

metro kansas city

EDITION



EDUCATION & COLLEGE EXPO MARCH 1

metro

VISIT US AT  
facebook/metrovoicenews  
or metrovoicenews.com

VOICE

Retreat planning made easy



PAGE 11

## BIG changes at the Voice

Redesigned website first change for 2014

Metro Voice Newspaper relaunched its website, metrovoicenews.com, Jan. 1 with little public fanfare but apparently people have noticed-the site's visitors are growing exponentially.

The paper has had a web presence since 1999-an eternity in internet years-but with the changing way readers are accessing the paper, it wanted to revamp the way it delivers online news. Readers using their smart phone, tablet or other mobile device can now have easy access to local breaking Christian news, calendar events and videos. When the site is visited, your device will automatically see it in a special one column format saving you data. In addition, the site has been expanded with new features and is totally redesigned.

"Our print publication continues to grow," said Dwight Widaman, publisher. "And the website serves as a great, and growing, compliment to a successful publishing plan."

He says that 33 percent of visitors are accessing the site from smart phones.

Now 25 years old, the Voice is now KC's third largest city-wide newspaper. To celebrate, the paper gets a makeover in 2014.

False Facts

Why we love bad stats

Bob Smietana | Lifeway

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – We've all gotten the emails or seen the Facebook posts—strange and fairly believable facts just about everything. For most, we know to do a little research before we pass them on or share over the water cooler. Sometimes these unresearched “factoids” make it into the evening news or even the Sunday sermon. Like this one, which came halfway through a recent sermon I heard on marriage. Things are scary out there, the preacher told us. And there's no difference between people sitting in these pews and everyone else when it comes to divorce. It made a great sermon illustration. Only it's not true, according Bradley Wright, a sociologist at the

See FALSE FACTS page 23



## Parents Find Education Expo Invaluable Tool

March 1 event will host 50 Christian colleges, area K-12, homeschool resources & seminars

by **Lee Hartman**

Private education, whether on the K-12 or college level, continues to be an important topic to many Christian parents. Add to that the growing number of families considering homeschooling, and it is no wonder the Christian Education Expo on March 1 will attract



thousands of people. The 16th annual event, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., will again be held at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Road in south Kansas City, just north of I-435.

Parents looking both at K-12 op-

■ See EDUCATION page 6

## Teen girl's brain death divides pro-life community

Medical experts disagree whether Jahi McMath is still alive

by **Daniel James Devine**

(WNS)--The sad case of a brain-dead girl in Oakland, Calif., took a new turn recently, when an ambulance transferred 13-year-old Jahi McMath to a long-term care facility. Although McMath's family would not disclose the name of the facility, they say the girl will receive a tracheostomy and feeding tube. The move marks an end to a battle between the family and Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland, which had been attempting to remove life support from an unresponsive pa-

tient they consider to be dead.

"Jahi is free! Jahi is free! She is safely out of Children's," tweeted Christopher Dolan, the family's lawyer.

The McMath case grabbed headlines and roused emotions from Americans, who either defended the hospital's attempt to remove the girl's ventilator or defended the family's effort keep her organs alive. Pro-life advocates, too, are divided: Some compare the case to that of Terri Schiavo, who was dehydrated and starved to death in 2005 after a lengthy court battle. Others say the key difference for McMath is that she has irreversible brain death.

"Someone who's truly brain-dead, barring a miracle, is not going to walk

■ See JAHl McMATH page 23



Supporters of a miracle for Jahi are not giving up hope.



# Homeless ministry celebrates 10 years helping needy

Hope Faith Ministries (HFM), an equipping day center that serves the needs of the homeless and less fortunate in Kansas City, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2014.

Founded by a small group of individuals from Church of the Resurrection, the organization started by serving meals to as many as 800 homeless individuals each week. Ten years later, HFM serves 3,000 - 4,000 people weekly that have spent the night at a nearby shelter, out on the streets or at a neighborhood campground.

"Everyone involved with Hope Faith Ministries is marking 2014 as a year of celebration and gratitude.

"Those that have blazed the trail to get us to where we are today are to be commended for their valiant hard work and dedication to be a positive force in the community for the homeless," said Duane Skjervem, executive director of Hope Faith Ministries.

Over the years, HFM has expanded the services they offer so that today, not only do they provide the essentials of food,



Volunteers organize clothing donations. Hope Faith Ministries started because several people wanted to serve.

shelter and clothing but they collaborate with dozens of agencies throughout Kansas City, assisting the homeless to find jobs, housing and needed government as-

sistance. A free medical clinic and life skills classes enable the homeless to receive desperately needed medical attention and improve their skills so that they can more

easily find a path from homelessness to self-sufficiency, from dependence to independence. Other services include showers, laundry services, haircuts and a shave at

the barber shop, transportation, storage of belongings and personal mail and phone services.

Community donations of furnishings and household items allow HFM to help families move into an apartment, furnished with the essentials.

The premier program at HFM is their "Transitional Internship Program" where at any given time, over 40 individuals receive transitional housing and a personal mentor to help them navigate their way from the streets to employment and then on to independent living.

The 10-year grand milestone will be formally celebrated on Saturday, March 29 at their "Moonlight Masquerade Benefit Gala" to be held at the Overland Park Convention Center.

The Apartment Association of Kansas City is co-sponsoring this event. KMBC's anchor, Len Jennings will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening that includes an auction, dinner and dancing. For info visit [www.hopefaithministries.org](http://www.hopefaithministries.org) or call 816.471.4673, ext. 100.

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Pastors and Laity

at Ottawa University

The Fredrikson Center for Faith and Church Vitality is now accepting registrations for the following seminars:

- Fiscally Faithful Servants: *Financing Church Growth*
- Tangible Servant Leadership
- The High-Performance Church
  - Understanding Your Flock
  - When Good Sheep Go Bad

Featuring

The Reverend Jacqueline L. Saxon  
2014 Norwood Jones Convocation Speaker

April 9-10, 2014

Register now at  
[www.ottawa.edu/norwoodjones](http://www.ottawa.edu/norwoodjones)

Seminars are no-cost to pastors or members of the laity. Discounted meals are available on-campus. Special hotel block-rates available.

## Nixon caps state of the state address with push to meet health, mental health needs, expand Medicaid

by Dwight Widaman

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon is pushing ahead with Medicaid expansion in the state. The Missouri Legislature in 2013 refused the federal government's attempts to expand Medicaid to cover more people, creating a showdown with Nixon. The confrontation painted Republicans as heartless and Nixon as a big spender but did little to educate the public on the costs.

"Each day we don't act," Nixon said in his January state of the state address, "nearly 300,000 working Missourians go another day without the treatment they desperately need, for no other reason than they live in Branson instead of Bentonville, in Cape Girardeau instead of Cairo, in Maryville instead of Muscatine."

Missouri is one of over 25 states that are pushing back against what will become a nearly unfunded mandate. Nixon, who has supported the federal funding of the program, has not responded to requests for how he will pay for the billions in additional expense once the federal funding runs out. As it stands, the Obama administration is luring states into expanding the program with hundreds of billions in additional funding the first year, but that funding is reduced each year until only 5 percent is federally funded. Eventually, if

**"Each day we don't act, nearly 300,000 working Missourians go another day without the treatment they desperately need, for no other reason than they live in Branson instead of Bentonville, in Cape Girardeau instead of Cairo, in Maryville instead of Muscatine."**

Missouri accepts the expansion, in future years historic tax increases would be necessary to replace the lost federal funding. This is an aspect that Nixon, and the media, have failed to share with Missourians.

But Nixon doesn't talk about future tax increases, rather implying the legislature is trying to punish Washington for Obamacare.

"The people who are suffering now as



JAY NIXON

a result of our failure to act don't work in the White House — they work the night shift in our factories," he said. "They wait tables and scrub floors. They drive snow plows and look after our kids."

