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FREE—TAKE ONE!

Memories of Vietnam are vivid



Janice Hermerding in recent years.

"While I was in Vietnam I experienced as never before or after the 'closeness' of fellow Americans, be they military or civilian. A wild, spontaneous wave from a soldier in a passing Jeep, a courteous smile, assistance, and support beyond belief from a total stranger. TRUST."

These are some memories that spring up in the mind of Janice Hermerding, a faithful supporter of Lutheran Hour Ministries, as she shared those with the editor of The Lutheran Layman.

At 26 years old she encountered the Vietnam wartime experience, witnessing the service of many young men from age 18 to 20. Those incidents still seem fresh. "I think of when the U.S. Army Colonel stopped and patiently

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Three reasons Christians should consider fostering children

by J.D. Greear

As Christians we should be committed to taking the love of Christ to some of the most broken areas of our community. One of those areas is orphan care, and we should want to see a culture that cares for the fatherless.

An enormous—but often for-

gotten—step in caring for orphans is foster care.

I asked a local Christian social worker why Christians should care about fostering.

This was her response:

I've been a foster-care worker for some time. This has given me the incredible opportunity to be a witness of what it looks like when families step out of their comfort zone and step into a child and

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AMERICA'S CHOICE



★ The Billy Graham organization offers wisdom on a very, uh, *unique* presidential election ★

by the Billy Graham
Evangelistic Association

This Nov. 8, American voters will decide what is arguably the most consequential presidential election in decades. Maybe ever. Two major party candidates

are being offered to voters. Two distinct visions are being cast.

One vision includes a nation where free speech and religious liberty are constitutionally protected, bedrock principles. The other continues along a path where such principles are quickly jetti-

soned with the latest turn of the sexual revolution.

One vision aspires, as a first priority, to use our nation's military as a fighting force to keep America and the world safe from bad actors. The other would

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INSIDE:

The candidates, issues, party platforms. Plus, Missouri and Kansas races explained.

City Union Mission marks 92 years serving KC's poor

On Sept. 15, City Union Mission celebrated 92 years of programs and services to the homeless and to impoverished families and individuals struggling to maintain their independence.

According to Executive Director Dan Doty, the mission's more than nine decades of outreach are marked by tremendous growth and faithful partnerships.

"The mission's history is filled with humble beginnings, and through the vision of a dedicated couple devoted to serving the destitute in our city, it has grown to what today—with the help of hundreds of supporters and partners—is one of the largest homeless facilities in a six-state area," Doty said.

City Union Mission started in 1924 on Main Street with Reverend David Bulkley and his wife Beulah, the mission's founders, providing an evening meal and chapel service to the homeless of Skid Row. By 1929, the growing ministry had acquired three former brothels, providing dormitories for homeless men and women.

The mission would continue to



evolve and extend its reach beyond the inner city in the years to come, including the creation of the Christian Life Program for men, developed in 1954 by Superintendent Maurice Vanderberg, who would go on to serve as the Mission's director until 1991.

"In the late 1970s, the mission saw the face of homelessness was changing—younger faces joined by a growing number of homeless families and single women—and adapted its programs to accommodate the specific needs of this vulnerable group," Doty explained.

In 1983 the mission founded its Family Center with enhanced services for

hundreds of homeless families and single women. In 1993, the Vanderberg Youth center opened its doors to provide year-round activities for youngsters and homeless children in the Family Center and surrounding neighborhoods.

Today, in addition to providing about 675 nutritious meals and 370 nights of safe shelter each day, the Mission offers Christian counseling and addiction recovery; life-skills courses like budgeting and parenting; adult education and GED preparation; housing and employment assistance; and guidance in transitioning back into the community.

The mission's outreach also includes camping, recreation and education programs for children and youth.

Doty credits the mission's supporters and partners for the organization's ability to continually enhance its programs to meet the increasing needs of the homeless.

"We are grateful for a community who has supported us for over nine decades, allowing us to realize God's purpose for this ministry and offer hope to thousands of men, women and children."

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Executive Director Dan Doty

newsbriefs

Conference gathers big-hitters for truth

On October 15-16, hundreds of people will gather in Lebanon, Mo. for the Unshakable Truth Worldview Conference. The conference, hosted by Heritage Baptist Church, will feature Christian leaders and scholars from across the country who will speak about major cultural issues of the day, according to organizers. Speakers include, among others, former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, Former Ethics & Religious Liberty President Richard Land, and Answers in Genesis Spokesman Terry Mortenson. For info visit hbclebanon.com or call 417-532-7518.

Christians get no help from US

When the State Department declared Christians in Iraq and Syria were facing genocide many hoped or even assumed support for those communities would follow but it hasn't.


New Jersey Rep. Chris Smith has introduced bipartisan legislation that would provide relief to victims of genocide in Iraq and Syria and hold accountable those responsible.

Advocates are surprised legislation is even needed to pressure Congress and the president to protect whole communities facing annihilation.

"In the midst of this genocide, saving Christian and other communities that face extinction in Iraq and Syria is part of your mission. There is nothing unconstitutional, illegal, unethical or unprofessional about prioritizing their need to survival as communities. They are innocent victims of a genocide. If these victim communities are not receiving aid, you are not fulfilling your mission," Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight with the Knights of Columbus, testified during a hearing led by Smith.

Steve Rasche, resettlement director for the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, testified it's been years since Iraqi Christians facing slaughter at the hands of ISIS have received any aid from the United States.





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Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld carries the Torah into the new building.

Or HaOlam celebrates Holy Days in new home

A local synagogue will celebrate the fall holy days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot in their own building located at 9898 W. 95th St., Overland Park.

Shmuel Wolkenfeld, rabbi and leader of Or HaOlam Messianic Congregation, said, "G-d has blessed us tremendously with this building. In fact, previous pastors who have served church congregations in this building came to our first service to pray G-d's blessing over our future of ministry and outreach."

Or HaOlam, which means "light of the world" in Hebrew, began in 1995 with 30 members. Currently the congregation has an average of 140 people who attend Saturday morning services. Members and attendees are both Jews and non-Jews joining in the spiritual awakening of Israel in the Messiah. As a Messianic congregation, Or HaOlam believes and teaches that Jesus is the Messiah, and Yeshua is His name in Hebrew.

Members of Or HaOlam study, believe and practice the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments. Wolkenfeld explained, "We believe that Yeshua was born in Israel to a Jewish family, in a Jewish city and culture. There is evidence in the New Testament that He and his family, later He and His disciples, observed the feasts and holidays found in the Old Testament. This is why we as a congregation choose to observe the feasts and holidays in as authentic an expression as possible.

"We are preparing now," Wolkenfeld continued, "to observe the fall holy days at our new building. Rosh Hashanah, also known as the Feast of Trumpets, celebrates the traditional Jewish New Year, when we turn the calendar from the year 5776 to 5777. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. Of course, we observe this day of repentance in the light of Yeshua being our Atonement. From this solemn holy day we next enter Sukkot, the joyous Feast of Tabernacles, a seven-day celebration."

They'll celebrate Sukkot Sabbath at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. See their ad in this issue listing other events.

The Godly heritage behind the new National Museum of African American History revealed with rare artifacts

Includes Harriet Tubman's hymn book, the piano of the father of gospel music and Nate Turner's Bible

Thousands of people attended the grand opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. All 28,500 tickets for the event sold out in less than hour when they went on sale this summer. The opening included President Barack Obama and former president George H. W. Bush, who is credited with helping launch the effort to build the museum during his first administration in 2004.

The museum highlights the journey from slavery to freedom -- paved, in large part, by faith though that angle was missed in most news reports about the opening.

But faith is undeniably present with many of the exhibits reflecting the role of religion, such as a Harriet Tubman's book of hymns, the piano of Thomas Dorsey, considered the father of gospel music, and a Bible belonging to Nat Turner.

The small frayed-edged Bible symbolizes the strange and unlikely bond between the new museum and a Virginia family that founded an old country church where Turner is believed to have been baptized.

The resulting relationship sheds insight on how potentially to deal with the growing racial tension in America today.

Persons United Methodist Church

Persons United Methodist Church sits on a lonely, dusty road in Southampton County, Va. - about an hour south of Richmond.

Average attendance is less than 20, causing the doors to open only two Sundays a month.

Yet the church is still going strong. Dozens of people filled the pews to celebrate its 178th anniversary.

"My ancestors were founding members of the church," said Mark Person, organizer of the anniversary and descendant of the church founder.

"We go back a few years."

Within the last decade, Persons UMC has been Barack Obama. Even the

Queen of England acknowledged their shared connection to the Church of England, sending her regards in a letter by way of her lady-in-waiting.

Now the church's reputation is sure to grow as people learn about its connection to the new museum honoring black history.

Nat Turner

The church has historical significance tied to Turner, an educated slave who led a failed rebellion against white slave owners.

Turner, described as deeply religious, was believed to be baptized in a nearby mill pond owned by the same family who founded Persons United Methodist Church.

By 1831, Turner would lead the largest and bloodiest slave insurrection in America. Some of his victims included the Persons, who a few years earlier allowed him to conduct a baptism on their property.

Mark Person recalls hearing about Turner as a child.

"It was talked about some, but not a whole lot," Person explained. "As I got older and we got a little more history from the elders, they said there was an insurrection of 1831."

Turner was a powerful speaker and often called "The Prophet" because he claimed he received visions from God. One of those visions prompted him to lead the deadly revolt.

Person's great, great-uncle, Salathiel



President Barack Obama, and first lady Michelle Obama help Ruth Odom Bonner, center, ring the Freedom Bell to open the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington. Bonner is the 99-year-old daughter of a man born a slave in Mississippi.

Francis, was among the 60 or so people killed. Men, women and even young children died at the hands of slaves who were determined to seize their freedom - no matter the cost.

But two sympathetic slaves helped to save Person's great, great-grandmother, Lavinia Francis. Eight months pregnant at the time, they hid her away in a closet. "The reality of it is if it hadn't been for (them) that night, I wouldn't be telling the story," Person reflected.

White militias struck back quickly to put down the rebellion and, in turn, killed 200 blacks.

Turner surrendered two months later, caught in a foxhole with only a sword and a Bible. The Bible, which eventually was passed down to the Persons, had

been with the family since 1912.

After nearly a hundred years of safe-keeping, the family learned about plans for the new museum and decided to donate the Bible so more people could see it.

"It never came up that they'd want to make a dollar off of it," he said. "It is just where it belongs."

"Race and reconciliation is part of what our hope is," said Dr. Rex Ellis, an associate director with the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"It is my belief that everyone who visits the museum will come out of it different and better than when they went in," he said.

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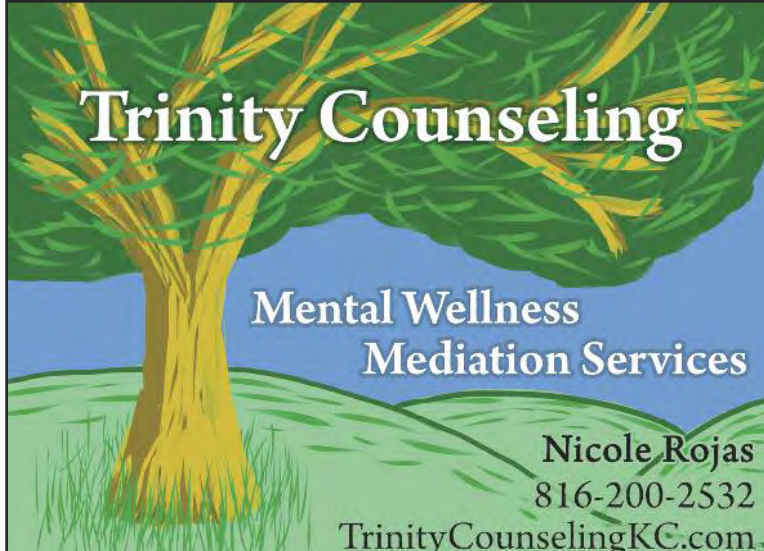


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continue using the armed forces as a social experimentation lab, where the LGBT agenda takes precedence over troop readiness and morale, and where placing women in ground combat roles supersedes obvious gender differences.

