter to pay for our things the lady at the register said that she was so frightened and that we needed to call Dr. Billy Graham to pray for us. I remember telling her that yes, Dr. Graham is a wonderful man and God has used him in powerful ways but that we can also pray to Jesus ourselves, right here and right now. I thanked God for a chance to share Jesus and the power of prayer with that sweet woman.

And that night, when we finally arrived in Louisville for the Quartet Convention, I sang God On The Mountain, and everyone in the auditorium including myself was so overcome with raw, unfiltered emotion. That song took on a whole new meaning that day.

Fear. Fear is one thing that 9/11 birthed, never had I seen so many people afraid. But we also saw unity. People of different sorts coming together as one to help each other out. That is something worth holding on to.

Jim Jacob
Attorney
Overland Park, Kan.

I was at home helping with the homeschooling of our children. I think the message was loud and clear.: Our nation had been very blessed for several decades and avoided any attack but that can end it an instant. Each of us needs to get right with God right now!

For additional memories of 9/11 by Metro Voice readers visit our website at:
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difference. (Daniel 6:3)."

One past attendee, Dana, says it's well worth it, "This event encouraged me tremendously to be around others on their own journeys and that we spoke the same language. I realize now how real I can be with God in the marketplace. It helps me to know I'm where I am supposed to be so I can enjoy it instead of trying to get out."

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sometimes about 5:30 in the evening and no one will be here and then we'll get the music going and you'll see people just drifting out of the woods, which is behind us, along with the Missouri River where about 100 people live. A hundred homeless people live there year round and those are our parishioners," McGregor said.

"We've been down here when it was in the teens, howling north winds and we're all shivering in our caps and gloves," he said. "And we've been out here (when) it's been a hundred degrees and there's been thunderstorms rolling around as well, rain."



"My wife and I were working with the homeless about 12 years now and tried really hard in a few different ways to think about taking people out of the street and into a world in which we feel more comfortable," Ratterman told CBN News. "And we learned some lessons that way that maybe that's not always the best way to bring God's word to the people and so...church onto the street instead."

Each week, volunteers from local churches fill the wagon with equipment that will be needed for the service.

"We just have a simple, single axle trailer but in that trailer we have packed it out," McGregor explained. "We have a really professional grade sound system that's very compact and we can wheel it out and get it set up very quickly. We have a quiet generator, you can't even hear it, powers the whole sound system, so we can have a complete band here, playing worship music with just that system."

"And then also in the trailer we've got a ton of chairs and during the winter we put a commercial grade heater, runs off diesel electricity," he continued. "I mean it looks like a satellite installation, it's so big, I mean it heats up this whole area under the bridge so some guys will come just to get warm and then they hear the gospel and so it's fun to see how that happens."

And the Worship Wagon keeps rolling, rain or shine. Ratterman said they've only missed one service due to bad weather.

"We've been blessed by the amazing location that covers us and so as long as there's not a tornado right on top of us or ice on the street I think we have license to come down here and set up shop," Ratterman said.

Volunteer Melvin Cole said he often sees an extraordinary reaction from those in the audience during worship.

"Some of the people will just get up and high-five you right in the middle of the song and dance around, I dance with them," Cole said. "You really want the people to feel connected and that we all are worshipping God together."

Beverly Cole also worships with Worship Wagon. She said her life is one that has been transformed by the message of the Gospel, a message that she now shares with others.

"I was a drug addict for many, many years you know, and I know God changed me from the inside out so I know if he could change me he can change anybody," she told CBN News.

Meanwhile, Worship Wagon plans to continue bringing church to the down and out, in need of hope and healing.

"God works with us where we're at and I think that's the biggest story here about Worship Wagon is bringing God and being his eyes and ears, hands and feet where the people are at instead of thinking you can bring the people to where you're at," Ratterman explained.

-Charlene Aaron is a producer for CBN News.

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Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Eph. 2:11-13)

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the (Jewish) apostles and prophets, with Christ (Messiah) Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (Eph. 2:19-22)

Where does God live? In a house built on the Jewish foundation. "One new man" does not refer to "one other group" but a people "grafted in" to Israel. What does that look like?