Nixon even brought the Bible into the argument referencing Isaiah saying, "If you satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday."

The Republican controlled legislature doesn't seem likely to budge in 2014. The governor is responsible for the state budget and, as of yet, he has not spelled out who will ultimately pay for the expansion once the federal dollars dry up.

## Habitat for Humanity launches prayer initiative

by Dwight Widaman

Heartland Habitat for Humanity has designated 2014 as the "Year of the Volunteer" and is launching a prayer initiative to involve the community.

"One of my personal favorite assignments working for this organization is the opportunity to pray on site," says Dr. Evelyn Hill, Habitat Chaplain.

"Volunteers are ordinary people doing



Hill

extraordinary work in our community. Volunteers are everywhere, at our churches, in our neighborhoods, at our schools, many times in our homes, and even on playgrounds, parks, construction of homes and in entertainment venues. Volunteers are people too. They need our prayer and support."

The city-wide will be held at Heartland Habitat for Humanity, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Suite 3230, Kansas City, Kan. the first Tuesday of each month.

The public is invited to drop by and join in.

February will be dedicated to praying for volunteers, March for the homeless and April for the many organizations that serve our community.

For information call 913-342-3047.





Speed skater Jilleanne Rookard has sharpened her skates and faith.

## Olympians for Christ

Several of this winter's athletes find their true strength in the Lord

(WNS)—The Sochi Winter Olympics take center stage this month, complete with political intrigue, security concerns, and storylines about athletes going for Olympic glory but, even more so, God's glory.

Speed skater Jilleanne Rookard says she came to faith in Christ while training for competition in 2006. Her faith is a source of strength and inspiration for the times when she feels like giving up: "I've just kept growing since then, and it's not anything sudden. I realize now that I'm never going to stop learning."

Bobsledder Brock Kreitzburg placed his faith in God at age 13, after losing his father to cancer. "God used the worst experience in my life—losing my father—to bring forth the best experience in my life—knowing my Heavenly Father. God is the Father I can never lose, who will be with me forever, and truly, unconditionally loves me," Kreitzburg said. Kreitzburg, who earned a master's of divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in 2003, competed in the 2006 Turin Olympics but missed the 2010 Vancouver Olympics



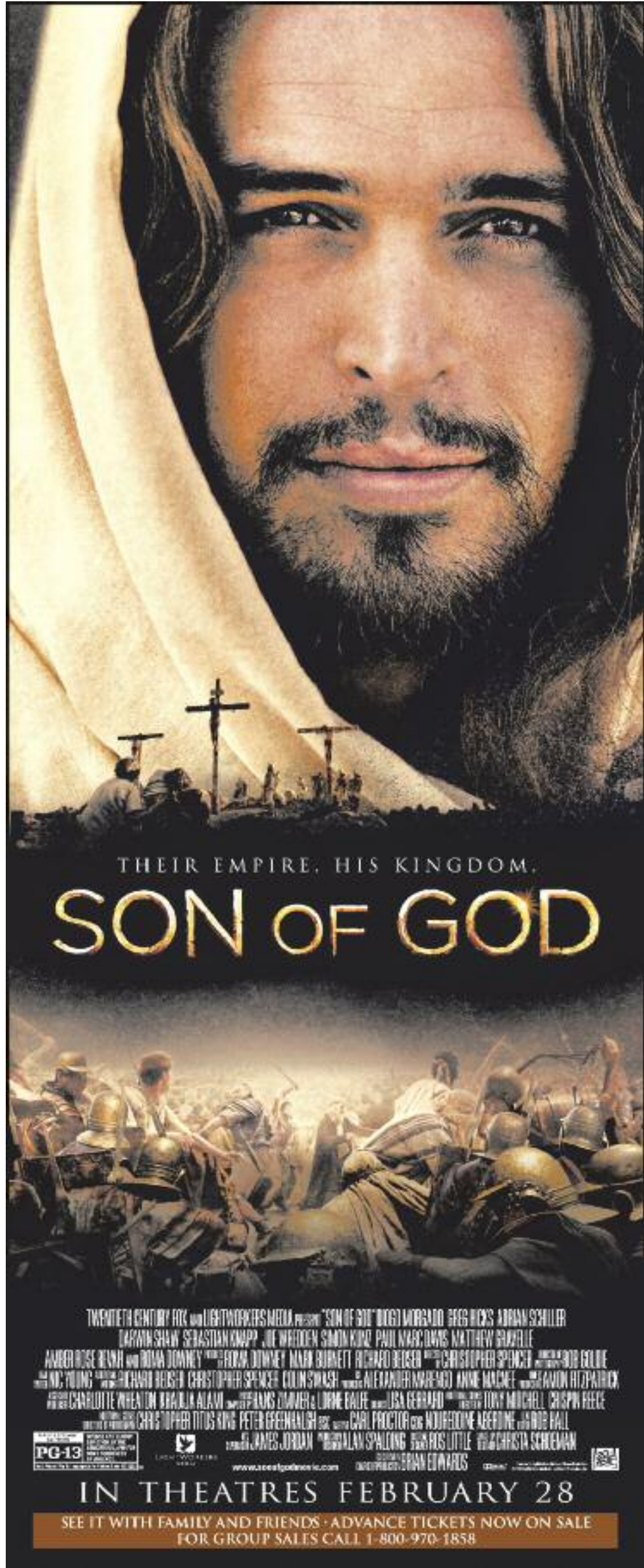
Brock Kreitzburg says God used death of his father to shape faith.

with an injury. He is hoping to make the final cut on the 2014 men's Olympic bobsledding team.

Lolo Jones, a multisport athlete, will likely make the U.S. women's bobsledding squad after winning a gold medal at the 2013 World Championships. Jones, 31, competed in the 100 meter hurdles at the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics, but gained more than 20 pounds to qualify for bobsledding competition. She made headlines in 2012 when she told HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel that she is a virgin and plans on keeping her virginity until marriage.

"This journey has been hard," she said at that time. "It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. Harder than training for the Olympics. Harder than studying for college has been staying a virgin before marriage." Jones often uses her Twitter account to share Bible passages and words of encouragement with her more than 370,000 followers.

Meanwhile, security concerns are growing in the wake of late-December suicide bombings in Volgograd, 400 miles from the Olympic facilities in Sochi. The second deadly terrorist attack of the month pushed the Russians to tighten security by creating a 60-mile "security zone" around Sochi. All spectators wishing to attend the Games must provide passports and contacts for security screening.



## newsbriefs

### Congress Strengthens Religious Freedom for the Military

(WNS)—The Senate passed a defense bill with strong bipartisan support last week that includes important language to strengthen and protect the religious freedom of military members and chaplains. The 2014 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes the standard provisions for funding the military as well as amendments that expand the protection of military members' religious freedoms, including their personal beliefs, actions, and speech. Specific language in the NDAA protects the freedom of military chaplains to "close a prayer outside of a religious service according to the traditions, expressions, and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group."



### Government Tightens Reins on Nonprofits

(WNS)—The Obama administration has proposed rules to curb political campaigning by nonprofit groups. The rules would prohibit certain nonprofit groups from campaign activities such as running ads, registering voters, or distributing campaign literature. The Department of the Treasury says the rules are designed to create "clear-cut definitions" for nonprofit organizations that engage in political activity. Critics say the change would give the Internal Revenue Service broader leeway to target the White House's political opponents. The changes would affect groups with a 501(c)4 "social welfare" designation. Coincidentally, the new regulations would affect conservative groups in disproportionate numbers to liberal organizations by a margin of 9 to 1.

The White House responded by saying they are not targeting anyone in unequal numbers.