One vision would seek to build a federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, that interprets the Constitution as an enduring document for the nation, with timeless guiding principles for civil government. The other would appoint liberal-progressive judges to federal courts who believe the Constitution is a “living, breathing document” that bends with the times and with evolving moral standards.

With an aging Supreme Court—already absent one justice after the unexpected death last year of conservative stalwart Antonin Scalia—perhaps four new Supreme Court justices will be appointed.

The next president will be either Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump, and he or she will nominate those vital Supreme Court justices. Those judges will serve decades and make their judicial decisions felt for generations.

In an age in which the Supreme Court and the federal bench have trended toward an activist, lawmaking role instead of their intended task—to act as umpires of the Constitution—the stakes for religious freedom and limited government are monumental.

In fact, says Tony Perkins, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Family Research Council, the very survival of our democratic republic may hinge on the fundamental beliefs of the next chief executive.

Perkins told Decision: “America is not going to cease to exist as the land mass that it is. What is at stake is the republic as we know it, freedoms that we have enjoyed.”

Christians in the Crosshairs

Chief among those freedoms is religious liberty, Perkins says, and it has taken direct hits in the last eight years.

“It’s been open. It’s been frontal. It’s been unrelenting. ... The weight of the government is being used to quarantine faith within the four walls of the church, and that is not religious freedom,” Perkins said.

The ongoing sexual revolution, which has accelerated at mind-numbing speed, has placed more pressure on those with a Biblical worldview.

Same-sex marriage is legal nationwide via the Supreme Court’s Obergefell decision in June 2015, creating a collision of religious freedom with the law’s



conception of sexual freedom. Last spring, the federal government directed public schools to allow transgender use of gender-specific restrooms and locker rooms, a direct affront to North Carolina, which had passed a bathroom protection law that still stands.

Despite some gains in the percentage of people who believe abortion is immoral, the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision making abortion legal nationally remains, with the country approaching 60 million aborted babies.

The nation hasn’t merely been “slouching toward Gomorrah,” as the late judge Robert Bork wrote, it has nearly slid past it.

James Dobson, the best-selling author and psychologist



who has championed the traditional family and Christian values for more than four decades, told Decision: “The sexual revolution weakened the exclusivity and commitment required for lifelong marriage. Spiritual apathy and apostasy have also been major contributors. America no longer lives by an eternal moral code given to us by the Word of God.”

“Also,” Dobson added, “the radical feminist movement, based on hostility toward men, weakened the marital bond. Related to it was, and is, the legalization of abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Raising children is what this ancient institution is all about. And, finally, the judiciary has created politically correct interpretations of the law that are destroying the traditional family unit. Uppermost among them is same-sex ‘marriage’—imposed by five members of the Supreme Court on 50 million people who voted against it.”

As Penny Nance, president of Con-



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—Penny Nance

cerned Women for America, puts it, “We live in a time when we have gone from living in a post-Christian nation to living in an anti-Christian nation. That is completely contrary to the founding principles of our country.”

The cultural slide has meant that more people are sharply opposed to the Biblical worldview than in decades past. English common law, which helped inform American law, was rooted in Judeo-Christian understandings of right and wrong. Those sturdy tethers have unraveled quickly.

Instead, left-wing activists, smelling blood in the water, are seeking to take as much ground on the moral and legal front as forcefully and as quickly as possible.

That pressure is evident when states such as Washington and Oregon punish bakers and pharmacists when their Christian beliefs collide with the secular-progressive worldview.

Veteran conservative columnist Cal Thomas, not one to put significant hope in political efforts to right the culture, says the next election will set the tone for the Supreme Court “for 30 or 40 years” and could lead to “the possible disintegration of this country.”

He says the culprit is a generation that has forgotten God, and it is reflected in our government.

“We are sacrificing our children, nearly 60 million now, on the modern-day equivalent of the altar of Molech, which God called detestable on more than one occasion,” Thomas said.



“We are mainstreaming same-sex marriage, transgender toilets. It just seems that the sewer cover has been removed and everything is now up in the streets.”

David Jeremiah, pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church near San Diego, Calif., sees a crucial election that may determine whether or not Christians can exercise their faith freely—at church and outside the church—or under an oppressive government.

Jeremiah admits that neither major party candidate is an exemplar for evangelical Christians.

But he says the specter of the next president appointing a new slate of Supreme Court nominees should motivate believers to cast an informed vote.

“The next president will select between two and four justices who will reign over the cultural issues of our nation for the next 30 years. The average Supreme Court judge serves 26 years. In the next 30 years, what happens in this election is going to have an incredible impact on my children and grandchildren. And the impact will be most likely felt more because of what happens in the Supreme Court than anything else that happens in the government.”

Beyond the issues of religious liberty and morality, the spread of radical Islamic jihad globally and at home has set the world on edge. Every week seems to bring a mass slaughter, such as those in Bangladesh or France, San Bernardino or Orlando.

In the last eight years, America has sent conflicting signals about its commitment to seriously confront radical Islam. Unwillingness by federal officials to call the scourge what it is—jihad carried out in the name of Allah by Muslim fundamentalists—and a lack of clear commitment to eradicate it has dimin-

ished America’s role as a world leader. ISIS has not only burst on the scene but has become a global menace.

Former U.S. senator Jim DeMint, president of the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, says to successfully wage war on radical Islamic terrorism and counter other evil regimes around the globe, defense spending must be non-negotiable, and defense policy must center on military readiness, not pushing the latest social trends.

“There’s a lot of turmoil and instability in the world,” DeMint said, “and the way the current administration has dealt with Islamic terrorism by trying to ignore it and treat it as if it’s something that it’s not, has opened us up and threatened our security as a country.”

Voters must decide: Which candidate, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, will strengthen national security and fight tenaciously against radical Islamic terrorism?

Jeremiah and Perkins agree that whomever voters choose, they must demand that the “first freedom”—religious liberty—from which all other freedoms flow, is left intact.

Perkins said that as the moral fabric of the culture unravels, “the leaders we elect can either accelerate that deterioration or they can stay it by giving the church the space it needs to do the fundamental work that only the church can do.

“It is the church—armed with the Gospel—that can fix hearts. It is the Gospel that transforms lives. It is the church through the witness of the Holy Spirit that can preserve a culture. But without the space to do that openly in public, it’s difficult. And elections in our country determine that.”

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“Pastor David Jeremiah admits that neither major party candidate is an exemplar for evangelical Christians.”

Platforms give insight into a political party’s value system

By the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
Reprinted from Decision Magazine

As Franklin Graham travels to all 50 states on the Decision America Tour, he’s urging Christians to boldly live out their faith—at home, in public and at the ballot box.

Many decisions are made at the president’s desk, but the major political party to which he or she belongs wields significant power over which domestic and international policies are advanced and what becomes law. Here is a summary of the Democrat and Republican Party positions on some of the vital issues facing the country. As Franklin Graham has stated clearly many times, we are not endorsing any candidate or party.

Sanctity of human life
Democrat

Democrats seek to repeal the 1976 Hyde Amendment so that federal funds can be used to pay for abortions. The platform says, “We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers.” Democrats support ratification of UN efforts that affirm “the reproductive rights of women” globally.

Republican

The GOP asserts the sanctity of human life and affirms, “The unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.” The party supports a Human Life Amendment making clear

that the 14th Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth, and it salutes states that require informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods and clinic regulation.

Marriage
Democrat

Democrats applaud last year’s Supreme Court ruling that “LGBT people—like other Americans—have the right to marry the person they love.”

Republican

The GOP platform condemns the Supreme Court’s rulings that removed the ability of Congress and the people to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The GOP urges the reversal of those decisions, whether through judicial reconsideration or a constitutional amendment.

Religious freedom
Democrat

The Democratic platform says: “We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate.” The party opposes a religious test to bar immigrants or refugees from entering the country.

Republican

Republicans affirm that religious freedom in the Bill of Rights protects the right of the people to practice their faith in their everyday lives. The

platform endorses the First Amendment Defense Act, which would protect faith-based institutions and individuals from government discrimination.

Federal judges
Democrat

The platform says: “We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, and will protect a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion.”

Republican

The GOP platform states: “A critical threat to our country’s constitutional order is an activist judiciary that usurps powers properly reserved to the people through other branches of government.” The GOP supports the appointment of justices and judges who respect the constitutional limits on their power and respect the authority of the states.

National defense
Democrat

The Democratic platform says that while the military is crucial, decreased military spending is necessary. The party also favors reducing excessive spending on nuclear weapons. The platform notes that it is “proud of the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell and the opening of combat positions to women.”

Republican

The Republican platform favors building and maintaining a strong military as the path to peace and security. The party seeks to restore the nation’s military might and to rebuild troop numbers. The GOP would abandon treaties that benefit adversaries and would modernize the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Terrorism
Democrat

The Democratic platform uses firm language to say we “must defeat” global terrorism, though noting a preference for “diplomacy and development, to confront global threats and ensure war is a last resort.” The party favors improving international intelligence capabilities to defend against external and homegrown threats.

Republican

The GOP asserts that the Iran deal does not have treaty status and has only emboldened the regime in Tehran in sponsoring terrorism. The platform says, “We must stand up for our friends, challenge our foes, and destroy ISIS.” It calls for governmental aid to Christian communities under genocidal attack in cities like Erbil.

Human rights
Democrat

The Democratic platform recognizes gay rights as a human right, and party leaders have

tyied international development funds in poor countries to adherence to the LGBT agenda. According to the platform, “We will continue to stand with LGBT people around the world, including fighting efforts by any nation to infringe on LGBT rights or ignore abuse.”

Republican

The GOP platform states: “To those who stand in the darkness of tyranny, America has always been a beacon of hope, and so it must remain.” The party seeks a radical rethinking of our human rights diplomacy, adopting a “whole of government” approach in which human rights issues are integrated at every appropriate level of our relationships with other nations.

Immigration
Democrat

The party platform denounces Donald Trump’s suggested ban on immigrants from countries (mostly Muslim) known to train terrorists.

Republican

Republicans oppose any form of amnesty for those who have entered illegally. The party supports building a border wall and refusing entrance to refugees who cannot be carefully vetted, especially those whose homelands have “been the breeding grounds for terrorism.”

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THE CANDIDATES

HILLARY CLINTON
Residence: Chappaqua
Marital Status: Married (Bill)
Prev. Occupation: Public Official
Prev. Political Exp.: One term, US Senate, 2000-09
Education: BA, Wellesley College, 1969; JD Yale University, 1973
Birthdate: 10/26/1947
Religion: Methodist



DONALD TRUMP
Residence: New York
Marital Status: Married
Prev. Occupation: Businessman
Prev. Political Exp.: No prior elected office
Education: BS Economics, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, 1968
Birthdate: 06/14/1946
Religion: Christian



GARY JOHNSON
Residence: Taos, N.M.
Prev. Occupation: Construction Worker, Businessman
Prev. Political Exp.: NM Governor, 1995-2003
Education: BA University of New Mexico, 1975
Birthdate: 01/01/1953
Religion: Lutheran



JILL STEIN
Residence: Lexington
Marital Status: Married (Richard Rohrer)
Prev. Occupation: Physician, Environmental Activist
Prev. Political Exp.: No prior elected office
Education: MD Harvard University, 1979
Birthdate: 05/14/1950
Religion: Jewish but states she does not practice.