"Theirs (Israel, the Jewish people) is the adoption to Sonship, theirs the Divine glory, the Covenants, the receiving of the Law, the Temple worship and the Promises. Theirs are the Patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen." (Rom. 9:1-5)

Could it be that what defines being a Christian must be what defines the purposes of God for Israel (the Jewish people)? Is not Jesus the embodiment of Israel to whom you are enjoined, the King of the Jews? Which house did he appeal to? None other than the Temple, whether the actual site he attended, or likewise a dwelling place in our midst by His Spirit.

22 "And in him you too (Gentile believers) are being built together

(with) to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

It is to the covenants with Israel that one enjoins together with as Gentiles (meaning Nations).

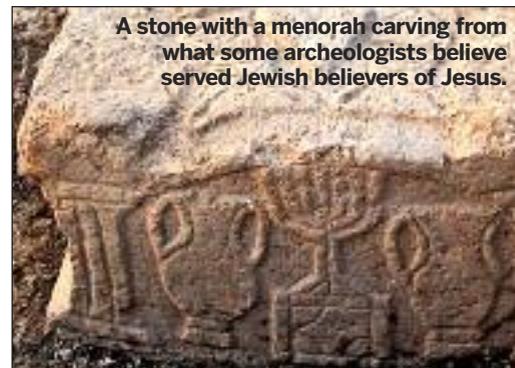
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Consider this. Whose olive tree after all are you grafted into? According to the Biblical text it is Israel's "own olive tree". (see Rom. 11:17-24)

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If being in Yeshua, and the New Covenant, makes you a Christian, remember that according to one Jewish prophet "the New Covenant will be made with the Household of Israel and the Household of Judah". (Jer. 31:31).

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But for me, and you, this is an event we lived through, if only through television for most of us. Yet, so powerful were feelings of Americans that day and the weeks to follow, it changed our national psyche. We are still struggling with those emotions and the political decisions they wrought.

And those emotions still come as you see up-close, even to touch, the crushed fire trucks and steel girders; videos of helpless people leaping to their deaths; and hear the frantic voicemails that plane passengers, office workers and rescuers left for loved ones.

One powerful feature of the museum is that it is built around and in the footprints of the towers. Framed by the pylons driven into bedrock, the outer area represents more general information but once you step across the footprint, you are transported literally into the building and the experience is personal. You see the individuals, their stories and frantic last moments of life.

The exhibit allows you to be transported back in time viewing a wall of preserved missing persons posters, Ladder Company 3's crushed fire truck and the slurry wall, which still holds back the Hudson. Other powerful objects on display are the suspended twisted exterior beams of Tower One that show, without doubt,

where the plane hit. There are also windows and seats from the planes, clothing and shoes, and crushed personal belongings.

One of the most powerful rooms is The Memorial Exhibition displaying photos of all those lost. Here, in heart-wrenching detail, you see up-close the faces and personalities of the victims.

Towards the end, as if to wake you from a sad dream, you come upon America at its finest as the nation responded as best we could. Here is the 9/11 Quilt and 9/11 Flag that made its way across the nation, being mended by thousands of ordinary Americans along the way, including pieces of a flag that remained intact from the Joplin tornado.

This is a difficult memorial and exhibit to view. Anita says it brings an eruption of emotions from your innermost soul. She is right. But, it is something that each American should experience if they can.

"There is so much to see, one could spend an entire day and not see everything in the museum. However, after two hours, I needed to leave. It still is unbelievable and sickening," our friend Julie shared with us recently. "My thoughts and prayers go out to loved ones as we approach yet another anniversary of that tragic day," she said.

And so are ours as we remember together.

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I CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

Regardless of whom you support in the presidential election, one thing is clear. National and local news media has it in for one particular candidate (can you guess?) and is somehow squeezing in jabs at every opportunity. Including of all things—fashion columns.

After the Hillary Clinton's nomination speech at the Democrat convention in July, a fashion writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer critiqued Clinton's all-white pant-suit ensemble as "presidential."

That's fair.

A sharp-eyed reader, though, remembered that reporter Elizagbeth Wellington had also written about Melania Trump the week before as wearing an all-white dress for her convention speech. Was it classy? Elegant? How about flattering? Nope. The reader captured screen shots of the stories and posted them side by side to compare.

"Scary" is how the reporter described Melania's dress.



No word yet on how the food critics will soon weigh in on Trump's choice of a salad for Cinco de Mayo. Oops. They already did. It WAS apparently a racist choice to eat a taco salad on a Mexican holiday.