## Marriage must be part of poverty/income inequality debate

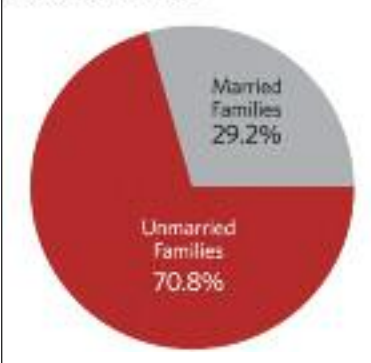
The organization behind National Marriage Week USA (February 7-14) makes the case that marriage must be part of the current political debate about income inequality and how to reduce poverty.

"Today 53 percent of all babies born to women under age 30, are born outside of marriage," said Sheila Weber, executive director of National Marriage Week USA. "If we had the marriage rates today that we had in 1970, we'd have 25 percent less poverty."

"The decline of marriage is our most neglected national emergency," says Weber. "Yet the wealthy are doing a better job at keeping marriages intact and their children are benefitting from the influence of both male and female parenting influence and from enriching educational habits in those homes."

"We must find ways to help impoverished single mothers learn more about how to enrich their own home life; and despite their current circumstances, to give their own children a vision that marriage can be in their future aspirations, because marriage brings greater financial stability,

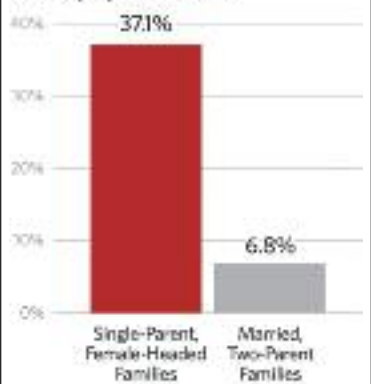
In the United States, 71 Percent of Poor Families with Children Are Not Married



better health, and brings the greatest advantageous way to in turn raise their own children."

"We need for ministries, non-profits, schools and churches to find ways to serve fatherless boys, who may not be getting any messages that marriage can even be an attainable goal for them. The pendulum has swung too far away from the historical cultural norm of dutiful manhood; we

In the United States, Marriage Drops the Probability of Child Poverty by 82 Percent



need a radical change of message, thinking and habits to raise the next generation of young men. Of course, women also need some new messages -- that forestalling sexual intimacy and childbearing until marriage provides them a healthier future and is best for their children," said Weber.

National Marriage Week USA (Feb. 7-14) is a campaign to increase marriage education nationwide and provides the only

### HOW TO AVOID POVERTY IN AMERICA\*

1. Complete at least a high school education
2. Work full-time
3. Wait until at least age 21 and get married before having a baby

\* Brookings Institute data. Based on an analysis of Census data, people who followed all three of these rules had only a 2 percent chance of being in poverty and a 72 percent chance of joining the middle class.

**facebook.com/ImageBlitz**

online national marriage calendar to list and locate any and all marriage classes all year. To list or locate an event (it's free) --

click National Calendar at [www.national-marriageweekusa.org](http://www.national-marriageweekusa.org).

## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SOUTH JOHNSON COUNTY'S LARGEST CHRIST-CENTERED PRESCHOOL-12TH GRADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

CURRENTLY SERVING MORE THAN 475 STUDENTS

- Nurturing Environment
- Limited Class Size
- Dynamic Fine Arts Program
- Athletics/Band beginning in 5th grade
- College Prep Curriculum
- Honors & Dual Credits

**ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE**  
FEBRUARY 20, 9-11 AM  
MARCH 13, 9-11 AM  
APRIL 10, 9-11 AM  
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH CAMPUS TOURS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

**EAST CAMPUS (Elementary/Central Office)**  
9333 West 159th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66221  
P 913.681.7622

**WEST CAMPUS (Junior/Senior High)**  
16000 Blackbob Road  
Olathe, KS 66062  
P 913.782.3262

Visit **hcakc.org** for more information.

**Kindergarten Roundup**  
Thursday, Feb. 6  
10-11:30am

## Apple approves gay social app for ages 12 and up

by **Melissa Barnhart**

Apple has approved a gay social networking app that claims to be safe for children as young as 12, and aims to lead adults, teens and tweens to places that are "clean, social and fun."

In the iTunes store, Distinc.tt is described as "an LGBT app that you can bring home to Mom!" But although it's supposedly safe for children as young as



12, it specifically states that it was created for "gay dating and chat" for LGBT or "curious adults" who are 18 and older.

The app reportedly works by using "real-time collective knowledge to connect trendsetting crowds and travelers to the places and people that best reflect their distinct interests."

CEO Michael Belkin told CNET that he launched Distinc.tt because he's "disgusted by the tasteless torsos and imagery on gay social sites and apps." And he wants "the good-taste part of the gay stereotype to gain traction with advertisers and cross the mainstream divide."

Belkin launched what is being billed as "the only gay social app approved by the iTunes store for 12-year-olds and older," with other investors that include PayPal cofounder Peter Thiel and Keith Rabois, a former executive at PayPal and LinkedIn, among others.

"Think of it as the ultimate gay accessory. Using an advanced recommendation engine, Distinc.tt helps you be spontaneous—to get out there and start something," reads the description.

"Distinc.tt takes gay apps to the next level by showing you more than just guys with phones. Use it to find places to go, meet people at those places, coordinate with friends while you're out, you name it. It's about doing, not chatting."

Apple, meanwhile, has been chided by conservative Christians over its censorship of religious material – namely apps that affirm marriage is between a man and a woman. In recent years, Apple has pulled the Manhattan Declaration, Setting Captives Free, and Exodus International apps.

## Living Foundation Ministries

Christian Counseling

Helping People to Help People

et Home and Around the World

Working through the problems of life is not an easy task. Our goal is not to diagnose or solve problems, but to come alongside and offer tools from God's Word for you to be able to work through problems on your own with coaching from our staff. This emphasis creates a reliance upon God, rather than the counselor.

**Celebrating 25 years of helping people with:**

- Marriage & Family Issues
- Grief & Loss
- Addictions & Recovery
- Depression & Anxiety
- Separation & Divorce
- Communication & Relationships
- Pre-Marital Counseling

Call **816-229-5000** or go online at **www.help4living.org**

**611 NW RD Mize Road • Blue Springs 64014**



# Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in hot water

## Lutherans react to firm's abortion funding

With the revelation that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has provided funding to at least four Planned Parenthood affiliates as well as to the NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation, The St. Louis-based Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has told their members they are very concerned.

The statement acknowledged that Thrivent not only has suspended funding for pro-life, nonprofit organizations serving women and children in need, but now also directly supports organizations providing abortion services and pro-abortion advocacy.

On Dec. 19, after learning that a Planned Parenthood affiliate was eligible to receive funding through its Choice Dollars program, Thrivent "temporarily suspended" one pro-choice and more than 50 pro-life organizations from receiving Choice Dollars funding while it conducts "a comprehensive review" of the program.

The latest allegations relate to a sister funding program known as "Gift Multiplier" that's available to Thrivent employees through the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation.

Details about the Gift Multiplier program were brought to light by Rev. Michael Schuermann, senior pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman, Ill., who said he "was contacted by some people associated with Thrivent who were familiar with the fact that this was going on."

The informants shared documentation of the Gift Multiplier funding that



Schuermann posted to his website, daring-lutheran.net.

The documentation lists five Planned Parenthood affiliates in Columbus, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Milwaukee; New York; and St. Paul, Minn., as well as the NARAL Foundation in St. Paul as Thrivent Gift Multiplier charities.

After Schuermann posted the information online and alerted LCMS leaders to the news Jan. 15, it was picked up and shared by other websites as well as numerous Facebook and Twitter users.

Schuermann said it's disappointing, sad and "frustrating to see Thrivent — an organization that puts itself forward as Christian and Lutheran — engaging and giving money to organizations that really, as Christians, we just cannot support."

Many LCMS congregation members are among the 2.5 million members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Minneapolis-based, Fortune 500 fraternal-benefits organization with more than \$75 billion in assets derived primarily from Lutherans over the past 100 years. Thrivent members voted last year to open the organization's membership to all Christians, which took place in June.