What churches and pastors are allowed, not allowed to do

by **Dwight Widaman**

Every election cycle confusion abounds about how churches and pastors can be involved in the civic life of their community while not stepping across the lines outlined by the IRS and FEC. This confusion causes distress among congregants as well as pastors often with congregations having expectations that may or may not be legal and pastors hesitant to say or do anything at all in an over abundance of caution. The Liberty Counsel has provided the following guidance when it comes to political candidates and elections and what is permissible by law in your church and by your pastor. The information was written by Mathew D. Staver, Esq. and passes all legal tests so that your church and pastor can rest assured they are on the up and up when it comes to elections. For info call 800-671-1776 or visit www.LC.org

POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES FOR PASTORS AND CHURCHES		
SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING CANDIDATES	CHURCH	PASTOR
■ Endorsing or opposing political candidates	No	Yes
■ Contributions to political candidate	No	Yes
■ In-kind and independent expenditures for or against political candidates	No	Yes
■ Contributions to Political Action Committees	No	Yes
■ Appearance of political candidate at church meeting or service	Yes	N/A
■ Introduction of political candidates at church	Yes	Yes
■ Political candidate to preach or read scripture (contributions should not be solicited and message should not urge people to vote for the candidate)	Yes	N/A
■ Voter registration programs and campaigns (non-partisan)	Yes	Yes
■ Distribution of candidate surveys and incumbent voting records	Yes	Yes
■ Distribution in church parking lot of political statements and opinions on political issues (so long as no church endorsement)	Yes	N/A
■ Rent or loan church mailing lists to political candidates (list must be made available to all candidates on similar terms and prices)	Yes	N/A

SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING CANDIDATES	CHURCH	PASTOR
■ Church bulletin political ads at regular price and news stories	Yes	N/A
■ Church bulletin editorial where the pastor or staff member endorses or opposes a candidate	No	No
■ Church bulletin editorial regarding political issues or two different church members take opposing views on a candidate	Yes	N/A
■ Use of church facilities by political candidates (if all other candidates are allowed or invited)	Yes	N/A
■ Fund-raising for candidates	No	Yes
■ Campaigning for candidates	No	Yes
■ Educate members of the public about viewpoints of candidates	Yes	Yes
■ Discuss church doctrine pertaining to candidate views such as abortion, homosexuality and marriage	Yes	Yes
■ Granting use of name to support a candidate	No*	Yes*

*A pastor may include title and church affiliation in a personal endorsement along with the following notation: “Title and affiliation for identification purposes.”

—Compiled by Mathew D. Staver, Esq., Liberty Counsel

Where They Stand

Compiled from Online Surveys & News Reports

Positions are categorized as Pro (Yes), Con (No), Not Clearly Pro or Con (NC), or None Found (?)

Crime & Justice

	Clinton	Trump	Johnson	Stein
Should the Death Penalty Be Allowed?	Pro	Pro	Con	Con
Should Private Prisons Be Allowed in the U.S.?	Con	Pro	Pro	Con
Should Law Enforcement Use Racial Profiling?	Now Con	Pro	Con	Con
Should Obama Choose Next Supreme Court Justice?	Pro	Con	Pro	?
Will Appoint Conservative Judges to Supreme Court	Con	Pro	Con	Con

Economy & Taxes

Should Churches Remain Tax-Exempt?	?	Pro	Con	NC
Does Lowering Corporate Income Tax Rate Create Jobs?	NC	Pro	Pro	NC
Should the Federal Gov. Subsidize Oil Companies?	Con	Con	Con	Con
Should Any Federal Taxes Be Increased?	Pro	Now Con	Now NC	Pro
Should There Be a Flat Tax on Income?	Con	NC	Con	Con
Should Social Security Be Privatized?	Con	NC	Pro	Con
Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Good for U.S.?	Now Con	Con	Pro	Con

Education

Are Charter Schools Good for Education in America?	NC	Pro	Pro	Con
Are the Common Core Standards Good for Education?	NC	Con	Con	Con
Should K-12 Teachers Get Tenure?	NC	Con	Con	NC
Should Any Public Colleges Be Tuition-Free?	Pro	Con	Con	Pro

Elections

Was the Citizens United Supreme Court Decision Good?	Con	Con	Pro	Con
Should Felons Be Allowed to Vote?	Pro	NC	Pro	Pro
Should Voters Show Photo I.D. to Vote?	Con	PRO	Con	Con
Should US Election Campaigns Be Publicly Financed?	Pro	NC	Con	Pro

Energy

Should New Fossil Fuel Leases on Fed. Land Continue?	Now NC	Pro	?	Con
Should Fracking Be Allowed?	Pro	Pro	Now Pro	Con
Should We Build Additional Nuclear Power Plants?	NC	Pro	NC	Con

Foreign Policy

Is China an Economic/Military Threat to the U.S.?	Pro	Pro	Con	NC
Should the U.S. Maintain Its Embargo against Cuba?	Now Con	Con	Con	Con
Is the Nuclear Arms Deal with Iran Good for America?	Pro	Con	NC	Pro
Should There Be an Independent Palestinian State?	Pro	NC	NC	NC
Support Iran Nuclear Agreement?	Pro	Con	Con	Con

Guns / Second Amendment

Should More Gun Control Laws Be Enacted?	Pro	Con	Con	Pro
Should Schools Be Gun-Free Zones?	Pro	Now NC	Con	NC
Should the Federal Government Study Gun Violence?	?	?	Con	Pro
Should People on the No-Fly List or the Terror Those on No Fly List Be Allowed to Purchase Guns?	Con	Con	Pro	?

Health Care, Abortion, & End of Life Issues

Should Abortion Be Legal?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Do You Support Fed. Funding of Abortion?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Should Any Vaccines Be Required for Children?	NC	NC	Now Pro	NC
Is Obamacare Good for America?	Pro	Con	Con	Con
Should Minors Get Parent Consent for Abortions?	Con	Con	Pro	?
Should Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide Be Legal?	Pro	CON	Pro	?
Should Planned Parenthood Receive Federal Funding?	Pro	Con	Pro	?
Is ther a Constitutioal Right to Health Care?	Pro	Con	Con	Pro

Immigration

Should Raids be used to Enforce Immigration Laws?	Con	Pro	Con	Con
Should E-Verify Program Be Mandatory for Employers?	?	Pro	Pro	?
Should the U.S. Build a Wall along US-Mexico Border?	Con	Pro	Con	Con
Should Illegals become Legal Residents?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Should Sanctuary Cities Get Fed. Funding:	NC	Con	Pro	?
Should U.S. Allow Syrian Refugees into the Country?	Pro	Now Con	Pro	Pro

Labor & Wages

Should Paid Family/Medical Leave be Mandatory?	Pro	Now Pro	Con	Pro
Should the Federal Minimum Wage Be Increased?	Pro	Now Pro	Con	Pro

Marijuana & Alcohol

Should Drinking Age Be Lowered From 21 to Youngere?	NC	NC	Pro	?
Should Marijuana Be a Medical Option?	Now Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro
Should Recreational Marijuana Be Legal?	NC	Now Con	Pro	Pro

Military & War on Terror

Should We Work with Russia Combat Terrorism?	NC	Pro	Pro	Pro
Should We Continue Its Use of Drone Strikes Abroad?	Pro	?	Con	Con
Should the U.S. Send Ground Troops to Fight ISIS?	Con	?	Con	Con
Should Guantanamo Be Closed?	Pro	Con	Con	Pro
Should the US Have Attacked Iraq in 2003?	Pro	Now Con	Con	Con
Should the US Military Budget Be Increased?	NC	Pro	Con	Con
Should We Have Mandatory National Service?	Con	?	Con	?
Should Women Serve In Combat Positions?	Pro	NC	Pro	?

Race

Should Colleges Use Affirmative Action in Admissions?	Pro	Pro	Con	?
Is the Black Lives Matter Movement Good for America?	Pro	NC	Pro	Pro
Is the Criminal Justice System Unfair to Black People?	Pro	Pro	Pro	Pro

Science & Environment

Are Humans at Fault for Global Climate Change?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Should Genetically Modified Foods be Labeled?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Should Keystone XL Pipeline Be Built?	Now Con	Pro	Pro	Con

Sex & Gender

Was Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage a Good Decision?	Pro	Con	Pro	Pro
Should Religious Liberty Protect Business Owners?	Con	Pro	Con	Con
Should Transgenders Use the Bathroom of Choice?	Pro	Now NC	Pro	Pro

PLATFORMS

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Addressing poverty

Democrat

Democrats will “direct more federal resources to lifting up communities that have been left out and left behind.” The party would build more affordable rental housing units and seek to “create good-paying jobs and enhance opportunities by investing in small business, youth employment, and reentry programs for formerly incarcerated people.”

Republican

The GOP says that instead of government handouts that keep people dependent, “We propose ... the dynamic compassion of work requirements in a growing economy, where opportunity takes the place of a hand-out, where

true self-esteem can grow from the satisfaction of a job well done.”

Law and order

Democrat

The Democratic platform seeks to abolish the death penalty, “which has proven to be a cruel and unusual form of punishment. It has no place in the United States of America.” The party would reform mandatory minimum sentences, close private prisons, end racial profiling and train officers in de-escalation.

Republican

The GOP decries the creation of new “crimes” by unelected civil servants and political appointees and sees this as federal overreach. The platform emphasizes restorative justice, including guidance by faith-based institutions. It notes that the death penalty is firmly settled by the Fifth Amendment and opposes

efforts to erode this right.

Israel and Jerusalem

Democrat

The platform states: “We will always support Israel’s right to defend itself, including by retaining its qualitative military edge, and oppose any effort to delegitimize Israel. ... While Jerusalem is a matter for final status negotiations, it should remain the capital of Israel, an undivided city accessible to people of all faiths.”

Republican

Republicans express “unequivocal support for Israel,” pointing out that it is the only Middle Eastern country with freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The GOP recognizes “Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state.” The party opposes the U.N.’s treatment of Israel as a pariah state.



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2nd District - Lynn Jenkins
3rd District - Kevin Yoder
4th District - Mike Pompeo

Kansas Senate Districts

1. Dennis Pyle
2. Meredith Richey
3. Echo Van Meteren
4. No Endorsement
5. Steve Fitzgerald
6. No Endorsement
7. No Endorsement
8. Jim Denning
9. Julia Lynn
10. Mary Pilcher-Cook
11. No Endorsement
12. Caryn Tyson
23. Rob Olson

Kansas House of Representatives Districts

6. Jene Vickery
14. Keith Esau
15. Erin Davis
16. Amanda Grossrode
17. No Endorsement
18. Eric Jenkins
19 through 25: No Endorsement
26. Larry Campbell
27. Sean Tarwater Sr.
28. No Endorsement
29. James Todd
30. Randy Powell
31 through 35: No Endorsement
36. Kevin Braun

Kansas State Board of Education

Even Districts ONLY in 2016
2. Steve Roberts
4. Sue Mollenkamp
6. No Endorsement

County Commissioner

Dist. 2, 3 and 6 ONLY in 2016
2. No Endorsement
3. Hodge Preferred over Klika
6. John Toplikar

Sheriff

Johnson Co.: Calvin Hayden

Judiciary

The following Judges are not in ELECTED positions. The voter is given the option to vote “Yes to Retain” or “No to NOT Retain” these judges. It is important to cast all of the Yes AND the No votes.

Kansas Supreme Court

In order as they appear on ballot
Carol A. Beier - NO, Do NOT Retain
Dan Biles - NO, Do NOT Retain
Lawton R. Nuss - NO, Do NOT Retain
Marla Luckert - NO, Do NOT Retain
Caleb Stegall - YES, Retain

KS State Court of Appeals

In order as they appear on ballot
Steve Leben - NO, Do NOT Retain
G. Joseph Pierron Jr. - NO, Do NOT Retain
David E. Bruns - YES, Retain
G. Gordon Atchenson - NO, Do NOT Retain
Karen Arnold-Burger - NO, Do NOT Retain
Kathryn A. Gardner - YES, Retain

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KANSAS' JUDICIAL QUANDRY

What's the real story about the retention of Supreme Court justices?

Ask a proponent of retaining the four ultra-liberal members of the Kansas Supreme Court that are up for a retention vote this November why there is so much animosity toward this group and they'll tell you that the opposition simply wants to politicize the court because they disagree with its rulings. However, the simple truth is that the court is already heavily politicized and that those who disagree with the court's rulings are in good company, given that the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly overruled the Kansas court, including the most recent ruling which rejected the Kansas Court's reasoning in a scathing, almost unheard of, 8-1 ruling.