Guess I won't be eating Spaghetti on Columbus Day.

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 confidence, resiliency,” and the realization that “I’m not called to comfort or success but to obedience.
 “That enables us to work in the tough places,” she added.
 In early August, new Fusion recruits kicked off a semester of mission’s

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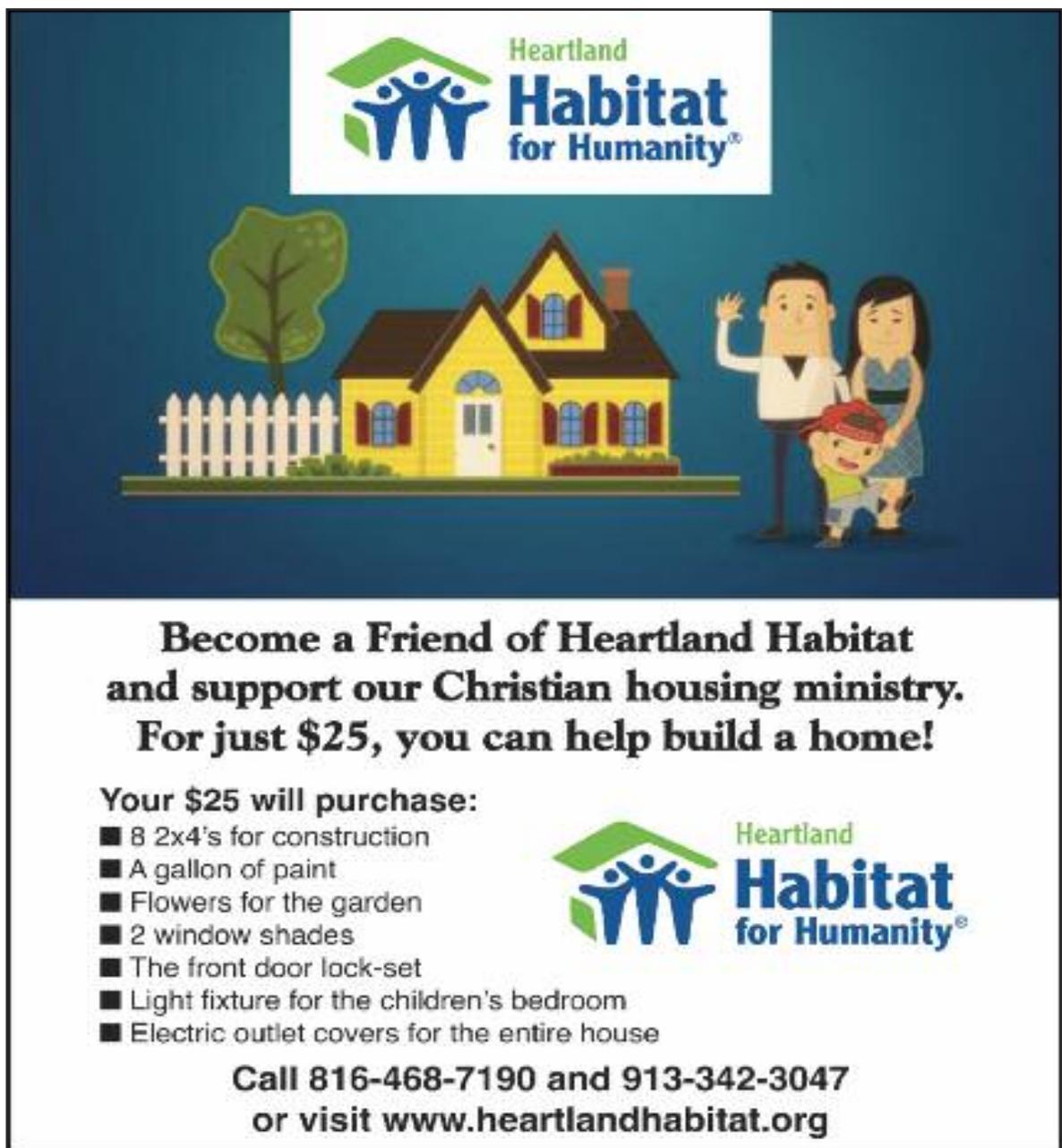
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across the world to continue sharing the name of Christ where it has never been heard. But, for Patterson and others like her, this work is not about success, but about obedience and about honoring God.
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