According to its website, Thrivent is "faith-based" and its "common bond" is Christianity.

In a statement on Jan. 15 Thrivent responded: "We are aware of the issue that has been raised, and we will address it as we review this program."

Maggie Karner, director of LCMS Life Ministries, said all of the suspended pro-life organizations "already do wonderful mercy work, with limited resources, to serve women, children and families in need. They include LCMS Recognized Service Organizations, maternity homes, pregnancy resource centers, pro-life educational organizations, ultrasound services for pregnant women and organizations providing free resources."

The Rev. Dr. James Lamb, executive director of the national pro-life organization Lutherans For Life (LFL), noted that "Thrivent claims to be 'neutral' on 'controversial issues' and yet they have once again closed the door to Lutherans For Life and other life-affirming ministries to receive Choice Dollars."

In a statement, LCMS said they are in a conversation with Thrivent regarding the controversial donations and have a goal to resolve the issue in a way that upholds the sacred value of human life.

"We urge them to follow those words with action by restoring funding to the pro-life organizations that lost funding in December and by developing a policy that denies all funding for Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation."

The statement also encourages Thrivent members to "voice their concerns and opinions directly to Thrivent," and provides contact information to help them do just that.

## newsbriefs

### Christianity's Worst Enemies

(WNS)--A U.S.-based group tracking persecution around the globe has named North Korea the worst country in the world for Christians. Open Doors USA on Jan. 8 gave the hermetic country the dubious designation for the 12th straight year—as many years as it has compiled the annual World Watch List of top 50 offenders. The organization estimates North Korea's communist regime has between 50,000 and 70,000 Christians imprisoned in labor camps for their faith. Open Doors unveiled its World Watch List (WWL) during a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The group measures how much Christians are able to live out their faith to determine what countries land on the list. It considers spheres of private, family, community, national, and church life, plus a sixth sphere counting violent incidents.



An escaped North Korean shows evidence of torture

### More Publishers Investigate Mark Driscoll



DRISCOLL

(WNS)--At least two more Christian publishers are investigating concerns of plagiarism regarding Mark Driscoll, pastor of Mars Hill Church in Seattle. Crossway, which published Driscoll's *Death by Love*, issued a statement saying, "We are in touch with Mars Hill and are conducting an internal review to ensure that our books published by Mark Driscoll have proper citation and documentation." Crossway publicist Janni Firestone added, "As of right now, we're not sure when the internal review will be complete." Driscoll has published nine books with Crossway.

### Amarillo College Nixes Intelligent Design Class

(WNS)--Is intelligent design too controversial to teach at a public college? It is, apparently, in Amarillo, Texas. In fall 2013, Amarillo College planned to offer a class entitled "Evolution vs. Intelligent Design" as one of its continuing education courses. The class was not part of the school's degree programs, but a not-for-credit elective course. It was advertised under the heading of "Philosophy." Dozens of eager students signed up. Yet when the president of an Amarillo-based group of atheists and agnostics complained, the college reversed course. Top school officials canceled "Evolution vs. Intelligent Design," saying the topic was too "emotionally charged" and could invite a "disruption" in the classroom.

## Unpublished King Sermons released

PreachingToday.com, a ministry of Christianity Today, announced the release of a previously unpublished sermon by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called "Guidelines for a Constructive Church."



KING

Originally delivered during the height of the American Civil Rights Movement on May 29, 1966, this sermon was an exhortation on Luke 4 given to Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Now for the first time, the transcript and audio of this sermon are available for free exclusively on PreachingToday.com. King reminds his listeners that it is not an easy task, because "the cross means what it says. It is something that you die on." However, Dr. King also proclaims a message of perseverance and hope that Jesus will never leave.

By offering full access to this sermon for free, PreachingToday.com is welcoming readers to participate in an ongoing conversation about the civil rights leader and his sermon through Black History Month. In addition, PreachingToday will offer reflections on Dr. King's sermon from several contributors, including the current senior pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Rev. Lawrence Aker III. Visit PreachingToday.com.



# HOUSE of HOPE

## KANSAS CITY

a home for healing teens

www.houseofhopekc.net



**\*\*Affiliated with National House of Hope, a proven model of success**

**\*\*Licensed residential home in a loving family environment**

**\*\*Parents actively involved through visits, counseling and parenting class**

**\*\*Hope Academy principal works with your school to keep student on track to graduate**

**\*\*Affordable program based on sliding scale income**

Call 913.262.8885 for intake appointment or to schedule outpatient counseling.

Our mission at KC House of Hope is to provide a parent-interactive, residential treatment home for girls 12 to 18 years old, with the ultimate goal of family restoration.

### Alpha Christian Children's Home & School

www.alphachristianchildrenshome.com



**WHAT WE DO:**

1. Share Christ to offer hope and healing
2. Provide a Christian family safe haven
3. Help the kids get caught up in school



Find out more by calling  
**785-597-5235**  
Located an Hour W of KC  
15017 27th Street  
PO Box 727  
Perry, Kansas 66073

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

1. Pray
2. Volunteer
3. Refer children to us
4. Give money or food to help us serve kids at no charge



# Adoption & BEYOND

Putting the pieces of your adoption together

**"We offer personal attention & care throughout your adoption process & beyond."**

✿ We offer **FREE** individual consultations to explore all of your choices for Domestic, Embryo, & International Adoptions

✿ Day and evening appointments available

**(913) 381-6919**

Licensed Non-Profit Child Placing Agency  
serving KS and MO Families since 1998

www.adoption-beyond.org    adopt@adoption-beyond.org



# Suit alleges the will of Missouri voters ignored

## Citizens sue over same-sex couples filing together

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) -- Four Missouri taxpayers filed a lawsuit on Jan. 8 challenging Gov. Jay Nixon's executive order to permit some same-sex couples to file a Missouri combined income tax return as "husband" and "wife" for 2013 in spite of a 2004 state constitutional amendment which defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

The lawsuit challenges Executive Order 13-14 as being unconstitutional and alleges that the governor is trying to thwart the will of the people of Missouri, with 71 percent of the voters having adopted "Amendment 2" in 2004. The amendment, now codified as Article 1, Section 33 of the Missouri constitution, says simply, "That to be valid and recognized in this state, a marriage shall exist only between a man and a woman."

Nixon's executive order was issued last November and directed the Department of Revenue to accept combined returns from same-sex couples who properly filed a federal joint return with the IRS. The IRS has decided to permit same-sex couples to file a joint federal return if the parties were married in a state that permits same-sex marriage.

The IRS decision did not bind state governments and did not mandate that states like Missouri, where same-sex marriage is unlawful, permit joint returns under state law.

"The governor took an oath to uphold the Missouri constitution, which includes our marriage definition," said Michael Whitehead, a Kansas City attorney for the plaintiffs. "When he issued this order, he said he hoped the people of Missouri

would take another look at recognizing same-sex 'marriage.' That is putting his thumb on the scales of justice. His job is to enforce the constitution as it is, not as he wishes it to be.

"If the governor wants to launch a campaign to repeal this section of our state Bill of Rights, he is welcome to try. But for now, the people of Missouri have spoken, with landslide clarity," Whitehead said. "Until the people speak otherwise, the gov-

**"The governor took an oath to uphold the Missouri constitution, which includes our marriage definition."**

ernor should respect the rule of law and respect Missouri voters."

The plaintiffs ask the trial judge to declare the executive order unconstitutional and to declare that, in view of the state constitution, the Department of Revenue must not interpret tax laws to permit Missouri combined income tax returns from same-sex couples who were "married" elsewhere.

The plaintiffs are: Justin Mosher, pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church in Hannibal, Mo.; Don Hinkle, director of public policy for the Missouri Baptist Convention and editor of The Pathway; Kerry Messer, Festus, Mo., founder of the Missouri Family Network; and Joe Ortwerth, executive director of the Missouri Family Policy Council.