Currently justices are selected in the most elitist, anti-democratic process in the country, wherein the Supreme Court Nominating Commission is made up of only four non-lawyers appointed by the governor and a majority of five lawyers are elected only by other lawyers. That group then selects a panel of three "qualified" individuals to be sent to the governor. If the governor refuses to select one of the three, the chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court selects one. The newly appointed justice then stands for retention during the next general election in a soviet style selection process in which they are the only candidate. They are then up for retention every six years thereafter. None have ever been rejected.

The Kansas Supreme Court continues to lose its cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

What makes the current system untenable is that the current liberal domi-

nated court became highly (and brazenly) politicized on the issues of the death penalty, school finance and abortion, embracing politically orthodox, hard-left positions on all three in a state dominated by conservative elected officials.

Take for instance the death penalty. The Court has, in essence, tried to eliminate it de facto through endless delays and by overturning lower court decisions. For instance, the Court has given 27 ninety-day delays to the notorious Carr brothers (seven years of delays) and then overturned their death sentences when they did hear the case.

However, when their decision was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States it was overturned in a scathing 8-1 decision that was signed off on by Justices from Antonin Scalia to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Indeed, SCOTUS has slapped the Kansas Supreme Court's

recently, Kansans are spending over 50 percent of the state budget on K-12 education, \$4.1 billion, and in a hearing just conducted the Court seemed to think that wasn't enough. And yet school districts are able to shower largess on their administrative staff in the form of six-figure salaries with \$1,000 per month car allowances, tax sheltered annuities and up to 40 days of vacation annually, in addition to double digit annual raises. Teachers, on the other hand are forced to continue to provide supplies for their own classrooms and make due with very modest increases in pay.

Here again, the make-up of the court goes a long way towards explaining the Court's bias towards the educators and teachers' unions.

Dan Biles, up for retention in November, was an attorney for the state school board before moving onto the

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criminal decisions down the last six cases, every time for the last decade, and yet they continue to substitute their ideological positions over established law.

From an ethical standpoint, the Court's conduct on school finance places them in an even worse light. Cur-

court and Chief Justice Lawton Nuss, also up for retention, was a plaintiffs' attorney for the Salina School District in the original Montoy lawsuit. When Nuss moved to the court not only did he refuse to recuse himself from hearing the Montoy case, he was even caught



The current Kansas Supreme Court

holding ex parte meetings with key legislators. His actions resulted in an admonishment from the Commission on Judicial Qualifications. Only then did he recuse himself from that case. He is the only Justice subjected to a disciplinary process.

Kansans For Life will undoubtedly confront the Court on its record on the issue of abortion and so I won't go into it in depth here. However, Carol Beiers appears to spearhead the Court's efforts to intimidate prosecutors, like Phill Kline and his colleagues, from actively pursuing regulatory activities involving abortion providers. Her intemperate remarks directed at Kline during some of the hearings were so over the top that even one of her fellow female justices saw fit to comment on her unprofessional nature.

In essence, implied claims that Kansas courts are not currently politicized are false at all levels. Even at the District Court level judges like Kevin Moriarty in Johnson County and Franklin Theis in Shawnee County stand out for their far left judicial ac-

tivism. This is a direct function of an elitist selection process dominated by liberal attorneys, themselves not selected by the voters, resulting in the imposition of a judiciary that is unrepresentative of the people of Kansas.

Several organizations have now been created to rid the courts of some of the worst ideological elements. The groups are largely non-partisan, some organized by the families of murder victims, to oppose the retention of the following justices and Appeals Court judges.

For the Supreme Court conservative organizations across the state recommend No votes for Lawton Nuss, Dan Biles, Carol Beiers and Marla Luckert. They recommend a Yes vote for Caleb Stegall. For the Appellate Court they recommend No votes for Steve Leben, G. Joseph Pierron Jr., G. Gordon Atcheson and Karen Arnold-Burger and Yes votes for David E. Bruns and Kathryn A. Gardner.

On the morning after the Nov. 8 election, we'll see if anyone was paying attention.

— By John Altevogt

The pendulum swings to the other side of the party line?

Dorothy, you may not be in (conservative) Kansas any more

Anyone who wasn't prepared to see conservative losses in the August primary (with more perhaps to come in the general election) simply hasn't been paying attention. Ever since conservatives took control of the state senate in 2012 there has been a constant drumbeat of attacks on Gov. Sam Brownback's administration and the legislators who support him.

In addition, after Republicans were given majorities in both houses of Congress and still failed to halt President Obama's agenda, including abuses of power at the IRS and the Department of Justice, many conservatives simply lost faith in the Republican Party as a vehicle for change.

In Kansas, Republicans running for national office have been helped by the general weakness of Democrats at all lev-



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els in the state. They also learned from the 2014 primary contests and moved to head off potential areas of weakness long before the 2016 election cycle began.

Sen. Jerry Moran and 3rd District Congressman Kevin Yoder have run their offices like clinics in political science. They spend considerable time back in

"State legislators... have been saddled with supporting an economic agenda that rankles the populist core of the conservative base while failing to generate much support from other constituencies."

the state, have responsive constituent services and are respectful to all elements of the party (and often beyond). It also doesn't hurt that both are excellent at

raising money, discouraging potential rivals so should coast to fairly easy victories.

The same cannot be said for state legislators. They have been saddled with supporting an economic agenda that rankles the populist core of the conservative base while failing to generate much support from other constituencies. Confronted on one side with the governor's intransigence and the hostility of their constituents on the other, many

simply stepped down, or were caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

While lowering income taxes may



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have seemed to be a good idea, (based on comparisons with states that aren't really comparable) that act and the infamous LLC exemption resulted in increases in the highly regressive sales tax. That in turn resulted in higher costs for working and middle class consumers while placing Main Street merchants at an almost 10% deficit when competing with online merchants who don't charge a sales tax.

Worse yet, higher costs of government at the local level put more strain on the same working and middle class homeowners owing to increases in the equally regressive property taxes, coupled with an appraisal system that has remained broken despite legislators' best efforts to fix it.

That said, much of the critique of Brownback centers around unfair and deceitful claims regarding education funding. Across the state superintend-



BROWNBACK

ents decried cuts that were never made. State funding for K-12 education is over 50% of the state budget and is higher now than when Brownback took office.

However, so effective has this campaign been that in Johnson County citizens were voting for legislative candidates who were promising to raise their taxes so they could support school districts in Wichita and elsewhere. Go figure.

Indeed, despite the fact that the movement to oust four Supreme Court Justices has been largely non-partisan look for proponents of retention to try and attach the effort to Brownback.

Regardless the ultimate outcome of the November elections, what is already clear is that the Kansas legislature is going to be a far different place during the next session and those newly elected "moderates" may wish they'd stayed home.

— By John Altevogt

MISSOURI STATEWIDE ELECTION PREVIEW

Six Races with Party Switchers, Newcomers and Comebacks

Trump vs. Clinton may be dominating the political coverage this year in a made-for-reality-TV election cycle like no other, but six statewide races in Missouri make up a political field like none ever seen before.

Blunt vs. Kander: Pro-Life, Pro-2nd Amendment US Senator Faces a Radically Liberal Former State Legislator & Present Secretary of State

First term US Senator, Roy Blunt—(R), faces a challenge from first term Secretary of State, Jason Kander—(D). Blunt, who has a conservative pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment record is a political polar opposite of Kander, who served for four years as a State Representative in the Missouri legislature before ascending to statewide office as Secretary of State.

Former and present members of the Republican Caucus in the Missouri House of Representatives, who served with Kander during his four-year tenure from 2009-2013, remember how he lamented over his disillusionment with President Obama three to four years into the President's first term.

One lawmaker—speaking on the condition of anonymity—who served concurrently with Kander in the Missouri House recalls the “blue dog democrats who were pro-life,” whom helped make up what has since become “veto-proof, pro-life super majorities in both the Missouri House and Senate.”

He said, “We could work with them on many issues,” he recalled. “Then there was Kander who was even to the left of Obama and actually complained that the President was not doing enough to advance the liberal agenda.”

“Voters in the November election need to remember Kander has not legislated for the last four years as Secretary of State, but in the four years before that when he was a state legislator, he was radically liberal and totally misrepresentative of mainstream Missouri values and political positions.”

Greitens vs. Koster: A Democrat turned Republican Faces a Former Republican Turned Democrat

The race for the open seat for Missouri Governor—with term limited Democratic Governor Jay Nixon finishing his second term—is like nothing Missouri or the nation has seen before. Political newcomer Eric Greitens deployed his guns-blazing background as a former Navy SEAL to win the Republican primary.

Greitens, who self-admittedly described himself as a “lifelong Democrat,” made a party switch to run as a Republican for Missouri Governor. Missouri Attorney General, Chris

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Koster, the Democrat nominee for governor was a Republican member of the Missouri Senate before his party switch to run for Secretary of State 8 years ago.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has endorsed Koster over his rival, Eric Greitens. Koster also scored a major coup when the Missouri Farm Bureau (MFB) endorsed Koster over Greitens, making Koster the first Democratic nominee for Governor endorsed by MFB in their more than 100 year history.

Greitens has made perhaps the biggest splash as a political newcomer, but many Republicans have expressed their support for Koster over Greitens,

who failed to win the endorsement of Missouri Right to Life (MRL) in the primary or for the general election.

Many conservative Republicans remain distrustful of the genuineness of his conservative conversion from having been a lifelong Democrat. The Metro Voice published a detailed expose on Greitens in our August issue and posted an election commentary at metrovoicenews.com.

Parson vs. Carnahan: Conservative State Senator Faces a Liberal Former Congressman's Comeback

Mike Parson—(R), an MRL and NRA endorsed State Senator and former State Representative, is the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Parson faces challenger Russ Carnahan, the Democratic nominee. Parson is also a family farmer and former County Sheriff.

Carnahan, known as a liberal Democrat, is making a political comeback attempt after having lost his St. Louis

area Congressional seat in the US House of Representatives after redistricting. Due to the 2010 Census, Missouri lost a Congressional seat, going from 9 to 8 seats, which was effective in 2013 following the 2012 elections. With the Congressional seat Carnahan had held for four terms lost, he ran unsuccessfully against incumbent Congressman Lacy Clay, Jr. in 2012, making Carnahan's primary victory for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor in August a first step in a political comeback attempt.



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Ashcroft vs. Smith: A Political Comeback Story Meets a Newcomer for Secretary of State

The Republican nominee for Secretary of State, Jay Ashcroft, can't totally



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be considered a newcomer to Missouri state politics. Jay's father, John, served as Missouri Auditor (1973-1975), Attorney General (1977-1985), Governor (1995-2001) US Senator (1995-2001) and US Attorney General (2001-2005). Jay Ashcroft's story is one of a comeback as well, having lost a race for the State Senate just two years ago.. With a background in engineering, as a college professor and working at his father's law firm, Ashcroft carries the dual political mantles of being a newcomer and comeback story. Thanks to superior name recognition with the Ashcroft name, Jay handily defeated present State Senator Will Kraus in the primary.

Ashcroft faces Democratic nominee, Robin Smith. As the only woman of African-American descent on the statewide ballot, Smith is also a political newcomer, having worked as a long-time news reporter and anchor in the St. Louis media market.

Hawley vs. Hensley: Political Newcomer Faces a Comeback from a Former County Prosecutor

Political newcomer, John Hawley—(R), is a law professor at the University of Missouri School of Law. He is also a licensed and practicing attorney and member of a conservative think tank. He won a hard fought primary—coming from behind in the polls—against State Senator Kurt Schaefer, who is also an attorney and terms out of the Senate in January. Hawley gained na-

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Adoption and Foster Care

National Adoption Month raises awareness for 100,000 kids

by **Robbi Haynes** | MBCH

November is celebrated nationwide as National Adoption Month in a collective effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 U.S. children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

The majority of these children have been removed from their biological family because of abuse or neglect. When the family does not take the appropriate steps to correct the problems, the child becomes available to adopt. Many of them are adopted by their foster family.

Adoption is defined as “the permanent, legal transfer of parental right and responsibilities from a child’s birth parents to the adoptive parents.” The best candidates for adoption aren’t “perfect people,” but everyday people with real lives full of ups and downs. Adoptive parents don’t have to be of the same race or have the same ethnic background as the child they adopt. They don’t have to have a fancy home or lots of money. If you have lots of love to give and want to provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment for a child, you are probably the kind of person who adopts.

The cost for private and international adoptions can range from a few thousand dollars to tens of thousands. However, adopting a child who is in the custody of the state can have little or no cost to the adoptive family. Subsidies are even available to provide medical coverage and a financial stipend to the adoptive family until the child is eight-



teen years of age.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are 415,000 children in the U.S. foster care system. Of those, 107,000 are available for adoption. In Missouri there are approximately 1,800 children available for adoption through foster care. The average age of a child being adopted from the foster care system is eight years old. There are equal numbers of boys and girls awaiting adoption. While the majority of children awaiting adoption are Caucasian, there are children of every ethnicity who need a family.

There are children of every age, from infants to teens who need an adoptive family, but a particular need is for families who are willing adopt older children. Each year many of the children in state custody exit foster care without an adoptive family. For those young adults, it means no family to visit on holidays,

no grandparents to introduce their children to and no extended support system. Many of them have not learned the skills needed to become productive adults such as holding a job, balancing a checkbook, preparing meals and doing laundry. An adoptive family cannot only teach them these skills, but can provide love and support as they transition to adulthood.

Some people are reluctant to adopt an older child because of the portions of the child’s life that have already passed.

The changes in a child who has come

from a life of abuse or neglect who gets to experience the security and nurturing provided by an adoptive family can be miraculous.

During the training and licensing process, you will be taught about the children in care, the importance of structure and discipline and how to work with the foster care system. All foster parents are able to indicate what age and gender they feel would best fit their family. For more information you may call MBCH Children and Family Ministries (800) 264-6224.

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their family's lives. I've seen foster parents who lose sleep for weeks to wake children up and take them to the rest room because trauma sometimes makes children wet the bed every night. I've seen foster parents worry, cry, and fight for help for these children only to lose battle after battle with schools, DSS, or that child's parents. I've seen foster parents break down in tears and tell me they don't know how to help and they don't know if they can take any more.

And when that happens I don't know what to tell them. Because there is no earthly reason why someone would want to be a foster parent.

In fact, I think it takes an incredible measure of God's love, grace, and wisdom being poured into you and out of you to be a foster parent, which is the very reason Christians are called to do it.

1 By choosing to be foster parents, Christians are choosing to live a life that demonstrates the love and humility of the Gospel.

Since I started my job, I've been challenged to face head-on some of the things I would like to most ignore, such as the presence of sexual abuse, violence, death, and fear. And in the midst of that, God has taught me some incredible lessons about what it means to be forgiven

and to accept his grace and mercy. Instead of painting those who abuse or neglect their children as monsters, I've learned to look at them and see the effects of a fallen world and sin from which I've only been removed because of some mixture of privilege and God's grace.

It's really easy for me to look at the families I work with and to say they are there because they deserve to be there, because they've made bad choices and are reaping what they sowed.

There's a measure of truth to that, of course. But only a measure. Because what the Gospel teaches us is that their sin is no worse than ours. Most of us don't act like we believe that. We don't really think that we deserve no better than the worst of their consequences. And when we do that, we are cheapening God's grace.

Most of the people that I live my life with have food. We have safety. We have the ability to seek friendships. We have family to call on when we need them. Who are we to keep this grace to ourselves? Jesus didn't. He came down to us and sacrificed himself entirely for our flourishing, despite the ugliness and the neediness of our sin. And that's what foster care requires. It requires reaching out and making yourself available for sacrifice despite what you might think about the families you are serving.

In return, we learn an even greater

depth of the love that Jesus has for us. And we get the privilege to show that love to the world.

2 By choosing to be foster parents, Christians are choosing to live a life of faith.

Foster care is a voluntary act of service to a government organization that retains control over every major decision affecting that child's life. You are the caretakers of a child that is very literally not yours. That means you get some (but not all) of the say in where they go to the doctor, where they get therapy, if they are on medication, who they have contact with, and most importantly, where they spend their future. In fact, you may have very little say about their haircut, the clothes they wear, or the language they use.

One of the hardest parts of my job is giving foster parents bad news. I once had a foster child who needed to be moved to a different state. Every week the foster father called me, weeping and begging for a different decision. It broke my heart when I had to answer, "My hands are tied. This has to happen."

After watching this foster father attend therapy twice a week with that child, work on discipline every day to establish a routine with them, teach an almost-teenager about teeth-brushing, and advocate at school to get the help the child needed to learn, he was forced to say goodbye. That child had grown,

healed, and learned to love at this home. But the child left, and now all this man can do is pray.

He can pray that this child remembers the lessons learned, that the love poured out would take root and keep growing, and that this kid would be safe

and supported in the new home.

Like the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, this foster parent may never see the results of his faith. That can be painful. But it can also be incredibly rewarding. The rewards that I have seen in the lives

■ See FOSTER CHILDREN page 12

Every child deserves a loving, caring home. A family they can call their own. A place where they belong. With people who will be there for them always.



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These kids in Kansas need forever homes through adoption! They are full of life and love and so desperately want families to love them in return. In November Metro Voice will feature kids from Missouri. For more information and to learn about hundreds of other kids, visit adoptkansaskids.org.

JACOB



Jacob is 15 years old without any siblings. He loves watching cartoons, playing with items that light up or have sounds and listening to music! Jacob is a happy young man who usually has a big smile on his face. Jacob has greatly improved his upper body strength; he is now able to army crawl around the house, get up and down stairs, and get in and out of the van with monitoring. Jacob's teachers state that he has matured greatly and is very cooperative. Jacob needs a family that is willing to be a voice for him and make sure that all of his daily needs are being met. He will need assistance for all his need throughout the day. Jacob needs a family that is very patient, fully committed to him and will be there for him long term. His case number is 101424

ALEXUS



Alexis is a friendly and affectionate 14 year old girl who very much wants to be a part of a family! Her hobbies include sports and crafts. She states that she would like to become a lawyer someday. Her favorite class in school is cooking; she really enjoys making guacamole and orange Julius type drinks. Alexis will need additional supports in place at school in order to be successful academically and behaviorally. She needs a family who is committed, loving and very structured. Alexis has siblings that were adopted by other families so needs a

family that will support and facilitate positive interactions between Alexis and her siblings. Her case number is 101533

CHEYENNE



Cheyenne is 13 and likes being around pets and taking them for walks! She states that she would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up! Cheyenne's hobbies are drawing, coloring and going swimming. Cheyenne does well when she is a positive classroom setting. Her favorite classes in school are math and art. She likes the crafty projects that they get to do.

Cheyenne has some challenges controlling her behaviors and maintaining appropriate boundaries. She does better when around adults and requires a lot of supervision. Cheyenne continues to work on using the coping skills that she has learned to calm down when she is upset. She would do best in a family where she is the only or youngest child in the home; she enjoys plenty of one-on-one time with the adults in her life. Cheyenne would benefit from a family that is very structured, consistent and loving. She needs parents who are comfortable dealing with her past abuse and special educational needs. Cheyenne

doesn't have any siblings. Her case number is CH-5125.

Look for more Kansas kids and their stories on our website. In November we'll feature Missouri children who are looking for forever homes!

Does your church have a support group for foster parents?

Does the support group have a special need at this time? Let us know when they meet and we will include meeting times in the next publication. [metrovoicelendar@gmail.com](mailto:metrovoicelalendar@gmail.com)

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of foster parents have been a deep prayer life and an incredible outpouring of wisdom.

3 By choosing to be foster parents, Christians are choosing to take a stand against injustice and to care for the poor.

James 1:27 says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: To visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world." Christ's heart is for the vulnerable, and we who call ourselves by his name share in his heart. It's our duty as Christians to stand up for the citizens in our community who lack the power to do so for themselves. It is hard to think of a population that is more vulnerable than foster children—young, poor, from minority populations, from broken families.

There is no earthly reason why someone would want to be a foster parent. But there is every heavenly reason why they would. Those of us who have been touched by the gospel become like the gospel—full of grace. And as we love those the world finds unlovely, we join with a God who will one day "wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore."

—J.D. Greear is the pastor of The Summit Church, in Raleigh-Durham, NC and author of *Gaining by Losing: Why the Future Belongs to Churches That Send* (2015), *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary* (2011), and others.

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If Not for Grace Ministries to hold benefit concert

If Not for Grace Ministries will hold a benefit concert October 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Crown Pointe Church, 5950 NE Lakewood Way in Lee's Summit. The concert will feature several bands, including Grandeur Band, 9th Hour and Natalie Norman. Cost is \$5 at the door or online. Dinner concessions will be available for purchase.

"The goal of the Rock'n 4 Restoration Benefit Concert is to raise awareness in our community of the need and availability of our services, as well as to solicit financial partnerships that will continue the

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If Not For Grace is an not-for-profit independent ministry not operating under the umbrella of a pregnancy resource center or specific denomination.

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CONCERTS

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OLD FASHION HYMN SING. October 8, 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church Kearney, 2151 S. Jefferson St., Kearney, MO 64060. Benefit for Elli Cunningham. 816-628-6653.

LEGACY QUARTET IN CONCERT. October 9, 4:00 pm. College Church of Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS. 913-764-4575.

PAM & PHIL MORGAN. October 9, 6:00 pm. Cornerstone Church, 16100 Highway 71, Savannah, MO. 816-324-4633.

SWEET SPIRIT & FRIENDS MUSIC OUTREACH. October 15, 6:00 pm. Moment of Truth Bible Baptist

Church, 310 S. Randolph Rd., Claycomo, MO 64119. 816-452-4426.

ROCK'N 4 RESTORATION. October 15, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. Crowne Pointe Church, 5950 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. \$5.00. Concert benefits If Not For Grace Ministries. Presenting Natalie Norman, Grandeur, Cenacle and 9th Hour.

DAVID SMART. October 15. Westside Church of the Nazarene, 1700 W Santa Fe St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-764-1445.

JEREMY CAMP. October 20, 7:00 pm. Light of the World Christian Center, 3301 Gage, Blvd., Topeka, KS. General admission \$25, Gold circle \$35. Includes Jeremy Camp with Love and the Outcome. To purchase tickets visit lotwcc.org/events or shofarconcerts.com. 785-271-1010 or 417-553-3471.

FREEDOM QUARTET. October 21, 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church Kearney, 2151 S. Jefferson St., Kear-

ney, MO 64060. 816-628-6653.

CHRIS TOMLIN'S WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA. October 25, 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church Blue Springs, 4500 Little Blue Parkway, Independence, MO 64057. Join Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Phil Wickham, Max Lucado, Louie Giglio and more. Showing in theaters and churches across the country, one night only! 816-229-9335.

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

THE OTHER SIDE OF DARKNESS TOUR. November 4, 7:00 pm. FWC, 225 Drake Rd., Marshall, MO 65340. Decyfer Down, ILIA, The Protest, and Jeremy Greene in concert. 417-894-8225.

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY IN CONCERT. November 6, 6:00 pm. College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS. 913-764-4575.

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.