At the time of Nixon's executive order, no other state where same-sex marriage is unlawful had adopted a similar policy of accepting joint state returns from same-sex couples who were "married" elsewhere. In Kansas, a same-sex couple recently filed a lawsuit demanding that the state accept their joint state tax return as a matter of "equal protection of the laws."

## Californians petition against coed bathroom bill

(WNS)—The coalition working to overturn a law forcing boys and girls in California's public schools to share school bathrooms, showers and locker rooms is gaining momentum.

Opponents of a law forcing boys and girls in California's public schools to share school bathrooms, showers and locker rooms have reached the 95 percent validity rate needed to achieve a random sampling for a full signature count.

Privacy for All Students (PFAS) predicted that a full check would result in many more signatures being validated than were projected in the sampling and lead to qualification of the referendum for the ballot. Many critics had predicted that PFAS would not be able to collect sufficient signatures in the short period allowed to qualify a referendum and that not enough of the signatures presented in November would be validated to allow for a full count.

"The people of California are entitled to have every valid signature on this referendum counted by elections officials," says Gina Gleason, the referendum proponent and a member of the PFAS ex-



**Before the law was stayed by courts in November, schools had begun creating co-ed restrooms.**

ecutive committee. "We're pleased that the sampling of signatures conducted thus far has triggered a full count of every signature, and we believe this full check will show we have enough signatures to qualify the referendum to the ballot."

■ See COED page next page

## EDUCATION EXPO MARCH 1

continued from page 1

tions and high school students scouting colleges come with specific questions in mind, said Anita Widaman who started the Expo in 1999.

"Parents of younger students want to know: what curriculum is used? What is the worldview of the school? Is there an established fine arts program? What testing measure is used? What about sports and extracurricular activities? and, of course, can I afford it?" she stated.

These parents and college-bound students also appreciate the opportunity to visit with administrators, admissions counselors and teachers.

"For high school students, prayerfully choosing the right college can still be a daunting task," said Dwight Widaman, Metro Voice editor and Expo coordinator. "By the time they reach their junior year like my daughter, Emma, the mailbox is full of college admissions brochures."

For these teenagers, the college portion of the Expo offers a time-saving way to talk with dozens of universities and get a sense of what each college has to offer.

"They can ask the admissions counselor about degrees and emphasis but also about campus and community life, ease of transition, living away from home, rules, food and, of course," said Widaman, "scholarships and financial aid."

For 16 years, Metro Voice has organized the Education Expo to help parents and students grappling with these questions. Begun in 1999, the Expo brings all levels of Christian education together under one roof, for one day, for one cause. Asked why they do it, Expo coordinator Anita Widaman responded, "to support Christian families who want the best for their children and to create an environment where they connect with local Christian education options."

Last year, the event hosted colleges from 15 states as far away as Arizona, Virginia and Michigan. Local K-12 schools from Kansas, north of the River and Jackson County set up booths and, with a friendly smile, greeted parents eager to learn about private education.

Homeschooling organizations led seminars for parents wondering if they were up to teaching their children at home. For these families, it was an excellent way to learn about state laws, curriculum and hear from home educators who had the same questions when they started down that road themselves.

The expo typically draws several thousand people who are looking at various levels of education including K-12, homeschooling, plus high school students eager to visit with dozens of college admission representatives.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to visit with quality schools and meet the teachers and administrators," said Anita Widaman. "It's really a one-stop shopping experience."

Widaman, who had a successful 16-year career in public ed-

ucation, said she and her husband, Dwight, founded the Expo out of a personal need. "When our children were nearing school-age, we began earnestly considering what was right for their education. We realized there were no sources for information to help us make a decision as to what was best for their growth, both academically and spiritually. We knew that other parents must have felt equally unprepared for such a big decision."

Anita continues, "Parents need to know that there are many choices for them — homeschooling, private, a combination — some families are very creative in finding the right fit for their kids, it's all about what works best for your child."

She said the same holds true for college education, "Parents work so hard preparing their kids for life: instilling their values at home, ferrying them to sports and other activities that strengthen positive character traits, and being careful who they hang out with," said Widaman, "But then those kids often choose a school that doesn't reinforce spiritual values and confusion and problems result."

"It's an especially worthwhile drive for students looking for a wide variety of college options," Dwight Widaman said. "With the price of gas, and busy schedule, it is easy to see the value of having so many schools under one roof."

Colleges from many states will attend including Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia. They include small Midwest colleges plus large ones like Liberty University and ORU.

Several popular mini-seminars will return with expanded offerings: The Journey: Preparing for College 10 a.m.; Finding the Most Financial Aid 11 a.m.; History, Mission, and Vision of Homeschooling 9:30 a.m.; Homeschooling 101 and Missouri Law 10:30 a.m. and K-12 Education Options: Panel Discussion by Parents 11:30 a.m.

Dwight Widaman shared a conversation he had with a mom who attended the expo with her high school junior.

"The mom had attended the Expo 11 years ago when she was looking for a local Christian elementary school," he said. "At the Expo she connected with a school teacher on a personal

level and all of her kids ended up attending that one Christian school."

The mom had now returned to the Expo that had helped her many years before and credited the Expo.

"It was full circle," said Widaman, a little emotionally. "We had helped her connect

with Christian education that had impacted her family in a powerful way and now, eleven years later, she was back to continue their journey as she and her son looked for a Christian college."

Both Widamans agree that's the intent of the Expo.

Said Anita, "We want to help make personal connections that will have an immediate and even eternal impact."

For more information, visit [www.metrovoicenews.com](http://www.metrovoicenews.com).



WHITEHEAD



ANITA WIDAMAN



DWIGHT WIDAMAN

## Dentistry For the Family

Eugene F. Anderson, D.D.S.

13010 Fuller Ave.  
Grandview, MO 64030

816-966-0202  
[www.efadds.com](http://www.efadds.com)

8:00 - 5:00 • Closed Fridays  
Serving the S. Metro area for 32 years.



## HEART OF AMERICA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Accredited Degrees: Associate - Doctorate;  
Bible: Pastoral Studies; Christian Counseling,  
Church Administration, Christian Education

[www.heartofamericaministries.com](http://www.heartofamericaministries.com)  
Email: [info@heartofamericaministries.com](mailto:info@heartofamericaministries.com)



# Kennedy says concerned groups must 'come together' to oppose legalization of marijuana

(WNS)—President Obama admits smoking marijuana as a young person and his memoirs allude to smoking crack but recently stated he considers it no worse than smoking cigarettes or using alcohol. Eight-term former Congressman Patrick Kennedy disagrees.

He said the president ought to consult with the National Institutes of Health. Kennedy formed a group called Smart Approaches to Marijuana and his executive director is Kevin Sabet, who says the president gave "mixed signals."

"The media is running with it to try and interpret it as saying that this is more momentum for the legalization of movement, and unfortunately the big money interests that want to legalize," Sabet tells OneNewsNow.

He also advises there are new corporate conglomerates that have formed since legalization has started "because they want to make money off of this. They are running with it."

Patrick Kennedy, youngest son of late Sen. Ted Kennedy, has said he is a recovering alcoholic and struggled with addiction to prescription pdrugs. He served in Congress from 1995 until 2011 in Rhode Island's 1st District.

Sabet says Kennedy feels that it is a shame, and the President's



Pressure to legalize is sweeping the nation.

wording is unfortunate, because young people are now more encouraged to use the drug, which is much more potent than when Obama was a young man.

"The 'game plan' is that Smart Approaches and other parents groups, and coaches and parents, 'come together and defeat these initiatives in these states.'"

Oregon and Alaska will be voting on marijuana use while Washington and Colorado have already legalized it. In Missouri a petition is under way to get it on the ballot in 2014.

# Holy Land draws visitors despite media portrayals

by **Dwight Widaman**

Many of the hundreds of thousands of Christians who visited Israel in 2013 described the experience as an incredible way to enhance their faith. However, many may never make a Holy Land pilgrimage due to how the mainstream media portrays Israel.

While millions of Christians travel to Israel each year, many fear traveling to the land of the Bible for fears of things that don't exist or have been exploited by those in the media.

Dr. Uzi Landau of the Ministry of Tourism for the Government of Israel says American secular media often distorts its portrayal of Israel.

"What is sometimes giving us a hard time is this perception through coverage through TV programs that Israel may look like a war zone, a combat zone," he says.

While many of Israel's neighboring countries are crumbling, Israel remains a bastion of stability.

"Look at what's happening in the Middle East in neighboring countries," he says.



Tourists stroll along the Mediterranean in Tel Aviv. Studies show Israel is safer than most major American cities.

"One by one, countries have crumbled. I speak of countries like Syria, Iraq, Tunisia and Libya, and the list goes on. And when I speak of crumbling, I don't just mean their human regime, but a very basic set of

human values."

The Ministry of Tourism for Israel reports a record number of tourists visited the nation in 2013.

## What can I do to fight human trafficking?

Right now there are more slaves on earth than at any other time in history: 27 million worldwide. Many people want to fight this injustice, but how? As a follow-up to our January article, Metro Voice wants to share some good news in the fight against human trafficking. Moody Publishers has teamed up with Moody Radio to draw attention to this horrific problem and empower people everywhere to help prevent slavery/human trafficking, and rescue and restore victims caught in this illegal trade.

Moody Radio is exposing the reality of the fastest-growing criminal activity in the world and giving voice to those who are working to bring freedom and restoration to victims, through a series of conversations with ministry leaders and on-the-ground workers with first-hand experience. These conversations are available to listen to at [freethemtoday.org](http://freethemtoday.org).

At the same site, Moody Publishers

is offering free e-books from experts who are fighting injustice and want to help others do the same:

The White Umbrella: Walking With Survivors of Sex Trafficking, by Mary Frances Bowley, president and founder of Wellspring Living, an Atlanta-based organization fighting childhood sexual abuse and exploitation since 2001.

Why Not Today: Trafficking, Slavery, the Global Church ... and You, by Matthew Cork, lead pastor at Friends Church in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Gospel Justice: Joining Together to Provide Help and Hope for Those Oppressed by Legal Injustice, by Bruce Strom, founder of Administer Justice, a Christian legal aid organization serving the needs of low-income and no-income individuals.

Moody Bible Institute also offers a Ministry to Victims of Sexual Exploitation. Details are available at [moody.edu/ministry-victims-exploitation](http://moody.edu/ministry-victims-exploitation).

## newsbriefs

### Obama tightens reins on non-profits

(WNS)—The Obama administration has proposed rules to curb political campaigning by nonprofit groups. The rules would prohibit certain nonprofit groups from campaign activities such as running ads, registering voters, or distributing campaign literature. The Department of the Treasury says the rules are designed to create "clear-cut definitions" for nonprofit organizations that engage in political activity. Critics say the change would give the Internal Revenue Service broader leeway to target the White House's political opponents. The changes would affect groups with a 501(c)4 "social welfare" designation. Coincidentally, the new regulations would affect conservative groups in disproportionate numbers to liberal organizations by a margin of 9 to 1.

The White House responded by saying they are not targeting anyone in unequal numbers.

## COED

continued from page 6

"Unfortunately, the state changed the sampling process a few years ago to save money, resulting in many more signatures being improperly invalidated," says Karen England, a member of the PFAS executive committee.

"With a full check, every signature is verified by elections officials, and we expect that process will result in thousands of more signatures being found to be valid. When all the signatures are examined, we believe that we will have enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot."

"We want to make sure that every signature is properly examined and that no signature is invalidated for trivial or bureaucratic reasons," Gleason says. "We will continue to carefully monitor the process."

PFAS also notes that many proponents of the new law are acting as if the law has gone into effect. The law was suspended with the submission of signatures by PFAS in November.

**The LIGHT House**

Working to ensure every human heart is cherished... within the womb and within strong families

*Pregnant?  
Scared?  
Need Support?*

**We Can Help!**

24/7 Hope Line:  
**816-916-4434**  
**lighthousekc.org**

**Pro-life means...  
helping pregnant  
teens choose life.**

**Protect the MIRACLE of life.  
Donate Today!!**

**Babies like this need your help!**

Your most generous pro-life gift is urgently needed to help us continue providing a loving home for homeless, pregnant teenagers and their babies.

Donations may be sent to:  
Mother's Refuge  
14400 E. 42nd St. S. STE 220  
Independence, MO 64055  
Phone: 816-353-8070

**Give at: [www.MothersRefuge.org](http://www.MothersRefuge.org)**

Donations of \$100 or more are eligible for a 50% Missouri Tax Credit.





## Humility, gratitude and contentment



### DAVE RAMSEY

Financial author, radio host, television personality, and motivational speaker

### davesays

Dear Dave,  
Do you have any advice for teaching responsibility and generosity to adult children and grandkids when it comes to money?

Justin

Dear Justin,  
I think there are three key factors when it comes to teaching children of any age about these concepts—humility, gratitude and contentment. In my mind, humility is where gratitude comes from, and gratitude leads to contentment.

I'm generous to my adult children, but they have no sense of entitlement. That's due to their personal humility. They don't feel that I owe them anything, and they already know that anyone who cops an entitlement attitude gets cut off. You're no longer qualified for my generosity when you lose your gratitude.

You've got to spend time talking to kids about these things. Otherwise, you run the risk of them counting on the income. Here's an example. We coach some family businesses at my company, and the best

family businesses are the ones that teach non-employee family members who receive money from the business—dividends from the profits—never to live on those dividends. I've seen lots of cases where someone will start living on the business they don't work in, and they immediately start feeling entitled to the money.

The same principle applies in your situation. If someone starts saying, "Well, since mom and dad are paying for our daycare, we can use that money we would have spent to buy a car." That means they've started counting on mom and dad's generosity to live, and that's a form of entitlement mentality.

None of our kids receive any kind of financial help from us at all, unless they're already carrying their weight in their own lives. That's not being cold. It's teaching responsibility and self-reliance. Now it would be different if one of them developed a serious medical issue or something like that. But the whole idea that mommy and daddy have lots of money, and I can just get some from them? That doesn't fly in our family.

You have to teach them character and giving in order for them to be valid recipients. Plus, it's all about the kids' attitude. But you've got to talk about it often and communicate the value system out loud. The gifting and generosity are contingent upon the humility that leads to gratitude that leads to contentment.

—Dave

## 10 financial tips for young people



### BARRY CASE

Chief Financial Officer of Christian Investors Financial

### viewpoint

Managing personal finances isn't always learned in school, and unfortunately, isn't always learned at home either. Perhaps it is because it seems too simple, beneath us to even have to talk about. Yet, managing personal finances well seems to elude many people. They may find themselves making bad financial decisions, getting into debt and falling further behind each month. Here are some simple suggestions for getting off to good start in life financially:



1. Have a budget and live within it. While having a budget may seem restrictive, it actually gives you freedom - freedom to control your money rather than your money controlling you. There are lots of great budgeting resources available on-line and many are free. Here is a link to a review of seven such budgeting sites: <http://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/BudgetingSites2010/1.html>

2. Make generosity a priority in your budget. As counterintuitive as this may seem from a secular perspective, there is a Biblical principal at work here that holds true. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. The rewards reaped from a generous life extend far beyond just financial returns.

3. Make savings a priority in your budget. Savings doesn't usually just happen - it needs to be planned. Save for specific goals (car, down-payment on a home, college, vacations, retirement, etc.) as well as for un-

foreseen expenses. For retirement savings, take advantage of employer sponsored retirement plans and Individual Retirement Accounts. Start as early as possible to take advantage of the power of compounding.