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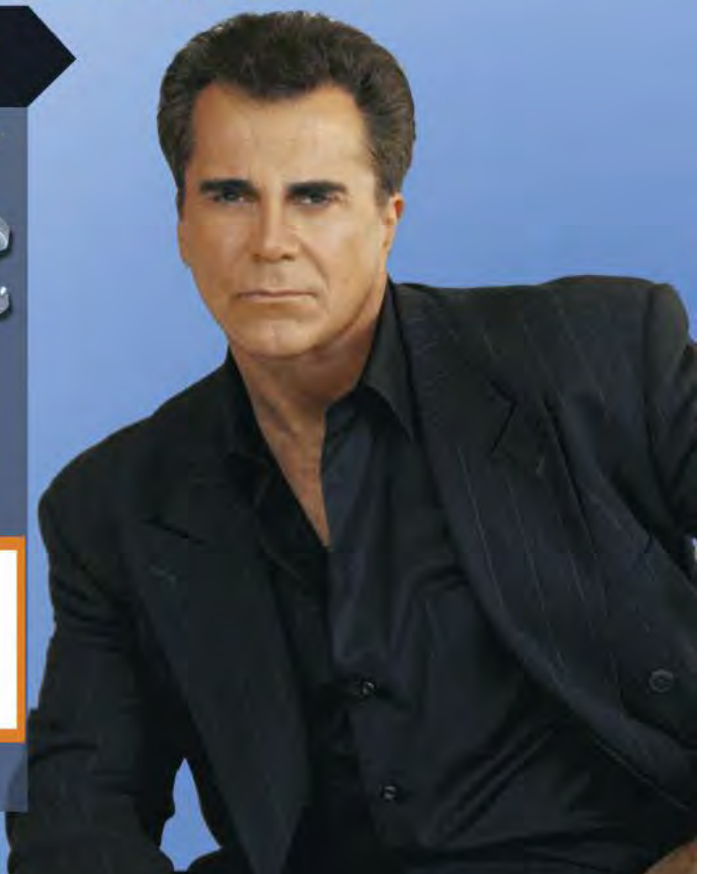
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CLASSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES

BRILLIANCE IGNITE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. Through 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.

WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINES. Through October 1. Christ Triumphant Church, 401 NE Chipman, Lee's Summit, MO. 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. Speakers include: Patricia King, Joann Hunter, Katie Sousa and Carol Koch. 816-524-6120.

BETH MOORE DELAYED SIMULCAST. October 1, 8:00 am. First Baptist Church Louisburg, 406 S. Vine St., Louisburg, KS 66053.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS. 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.

AVOID PROBATE. October 4, 7:00 pm. Lewis Living Trust Center, 700 NE Langsford, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. 816-524-3200.

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.

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search Council and others.

THE OWNER'S MANUAL. October 8, 3:45 pm. Open Range Fellowship, 509 W. Lone Jack/Lee's Summit Rd., Lone Jack, MO 64070. 3:45 pm-5:30 pm: Free BBQ Dinner, 5:30 - Concert: Bearing Armour Band, 6:00 pm - Life Message: "The Owner's Manual" by Pastor Joe White.

BRAVEHEARTS FOR DADS - 24/7 DAD. October 9, 1:00 pm. Cornerstones of Care, 300 E. 36th St., Kansas City, MO 64111. BraveHearts for Dads is for fathers wanting to improve engagement with their children. This is a free and voluntary six week program for all fathers in Clay, Platte, Jackson, Johnson, and Cass counties. Sponsored by Cornerstones of Care. 816-914-2185.

HE TOUCHED ME: MIRACLE SUNDAY. October 9, 9:30 am. Heart of America Christian Fellowship, 7600 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138. Cecil Todd, long time evangelist, has recently been healed of cancer. He will be giving his testimony and praying for the sick. First service at 9:30 am second service at 10:40 am. Special prayer for sick will be offered after the 10:40 am service. 816-356-6380.

CHRISTIAN SONGWRITER'S CONFERENCE. October 13-15. 4075 S. Old Highway 94, St. Charles,

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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.

GOOD NEWS CLUB TEAM ORIENTATION TRAINING. October 15, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Wellborn Baptist Church, 3146 N. 51st St., Kansas City, KS. Required for all volunteers-adults and teens. 816-358-1138

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST. October 15, 8:00 am. Denny's Restaurant, I-70 and Blue Ridge Cut Off. Order off the menu.

UNSHAKEABLE TRUTH WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE. October 15 & 16. Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO. Special speakers: John Ashcroft, Dr. Richard Land, Dr. Terry Mortenson, Jay Ashcroft, Dr. Rodney Reeves, Dr. Emir Caner, and Dr. J. Alan Branch. 417-532-7518

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING. October 22. Birthright Center, 6309 Walnut, Kansas City, MO. Reservations are required by October 20th. Do you want to help troubled pregnant women? Birthright, an international emergency service offering positive alternatives to abortion, is staffed by volunteers. If you are willing to commit some of your time, there are a number of ways to help. We especially need compassionate women and men to answer the hotline calls, run pregnancy tests, and befriend mothers in

crisis. 816-444-7090.

SOUTH KANSAS CITY AGLOW MEETING. October 26, 9:30 am. Grandview Assembly of God, 12400 Grandview Rd., Grandview, MO 64030. Speaker, Nancy Blansit. 816-966-1033.

OBLETE 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

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LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE DEATHWATCH AND THE ATTACK ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. November 5. Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Basehor, KS. No Charge. Sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Kansas. Featured Speaker: Mr. Francis Szarejko. The pro-death forces are gaining momentum through efforts to legalize assisted suicide, even in Kansas and Missouri. How can we take a stand against this erosion of religious freedom? For adults and senior high teens. www.lfokansas.org

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.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Through November 6, 7:00 am. Vigil Site - Center for Women's Health, 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Join one of the largest nationwide pro-life campaigns - 40 Days for life. More than 700,000 volunteers across 36 nations and 50 states come together to peacefully



THROUGH NOV. 6 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. 7:00 AM. VIGIL SITE - CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH, 4840 COLLEGE BLVD., OVERLAND PARK, KS.

pray, fast, and publicly stand for life. With God's help, 40 Days for Life saved almost 12,000 babies, converted 133 abortion workers, and closed 75 abortion facilities. The local Vigil is the Center for Women's Health at College and Roe in Overland Park from Sept. 28 through Nov. 6, 7 AM thru 7 PM. For more information: www.40daysforlife/overlandpark.com . 913-609-9635

HIGH HOLY DAYS. 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

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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 and music! 816-358-1138.

2ND ANNUAL SPORT CLAY SHOOT! October 1. Shady Creek Sporting Clays, 1252 N Oliver Rd., Belle Plaine, KS. Sporting clays is like playing golf with a shotgun! Bring your favorite shotgun, shells and all of your friends for a fun day of shooting and camaraderie.

LIFE CHAIN-MISSOURI LOCATION. October 2: Jackson County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life-Western Region, 2:00 to 3:00, (Blue Springs) On the NW side of 7 Hwy and 40 Hwy. New Jerusalem Restoration Branch, 2:00 to 3:30, 24 Hwy and Noland Road (outside Rachel's House and Planned Parenthood). Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, 1:30 to 2:30, Blue Ridge and Gregory. St. John Francis Regis, 12:00 to 1:00, 87th and James

A Reed 816-259-3533.

LIFE CHAIN. October 2. Johnson County Area - Along 95th St. from Quivira to State Line & Wyandotte County Area - At Legends (Parallel Pkwy & Village West Pkwy). The life Chain brings together thousands of people from all denominations across KS and the Nation for an hour of prayer and against the legality of abortion and the exploitation of mothers. We provide pre-made signs from the national Life Chain organization so the messages are the same all over the country. For more info or to get your group involved. kansasforlife@aol.com 913-642-LIFE.

KANSAS CITY RESCUE MISSION - UNMASKED! October 4, 6:00 pm. Arrowhead Stadium, 1 Arrowhead Dr., Kansas City, MO 64129. Fundraising event hopes to raise the money needed to support the expansion and enhancement of our Resident Recovery Program. The program is proud to feature speaker and Chief's Mascot KC Wolf (Dan Meers) and two-time R&B Grammy Award Nominee, Oleta Adams. Help us provide caring relief and recovery services to those in our Kansas City community suffering from devastating impact of addiction, mental illness, and homelessness.

VOICELESS. October 7, 7:00 pm. B&B Theater, 1451 NE Douglas St., Lee's Summit, MO. Pro-Life movie showing.

SPEAK UP WALK. October 9, 9:00 am. Ironwoods Park, 14701 Mission Rd., Leawood, KS. The purpose of the walk is to stand together and encourage the public to talk openly about mental illness, destig-

matize the issue and counter suicide. 913-327-8250.

STAND FOR LIFE. October 12, 12:00 pm. Vigil Site, Public right of way, 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Hear from dynamic local and national speakers, pray, fast, and stand together with pro-lifers from across our state. Help save lives by joining with record numbers of people across all 50 states for the largest nationwide pro-life mobilization in history! 40daysforlife.org 816-765-9477.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF HOPE GALA. October 14, 7:30 pm. Muehlebach Hotel, 1215 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64105. Sponsored by Catholic Charities. Be a part of something great in Kansas City, a new initiative called Neighborhoods of Hope. Join us in creating affordable housing solutions that will end the cycle of poverty for families and provide the foundation for a stable future. 816-659-8257.

BABIES, BLUEGRASS, & BBQ, AN ADOPTION FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION. October 15, 11:00 am. Suson Park, 6073 Wells Rd. St. Louis, MO. 5-12 yr: \$5, 13 & up: \$10, \$40 max/family. Sponsored by Nightlight Christian Adoption. Featuring Revived Bluegrass. Ice cream truck, face painting, balloon artist, and more. 636-797-4100 ext. 415.

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GETTING BACK TO THE BIBLE. October 21 & 22, 12:00 pm. Metro Christian Fellowship, 544 E. 99th St., Kansas City, MO 64131. Sponsored by Sceptre Ministries. 24 hours of scripture reading, beginning and end with worship and praise. You are invited to join us as a reader, listener or both. Would you like to serve as one of the readers? Contact Jai before October 11. You may read in any language, and all ages are invited to participate. You can have a 30-minute segment or share time with a friend. jaitracy@yahoo.com.

102ND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY. October 23. Avondale United Methodist Church, 3101 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO 64117 816-522-1023

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.

THE MARKET & COOKIE CAFÉ HOME DÉCOR, ARTISAN EXTRAVAGANZA. October 28 & 29 10:00 am. Central Church of the Nazarene, 12600 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS 66215. Admission is FREE! Many vendors will display finely crafted items such as jewelry, home décor, holiday decorations, furniture, clothing and much more. After browsing, enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot cider at the Cookie Café where a wide assortment of homemade cookies and candy will be available for purchase. 913-669-0567.

"TRUNK OR TREAT." October 30, 4pm. Avondale United Methodist Church, 3101 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO 64117. Praise God from whom all blessing flow! 816-522-1023

TRUNK OR TREAT-BIBLE WALK THRU. October 31, 6:00 pm. Fort Osage Church of the Nazarene, 1933 E. 24 Hwy., Independence, MO 64056. Our way of bringing to light God's word through our annual Trunk or Treat! Lots of candy! Lots of fun learning about the stories of the Bible come to life through the use of our vehicles! Everyone is invited! 816-796-5879.

LIFE NETWORK OF CENTRAL MISSOURI WALK4LIFE AND 5K RUN. November 5. Columbia, MO. Registration at 9:00 am, Walk/Run at 10:00 am. Stephens Lake Park in the Gordon Shelter. For more information visit: <http://www.lifenetwork-friends.com> or call 573-874-3561.

SAT-7 DAY OF PRAYER. Nov. 6. God can use you and your church, through prayer, to help transform the Middle East and North Africa through hope in Christ. Join us on November 6, 2016. We will pray for the strategic role of SAT-7 in education - not just school for children, but discipleship for parents and new believers, theological education and leadership development. Order FREE materials for a SAT-7 table display to help build more awareness of the ministry. Contact usa@sat7.org to request materials.

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Church, 9500 Wornall, KCMO. Paying tribute to our service men and women. 816-942-3272

CELEBRATION FOR NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH. November 6, 9:00 am. Waterfall Park, Independence, MO. Sponsored by Foster Adopt Connect. 816-379-3947.

GENERAL ELECTION. November 8, 2016.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS GIFT & CRAFT FESTIVAL. November 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Bethany Lutheran School Gymnasium, 9101 Lamar, Overland Park, KS. Free Admission. Supporting their class/mission trips. 40+ vendor booths, live entertainment, and concessions. 913-754-5888.

FINE ARTS

EVITA. Through 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 NINE WHO DARED: COURAGE IN LITTLE ROCK. Through October 21. Coterie Theatre, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. In this uniquely interactive drama, audiences become citizens of 1957 Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in a town hall meeting about one of the defining moments of the Civil Rights Movement. It's three years since the Supreme Court ended segregation, and even though African American students are now legally allowed to enroll in traditionally white school, they face daily harassment. After months of torment, one student fights back. Minnijean Brown's act of defiance sets the stage for a thought-provoking theatre experience about the strength of character of the 'Little Rock Nine'. 816-474-6552.