4. Avoid consumer debt, especially credit cards. You will almost certainly spend more if routinely using credit cards rather than only spending money you already have. Instead of borrowing for things you want, save ahead and buy only what you can afford in cash. Instead of borrowing for college, actively seek out scholarships, and combined with any assistance you get from your family, work your way through.

5. If or when you own a home, consider a 15-year mortgage instead of 30-years. The payment on a 15-year mortgage will of course be quite a bit higher than on a 30-year mortgage, but you will pay significantly less in interest over the life of the loan.

6. Develop daily disciplines like Bible study, healthy eating, and exercise. You may ask what does this have to do with finances. Actually, quite a bit. Disciplines in one area tend to spill over into other areas of life, plus the Bible is loaded with financial wisdom.

7. As you get established, make sure you have a will and have adequate insurance coverage in place.

8. Have written goals - You are far more likely to be successful if you have a plan to get there.

9. Invest in yourself - learning should be a lifetime endeavor and doesn't always have to be in a formal classroom setting. It can be as simple as reading several books each year. By investing in yourself, you become more valuable to the marketplace increasing your earning power.

10. Strive for balance in life, realizing that life is not just about possessions. Keep 1 Timothy 6:17 in mind which instructs us not to put our hope in wealth, but to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Barry Case is CFO of Christian Investors Financial

## Families Make the Difference

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. When a child's family is not able to provide that for a child, a foster family can.

In Missouri a foster parent

- must be at least 21 years of age
- may be single or married
- must complete training and licensing process (offered at no charge through MBCH Children & Family Ministries)

You can make a difference by becoming "family" for a hurting child.

MBCH Children and Family Ministries is an affiliate of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home

For more information, call (816) 795-8878 or visit [www.mbch.org](http://www.mbch.org)



## Developing an Entrepreneurial Spirit

Does your work matter?

To develop your entrepreneurial spirit, your first priority is to understand if, and how, it matters.

For decades there has been a schism that has plagued entrepreneurial men and women as they go about their business. The schism is that what entrepreneurs and people in business do is second class to the people who are doing the work of full time ministry. We have failed to see that ministry is in fact fulfilling any assignment that the Lord has given us whether it is on full-time ministry org chart or in the workplace.

Everyone's work is important to God as they labor in God's will regardless of the sphere of influence—Media, Gov-

ernment, Family, Celebration, Religion, Education, and the Economy—all have the same invitation to bring impact in their particular sphere of society. Every man and woman working in their place of assignment can bring glory to God, and we ought to. It comes when we embrace our callings and shed the guilt when there is none to be had.

Jesus was a carpenter. God worked to create the earth. Be encouraged to understand that there is a reason you enjoy your work as Jesus did. Many of you have an entrepreneurial spirit; you love to put deals together and develop property or invest in startups.

When your vision is aligned with the relieving reality of how important your entrepreneurial work is to God, you are



### LINDA FIELDS

Director of The Joseph Company

### workmatters

commissioned to do it with all of your heart and all of your skill as holy work. Embrace the validation that you are not a second class citizen in God's kingdom. Begin to pray about your ideas, speak them out with greater confidence and imagine the possibilities with God. Ponder what He has in mind for your entrepreneurial drive. Next month we will explore some of the exciting outlets or expressions for your spirit of entrepreneurship. Until then, remember, your work matters to God.

Now you can get down to business.

Linda Fields, is Director of The Joseph Company.

Learn more about developing your personal vision for significant impact through The Joseph Company events.

visit [Ihopkc.org/josephcompany](http://Ihopkc.org/josephcompany)

## Why Wise Families Plan

To learn why visit [www.lewislivingtrust.com](http://www.lewislivingtrust.com)

## FREE Estate Planning Seminar

Avoid Probate • Maximize Your Tax Protection  
• Preserve Family Harmony

NO COST  
NO OBLIGATION  
**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 25**



Bill Lewis



Let me make the *best* of your time.

## Alan R. Jones, CPA

406 N. Foxridge Drive  
Raymore, MO

816-331-2232

[alanjonescpa@hotmail.com](mailto:alanjonescpa@hotmail.com)

Member  
AICPA



For reservations call: 816-524-3200  
[LewisLivingTrust.com](http://LewisLivingTrust.com) • 700 NE Langsford Rd., Lee's Summit



# opinion

metrovoice@kcweb.net

SHARE YOUR OPINION WITH US. IT'S EASY!

dwight@metrovoicenews.com • twitter.com/metrovoice

facebook.com/metrovoicenews

metro  
VOICE

## PUBLISHERS

Dwight & Anita Widaman

## MANAGING EDITOR



Dwight  
Widaman

Dwight@metrovoicenews.com

## COMMUNITY EVENTS EDITOR



Anita  
Widaman

Metrovoicecalendar@gmail.com

## EDITORIAL SUPPORT

Layout & Design: Joe Boothe

Proofreading: Alan Goforth

Reviews: Marie Asner, D.C. Jeanes,

Phil Boatright; Contributing Editors:

Lee Hartman, Jack Cashill, Stephanie Boothe

Metro Voice © 2014, is an award-winning newspaper published monthly by Widaman Communications, Inc. MV is available primarily by mailed, bulk and subscription distribution to the congregations of 700 churches, colleges, bookstores, libraries, businesses and other locations. Complimentary distribution is available as a service to the community. Individual subscriptions are available for a donation of \$25 per year. Postage is First Class. Written materials submitted to MV become property of Widaman Communications. The content of this publication, including all stories, advertising or other graphic symbols, may not be reproduced in any way, shape or form for commercial purposes or added to any web site without the express permission of Widaman Communications. Advertising in MV is open to anyone wishing to reach the Christian community. MV reserves the right to refuse any advertising deemed unsuitable.

Metro Voice is a charter member of the Christian Newspaper Association, Fellowship of Christian Newspapers, Midwest Christian Media Association. Evangelical Press Association



## MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 1114

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

## OFFICES

816.524.4522 | Fax: 816.282.0010  
email: dwight@metrovoicenews.com

Calendar:

metrovoicecalendar@gmail.com

Web: metrovoicenews.com

facebook.com/metrovoicenews

twitter.com/metrovoice

## The non-Christians' favorite Bible verse



RICK  
MCDANIELL

Senior pastor at the Richmond Community Church and author

## viewpoint

The recent Phil Robertson Duck Dynasty controversy brought it up again. Bill O'Reilly quoted it on Fox News; Don Lemon quoted it on CNN. The favorite verse of the Bible referenced in the public sphere is Matthew 7:1, "Judge not, lest you be judged." The Bible's most misinterpreted, misused and misunderstood scripture verse is once again in the forefront of our public discourse.

What makes the verse so important is it teaches a crucial truth about human relationships. If this verse is used incorrectly much damage can occur and people can get unnecessarily hurt. Jesus teaches a very important and helpful

principle which is there is a crucial balance between harmful judgmentalism and necessary judging.

Judgmentalism is when we condemn others. Jesus uses the imagery of a speck of wood in your friend's eye versus a log in your own eye (v. 3-5). The message is vivid, shocking and ludicrous. Before you judge someone else for their small imperfection make sure you first have dealt with your own big imperfection. While condemning others we don't see our own shortcomings. We can judge visible sins like adultery or cheating but minimize less visible sins like envy or gossip. We may even point out the faults of others to shift the focus from our own sin.

Judging and condemning are always easy to do but they are not our job. It is hypocritical to see the sins of others but not our own judgmental attitude. When we have such an attitude we have forced out love. Judgmentalism invites retaliation and hinders fellowship. Many times we may know only part of the story and we certainly do not know a person's motives. The non-Christian will bristle at a condemning attitude almost every time. Love has won

**"The opposite extreme of judgmentalism is naïve acceptance of anything."**



over many people, condemnation has won over very few.