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



OCTOBER 6-16 SONGS OF THE GREAT WAR. (SUNDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY), 7 PM TO 9 PM. MUSICAL THEATER HERITAGE, CROWN CENTER, 2450 GRAND BLVD., KCMO

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ALADDIN, JR. October 13, 7:00 pm; October 14, 7:00 pm; October 15, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm; October 16, 2:00 pm. Goppert Theatre Avila University, 11901 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64145. Sponsored by CYT. 913-681-3318.

PIRATE PALOOZA. October 15 & 22. Puppetry Art Institute, 11025 E Winner Rd., Independence, MO 64052. 816-833-9777.

JACOMO CHORALE. October 22, 7:00 pm. Lee's Summit Community of Christ Church, 1101 NE Independence Ave., Lee's Summit, MO 64086. A concert

of music celebrating cornerstones of our freedom to worship, to speak, to be free of want and fear. Selections include Randall Thompson's "Testament

of Freedom" and pieces by Dana Mengel. 816-560-9148.

JACOMO CHORALE. October 23, 4:00 pm. Nativity of Mary Church, 10017 E. 36th Terr., Independence, MO 64052. A concert of music celebrating cornerstones of our freedom to worship, to speak, to be free of want and fear. Selections include Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom" and pieces by Dana Mengel. 816-560-9148.

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH. October 27, 7:00 pm; October 28, 7:00 pm; October 29, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm; October 30, 2:00 pm. Bell Cultural Events Center, MidAmerican Nazarene, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe, KS 66062. Sponsored by CYT. 913-681-3318.

FAMILY OUTINGS

KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Through October 16, 10:00 am-7:00 pm. 628 N.

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WATERFIRE KC. October 1, Dusk-10:00 pm. Country Club Plaza, 4750 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64112. Bring a chair or a blanket and have a great time at Barnaby Evan's internationally-renowned WaterFire art installation in Brush Creek on the Country Club Plaza. Bring a picnic, dine with some of your favorite Plaza restaurants, enjoy the fore performers and musical accompaniment at WaterFire KC. Performing groups include: Quixotic, StoneLion Puppets, Rhythmic Flames, KC Drum Tribe. 816-359-9195.

MISSOURI TOWN 1855 FALL FESTIVAL OF ARTS, CRAFTS, & MUSIC. October 1 & 2. Missouri Town 1855, 8010 E. Park Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Let your family experience the fun of the 1850's with the thousands who have made this festival a family tradition. The antebellum architecture of Missouri Town 1855 is the perfect setting as scores of interpreters celebrate the season with a host of activities. Children will be thrilled with games and crafts. Witness the process of pressing cider and sorghum. 816-503-4800.

WHIMSICAL WOODS. October 8, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm. Ernie Miller Nature Center, 909 N. Hwy. 7, Olathe, KS 66061. \$5 per person, including adults. Participants will enjoy a walk on the park's trail with the award-winning staff. Costumed storybook characters will delight and entertain audiences of all ages. Participants will meet the Good Fairy and Forest Friends, in addition, there will be live animals, stories, songs, and surprises. 913-831-3359.

ST. JUDES TRAIL RIDE. October 9, 7:00 am. Blue & Gray Park, Lone Jack, MO. Suggested \$35 donation to participate. Sponsored by Family center Farm & Home. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am with the trail ride immediately following. After the ride, please join us for lunch.

WADDELL & REED KANSAS CITY MARATHON. October 15, 7:00 am. Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. 7:00 am Full marathon, half marathon, team relay start. 7:30 am

SCAVENGER SATURDAYS AT THE KEMPER. October 15, 10:00 am. Kemper Museum of Art, 4420 Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64111. Hone your art detective skills and discover something new about contemporary art at the Kemper Museum. Children with adults may pick up a self-guided activity at the Visitor Services Desk and follow the clues on the "ART-astic" adventure. Finished with the activity, children may pick up a take-home, art-making activity kit. No reservations are required. 816-753-5784.

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.

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Monday, October 3, 11 A.M. Rosh Hashanah ראש השנה

Tuesday, October 11, 7 P.M. Erev Yom Kippur יום כיפור

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 6 (ALSO celebrating Messiah's Birthday / carry-in meal)

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'Sully' a masterpiece about real miracle

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by **Michael Faust**

Making movies based on well-known historical events can be a bit tricky -- especially if it is about an event that nearly every person in the theater will remember.

But that is what director Clint Eastwood and the studio (Warner Brothers) behind the new film *Sully* (PG-13) chose to do -- and despite the fact that the so-called "Miracle on the Hudson" took place only seven years ago, they did it successfully.

Sully is one of the best movies of the year, delivering surprise after surprise about an American hero -- Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (played by Tom Hanks) -- who landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River near New York after it was disabled due to a rare bird strike on both engines. Incredibly, all 155 people on board survived. *Sully's* story was told and retold in the days after the heroic events of Jan. 15, 2009, so what possibly could we all have missed? As it turns out, a lot.

Sullenberger had doubts that he did the right thing, wondering if he should have tried to land the plane at a close airport instead of endangering the passengers by putting the plane on the river. Those doubts led to nightmares about passenger planes crashing. He even wondered if the incident would threaten his career and retirement, leading to financial ruin for his family.

The movie turns officials with the National Transportation Safety Board into heartless bureaucrats, although some former employees say the NTSB gave Sullenberger high marks. Sullenberger, though, says the movie reflects his memory.

Historians can debate the film's nuances, but from an entertainment and inspirational perspective, Eastwood and his writing team have woven a masterpiece.

The movie has plenty to like for the faith-based crowd, but is it family friendly? Let's take a look.

The Good

Our society is always searching for heroes and role models, but we often miss the mark. And even though I'm not too fond of the hero concept, the on-screen version of Sullenberger has lots of qualities we all should emulate. He's incredibly humble, spreading credit to those around him for the safe landing. He's unselfish, making sure each person is off the plane before he climbs out -- and then not resting until he's told that every person survived. He's also devoted to his wife, and their tight bond and devotion to one another forms one of the film's



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Entertainment rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Family friendly rating: 3 out of 5 stars

RATED PG-13

SEXUALITY: None

VIOLENCE: None. The plane lands in the river, although it is bloodless.

major themes. As he's getting into the lifeboat he immediately calls his wife: "I love you, and I'm OK." Later, when one of his fans tells him that her mother, Brenda, is single, he replies: "You tell Brenda 'thank-you,' but I've got a girl at home."

Hanks is outstanding in his role, as is Aaron Eckhart, who plays his copilot.

The cockpit scenes are as realistic as I have ever seen in a movie.

The Bad

There's not much not to like. *Sully* contains no sexuality and no violence, and in the movie the water landing scene is completely bloodless. (In real life, there were a handful of serious injuries.) Nevertheless, many children would be troubled by watching an airplane fall out of the sky -- not to mention by viewing Sullenberger's nightmares of planes crashing into buildings.

The only strike against the film is the language. It contains about 17 coarse words, although no instances of God's name being abused.

Lessons for Families

Sully is not a faith-based film in the strict sense, but Sullenberger's actions certainly have biblical support.

His desire to sacrifice his life for others is evident with water rushing down the aisles, and instead of running away from the danger he hurries toward it, looking frantically for passengers. He helps them get out, even giving them clothing so they will be warm. He is the last person off the plane. It reminded me of John 15:13: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Families would do well to watch how Sullenberger handles himself in the face of both praise (strangers call him a hero) and criticism (the NTSB questions his actions). He stays humble and refuses to strike back verbally against his critics.

There's also a lesson in the film on how one entire life can be defined by a single action -- good or bad. "I'm going to be judged on 208 seconds," he says.

For him, it turned out well.

Finally, there's a lesson about real-life miracles and God's providence. How else can you explain this incredible story?

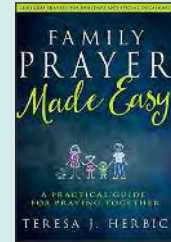
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Award-winning author Teresa J. Herbic's new book released from Whitaker House in September, has a

we might pray as families. I can't think of anything more powerful or more important."



broad spectrum of church and community leaders united on one point: Family Prayer Made Easy, is a well-written, practical and invaluable spiritual tool, crucial for this generation.

Herbic will be at Barnes and Noble, Zona Rosa in Kansas City on Saturday Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a book celebration and signing.

"Wow! Teresa delivers a book that so many families can actually use to reconnect to God," says Humane Society Communications Manager Karen L. Allanach. "Family Prayer Made Easy makes daily prayer a fun, family activity while keeping the faith. Teresa's life-long dedication to orphans--both children and animals--is unwavering, and she consistently finds ways to celebrate and nurture God in our everyday lives."

"This book will bless you and anchor your home," says 700 Club host Terry Meeuwsen who also serves as the director of Orphan's Promise. "Teresa Herbic has done all of the legwork for us with her prayer guide in order that

Dr. Robert C. Springate, vice president of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home Foundation, says "Teresa Herbic loves the Lord, loves families, and loves children (particularly those in need of a 'forever family' through foster or adoptive placement)."

Herbic draws from Scripture and personal experience including inspiring and humorous stories of life with her husband Galen and their two adopted children, Meyana and Braxten. The intro includes the brief and practical sections, "How to Use This Book," and "Ten Steps to Fruitful Prayer." Then through 14 chapters she offers a host of ways families can draw closer to God and one another through prayer, with stories for children of all ages, Scriptures about prayer and God's promises, and 100 interactive ideas for prayer and family worship.

Dave Coffman, director of Adoption Resource Foundation sums the book up well: "In this insightful guide, Teresa Herbic shares how together we build forever families."

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Hear the Shofar!

by **Jerry Feldman**

In last month's MetroVoice (see website) I explained Messianic Judaism. This month I reflect in the context of the upcoming Jewish High Holy Days.

It is "popular" today for Christians to celebrate Jewish Biblical Festivals and Holy Days, recognize the reestablishing of the land of Israel and discover the "Jewish" Jesus.

Yet, a careful review would indicate a potentially faulty portrayal of what that looks like as Gentiles grafted in to Israel's "own olive tree".

As a contemporary movement, and to many participating in the activities of "Messianic" worship and practices, I offer a caution. Messianic Congregations ARE NOT THE OLIVE TREE!

This faulty (by default) thinking can actually create a theology of the "displacement" of the Jewish people's covenantal distinction by assuming a "one new man" which supersedes the covenantal Biblical chosenness of all Israel. Without careful deliberation and formulation, this can actually relegate the Jews to an "otherliness" status.

Expressing itself in great and awesome exuberance, having now seen "the Jewish ways in Jesus", this can unfortunately create once again the "us" and

"them" of the People of G-d.

There is an intrinsic authority within Jewish communal belonging that include identity markers preserved by God through millennia and practiced through self-defined authoritative boundaries that must be accepted as sacred traditions informed by the Wisdom of the Rabbinical Sages and the Synagogue.

Jews are a peoplehood. Like all peoplehood, they have the sole right to define themselves. Therefore, preserving and deferring to Jewish identity and uniqueness while functioning as Jews with Jews is our model at Adat Yeshua.

In contradistinction, a touted "Biblical Judaism" solely as the "true" Judaism naively displaces Jews apart from the very way Judaism defines Jews today.

Too often well intended lovers of Jewish "Biblical" content, in creating a Yeshua centered "messianic" sect, can earmark Jews to be the "outsider", the ones who are "not"! Let us be very careful. With no malice, we can mistakenly, once again, create a new supersessionism and triumphalism.

Yes, Messianic Judaism recognizes Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah. But the Messianic faith of Israel through Messiah must be of and through Israel's historic and communal identity if it is to be a truly Messianic "Jewish" Judaism.

We at Adat Yeshua maintain a commitment to "authentic" Jewish space. We do not redefine her symbols and liturgical observant standards and practices for some kind of "one new man" that might be a Messianic "Judaism" but unexpectedly not really Jewish!

Adat Yeshua adheres to and embraces the rich and viable traditions of those who "carry the oracles of God" through their mandate, witness and customs to observe the Holy Days prescribed to them at Mt. Sinai and now also through Yeshua Messiah as the present Messiah (currently delegated as "outside" Jewish identity). Yes, it is complicated!

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D.C. JEANES
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If you didn't already know, Tenth Avenue North just released their newest album, *Followers*, this month.

"This album is about following Jesus wherever He calls us," explained North's Mike Donehey. "Everyone says 'let's follow Jesus - let's do all these extravagant things,' but what we're saying is not to follow Jesus in what we do but to follow Jesus in the WHY we do it."

And, if you don't mind a road trip in November, be sure to catch Tenth Avenue North on their "What You Want" Tour. They will be coming through Kansas (Hutchinson, Nov. 4) and Missouri (Farmington, Nov. 5). For more information on the new album, package deals, and Just Love Coffee, please visit tenthavenuenorth.com and justlovecoffee.com.

Also recently released, Casting Crowns' eighth studio album, *The Very*

Next Thing, has some gotten some attention for more than just offering a selection of new encouraging songs. Following front-man Mark Hall's recent bout with cancer, the album reflects a new meaning in his singing and the purpose of the band.

"All of the albums are personal to us because the songs that we write come out of our ministries in the local church - this stuff is happening, this is real life," Hall said, recently, "any song that you've ever heard from Crown, before it was a song it was a Bible study, or a devotion or a moment or situation that has risen out of being a minister to families."

"Between [Glorious Days: Hymns of Faith and The Very Next Thing], I was diagnosed with cancer and had a kidney removed. I went through a good five months of a bit of a storm in our family. When you're in youth ministry you're always about helping other people get through their stuff. I'm the guy that's helping everybody else... all of a sudden, I'm the one getting the phone call from the doctor and I'm the one hearing all this stuff. It really humbled me in a lot of ways because I don't hurt well in front of people... I'm not really good at getting comforted, so I really had to walk through letting the church love me and pray for me and know my business, and it was so good for me."

The Very Next Thing was released in



mid-September and is available now.

Following a successful Kickstarter campaign, two-time Dove Award winning Disciple is releasing their 13th studio album, *LONG LIVE THE REBELS*, this month, in partnership with Tooth & Nail / BEC Recordings.

"In the body of Christ every part is important, and every part is powerful. Music is one of those powerful forces that God uses to change the world, one life at a time," Disciple front-man Kevin Young says, "When we started Disciple we wanted to play music that would impact people's lives, and that mission has never been stronger... while the world goes their way, we are the rebels who will walk the other way. We want to be the rebels who will change the world."

The band also took a different route this time to achieve their recording. Pursuing a course as independent artists, Disciple decided to make *LONG LIVE*

THE REBELS solely on their fan base via Kickstarter to fund the album. The decision paid off when they were able to raise over \$100,000 in 6 days; more than 200% of the initial goal.

Produced by Aaron Sprinkle, Disciple's first single, "God Is With Us" is hitting the radio airwaves later this month.

"Worth is what people are willing to pay for something," Young said, "We are so valuable to God that he paid for us with his Son. Because of this, the words of others have no power. God bought me and I know what I'm worth to him."

On the heels of their acclaimed studio album *Live On Forever*, The Afters have decided to offer a special free download on Noisetrade. The album includes 17 songs that cover their career, including tracks from each of their five albums, plus a song from their brand new release. As with any Noisetrade download, you can offer the band a financial "tip," and The Afters have decided any proceeds from the campaign are going to Children's Relief International.

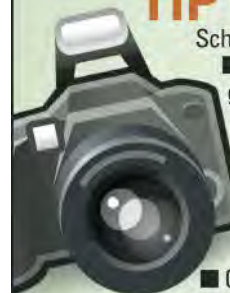
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tional notoriety for being a member of the legal team that argued the Hobby Lobby Case before the US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) and won.

Hawley's opponent, Teresa Hensley-(D), is the former Cass County Prosecutor. Her story is one of comebacks as well, having lost her re-election bid in 2014 as County Prosecutor. Prior to that, in 2012, she lost a congressional bid against incumbent Congresswoman, Vicky Hartzler-(R).

Schmitt vs. Baker: Pro-Life MRL & NRA Endorsed State Senator Faces Liberal Former State Representative



SCHMITT



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The race for the open seat for Missouri State Treasurer pits two-term State Senator, Eric Schmitt -(R), against former State Representative, Judy Baker-(D), who is also a former HHS official in the Obama Administration.

Schmitt was the only Republican statewide candidate to enjoy an uncontested primary. In addition to his pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment credentials, which set him apart from Baker who is a pro-choice and pro-gun control liberal, Schmitt was also a strong advocate for persons with disabilities in the Missouri Senate and has a son with autism.

-By John Wright

Because of space limitations, Metro Voice is making ballot initiative information and explanations available online at metrovoicenews.com

Carman's comeback includes KC

Carman triumphantly returns to the stage with a new concept for touring in 2016. Named CinemaSonic Experience, it's a concert, a movie, a play and a crusade all in one. The new high-energy show, presented in classic Carman style, does not disappoint. Surrounded by six giant LED screens, Carman once again brings people out of their seats and rolls back the clock. It's an evening of miracles; the first in seeing a man who's led over a million people to Christ shake off a certain death sentence to once again dazzle the crowds, as he continues to change lives for the kingdom of God.

The tour makes a stop in the area Oct. 8, at 7 pm, doors at 6 pm, at the Excelsior Springs, Mo. Performing Arts Center.



CARMAN

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This tour highlights new music and his 40 year catalogue of classic music. Songs like "The Champion", "Witches Invitation" and "Who's in the House" are presented in an entirely new and creative way.

Carman was diagnosed in February of 2013 with Multiple Myeloma, an incurable cancer of the blood that deteriorates the body's bones, literally eating them away piece by piece. He was given less than 18 months to live but pulled through. A fundraising effort on Kickstarter gener-

ated the funds to launch the new show and inspire Caman to continue in ministry.

Carman said to his Kickstarter backers,

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told me how to safely prepare my drinking water by boiling and filtering. (I had just been scolded...for not knowing this during my first week there). Never did get sick while there. Never saw that Colonel before or after. Yet, he had been friendly—protective.” In some respects, kind acts of that nature reminded Janice of Christ’s words, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

It was a visitor who came to Vietnam in December of 1970 that made a lasting impact on Janice and the lives of others. It was Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, who came upon the request of President Richard Nixon. Hoffmann delivered the Christmas message to thousands of troops from DaNang to Saigon.

“I was privileged to attend the worship service in Saigon and also to serve at the reception,” Janice recalls. “This is how it came about: I was a teacher to Vietnamese students of laboratory medicine, specifically blood banking, as



a Registered Medical Technologist. This was a seven-year-long project...to update Vietnam’s antiquated system of medicine. We taught 120 lab students from various provinces of South Vietnam plus 20 staff from outlying hospitals... They were excellent learners; I grew very fond of them and admired their outstanding achievement.”

She adds, “I attended Lutheran worship services in a chapel near an Air Force base. When the chaplain announced Dr. Hoffmann would be giving the Christmas message at the base, I volunteered to serve at the reception. I thought an LWML-type reception would be good for the troops—a bit of



back home.” When the day arrived, Janice dressed in her best uniform even though the day already was hot and humid. Her drive to the destination was slowed by a Buddhist funeral procession with people chanting as they slowly walked along with the pulled cart. Due to the slowdown, she arrived wilted and frustrated. She took a place in the last pew in the full chapel. The service had just begun.

“Dr. Hoffmann’s message centered on a young traveler cycling through the Swiss Alps experiencing pain, isolation, and fear as he lay in a hospital ward in a foreign country suffering serious injuries from a mountain accident. That young man found Christ to be his Comfort, Strength, and Hope for recovery.” The message went to the hearts of

those who heard it.

Miss Illinois Suzanne Johnson, a Christian vocalist, accompanied Dr. Hoffmann along with the accompanist. As for the reception, it seemed as proper and as nice as any held at home during that season!

Janice recalls a later surprise: “Upon returning from this mission, Dr. Hoffmann was summoned by President Nixon to the White House Oval Office. He thought this would be a five-minute pat on the back and a handshake...

However, this was for a lengthy, in-depth discussion of what he saw, heard, and felt during his ministry to the troops. Dr. Hoffmann shared his heartfelt responses to what he witnessed while among thousands of troops in Vietnam.”

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ADRIAN ROGERS

Pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church before passing away in 2005

viewpoint

Editor's Note: Taken from the booklet Christian Citizenship, by Adrian Rogers. Rogers, who passed away in 2005, served as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, in Memphis for more than 30 years.

Our government is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. We are some of "the people," and we are to participate in our government. Jesus said to give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and give to God the things that belong to God (Mark 12:17).

If you do not participate in your government, you have not rendered to your Caesar the things that belong to your Caesar.

If, for example, you do not vote—if you do not inform yourself—in my estimation, you have disobeyed the Lord Jesus Christ. It is inconceivable that God would have ordained human government and then tell His people to stay out of it. If that is true, who does that leave to run it?

We as Christians are to participate, not on the basis of parties or persons or politics, but on principles. Our highest allegiance is to God, but we have a duty to our country as well.

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Above, Egyptian Coptic Christians about to be murdered by ISIS in Libya. Right, Christians in the Colosseum. Little has changed in 2000 years though the murderers have a worldwide audience instead of a colosseum with 50,000 people.

We're not to force our views on anyone else, but we should be persuasive in what we do. Our government is a democracy, and America is based on public opinion. May I tell you, the only hope for America is to change public opinion? Do you know the only thing that can change public opinion? The Word of God.

We have to get the message of the Bible out there. We are not going to out-argue anyone. They are blind and don't see it. They need to know Jesus Christ, and they will find Him in the pages of God's Word.

We are supposed to persuade our people. We are to be taking them back one at a time and winning souls to Jesus Christ.



I've been to Rome. The Colosseum would seat 50,000 people. They would put the Christians in the Colosseum and make them fight with gladiators and redden the mouths of lions with their blood, and it was for entertainment. Caesar would be looking down upon those people in the Colosseum, but underneath it were the catacombs. In those subterranean tunnels, Christians would huddle together to worship.

It seemed there was not a chance on this earth that those Christians hiding under the Colosseum could have done anything at all about what was going on

up on the surface, but those folks started a spiritual revolution that turned that whole thing upside down. It caused a mighty revival that brought the empire crashing down and exalted the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to be like those in the catacombs who said, "Lord, You alone are God. We have no king but Jesus." That's where the power is. It's not political influence that we need. It is the power of God that we need. Our hope is not in government; our hope is in Almighty God!

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God's call today still relevant and unchanged after Millenia



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Psalms 119:105 – "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

God's word comes to us in the scriptures, wise counsel, gifts of the Spirit, and providential instruction. The verse above illustrates the wisdom of the psalmist. He grasped the concept that God's Word alone could guide his path and enable him to walk in a way that would secure an eternal future for him, his contemporaries, and anyone who



would believe in generations to come. Our approach toward divine revelation should be the same.

We fall woefully short of this, and sadly we live in an age of cynicism. Believers are seen as irrelevant, unscientific folks who follow fables. Our security and certainty offends in this age of insecurity and uncertainty. Very few people drawing breath know what

they should be doing, where they are going, or who they should follow. Scripture insists that every person will ultimately have to make a decision between following God's light, their own, or someone else's. Like the world, we too were taught to sketch out a future for ourselves and forge our way ahead while ignoring God's instructions along the way. Upon salvation, we turned from that way of life; yet, the gospel of self remains the same. Believing in one's will power is the ultimate form of self-actualization, and those who have achieved this are in high demand.

And so the self-appointed fill the headlines today boasting of their achievements with cleverly crafted words, mantras, and theories that cast wide nets that ensnare the unstable

who are void of faith or uncertain of Christ. These self-promoters are in places of worship, politics, news, entertainment, business, and the scientific arenas. Beware! They are blind guides that will lead many to ruin. One thing remains clear and certain; God will guide His own. He still speaks the same words today that he did millennia ago. These are the very words that changed my life: "Follow me."

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