The opposite extreme of judgmentalism is naïve acceptance of anything. Right after Jesus talks about specks and logs he talks about dogs and pigs (v. 6). His point is animals can't discern what is of value. The early church used this verse to teach judgment in whether someone was in fact a true believer. There is a place for necessary judging. Judging is the exercise of critical thinking and it is needed on occasion. In fact Jesus said in John 7:24, "Don't judge by appearances, judge by what is right." Jesus is telling us we should express our opinion on right and wrong, truth and lies, good and evil.

Judging is using wise discernment. Some quote Matthew 7:1 to denounce anyone who would expose the sins, short-

comings or error of others. If in the public realm a Christian leader speaks out about moral behavior or even simply answers a media question he or she may be charged with judging. It is ironic in judging someone for judging, you are in fact judging him or her!

We are not to judge on appearances or hearsay. In order to properly judge, correct or discipline all the facts must be available and evaluated. With proper discernment we can make appropriate judgments. We cannot fail to make essential distinctions between right and wrong simply because we fear the accusation of judging.

People make judgments every single day. The idea we should not judge is simply unrealistic. The better question is what is the standard for judging. For a Christ-fol-

■ See JUDGEMENT page 10

## Why Hobby Lobby must prevail in court



STAR  
PARKER

Author and president of Center for Urban Renewal and Education

## myopinion

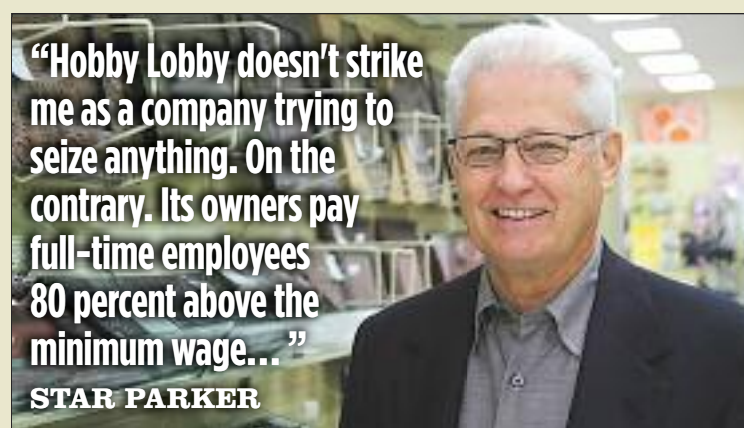
Senior advisor to President Obama, Valerie Jarrett, wrote for the White House blog and The Huffington Post that, "A Woman's Health Care Decisions Should Be in Her Own Hands, Not Her Boss's." I couldn't agree more.

Odd then that the administration is trying to insert bosses, many of them against their deeply held religious beliefs, into the private health care decisions of women. Jarrett writes that, "The ACA (Affordable Care Act) was designed to ensure that health care decisions are made between a woman and her doctor, and not by her boss, or Washington politicians."

In fact, the administration has done the opposite. It has forced employers to act as middlemen between women and their doctors by forcing them to participate in providing four potentially life ter-

**"Hobby Lobby doesn't strike me as a company trying to seize anything. On the contrary. Its owners pay full-time employees 80 percent above the minimum wage..."**

STAR PARKER



Hobby Lobby founder and CEO David Green

minating drugs and the whole gamut of FDA-approved contraceptives, even when they object on religious grounds. And then it thrust the issue right into the portfolio of Washington politicians by making it an election wedge issue, by using it to stoke partisan bickering, and by peddling lies about a "war on women."

Look no further than the Little Sisters of the Poor, the first of the non-profit plaintiffs to reach the Supreme Court to know that the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate hurts women. Their complaint is proof that women are not some monolithic block robotically reac-

ing affirmatively anytime the administration tacks the word "reproduction" onto a controversy.

Jarrett went on to write:

"A group of for-profit companies are currently suing to gain the right to deny employees access to coverage for birth control and contraceptive care, which are used by the overwhelming majority of American women in their lifetimes. Among the first cases to reach the Supreme Court is one filed by Hobby Lobby, an arts and crafts chain whose owners want to be able to take the option for birth control benefits away from their employees."

The fact is, however, Hobby Lobby, which employs 25,000 people, already covers and will continue to cover 16 out of the 20-FDA approved contraceptives mandated by HHS. The only four forms of contraception not covered are the four, which the government itself concedes can act to prevent implantation.

The owners of Hobby Lobby, the Green family, are Christians who cannot violate their religious beliefs by being complicit in the destruction of human life, at any stage. The government has already exempted--for commercial and other reasons--over 100 million Americans from having to comply.

Imagine the gall of asking the government to be exempt from a policy that requires employers to facilitate those drugs because of religious objections. But according to Jarrett, that's not gall, that's trying to "seize a controlling interest over the health care choices of women."

Hobby Lobby doesn't strike me as a company trying to seize anything. On the contrary. Its owners pay full-time employees 80 percent above the minimum wage, they close all stores on Sundays, and they offer medical benefits such as an on-site free clinic at its headquarters.

For the same reasons the Greens can-

■ See HOBBY LOBBY page 10



# Black History: State of affairs and state of mind



**HAKIM HAZIM**

Founder of Relevant Now and Cofounder of Freedom Squared

## viewpoint

### A challenge to renew our focus

It's impossible to listen to commentary about the state of affairs concerning black America and not form an opinion. This will not be your typical article on black history. I'm going to take a different approach, one that attempts to point out an empirical thing that we can remedy as a people still striving to fulfill the promise of the God we serve in Christ and the dreams our ancestors had for us. By using the definition above I'll attempt to provide some clarity by defining institution as a state of mind, and I'll call for an exodus away from the mindset. We cannot continue to look to institutions, no matter how evolved, for answers.

The primary function of any type of institution is to govern in some form. People

conditioned by institutions of any type look to the authorities and seek guidance, counsel, permission and ultimately favor from the leaders. We were brought here as powerless people, and we were liberated by the bold actions of abolitionists, a president of conviction and the blood of countless soldiers. During the Civil Rights Movement, we compelled the government to give us equal treatment. In short we were reformers of the status quo, not dependent on it. In our battle to secure rights and privileges from the institution of government, we, especially as Christians, must ask ourselves if we have become dependent on it. The institution has helped us, but it is not our liberator.

I was once privileged to sit in on a training by Tom Pomeranz who once said, "An institution is not a place; it's a state of mind." During the training he spoke of institutions in a profound way -- as a way of thinking and acting by the people who depend on it and those who provide services and instruction to those they are entrusted with. These three characteristics were evident:

1. Belief in segregation (Certain people should be kept away from others.)
2. Belief in limiting choice (Certain people can't handle decision making.)
3. Belief in limiting privacy (A mindset



**"In our battle to secure rights and privileges from the institution of government, we, especially as Christians, must ask ourselves if we have become dependent on it."**

that encourages and tolerates intrusion.)

I cringed when I heard these words. I knew it to be true. In some ways we were all institutionalized in regards to our thinking regardless of race. But slavery had a profound impact on blacks traumatizing generations to come. It scarred the soul of the oppressor and oppressed. Martin

Luther King attacked the institutions of the day that promoted the belief in segregation, limiting choice and violating the most

basic private rights of our people. The government upheld and codified these approaches into law and enforced them with vicious brutality.

I am thankful this is no longer the case, but I lament the current state of affairs so many Black are disproportionately ensnared in poverty, fatherlessness, addiction and skyrocketing incarceration rates. The statistics stagger the mind and stoke the compassion and anger of any person with character. I'm thankful that many good people are working to remedy these things, but we have a long way to go.

One final note for all believers, the institution of government is asserting itself by limiting choice, violating privacy and segregating people along political lines, creed and dividing by race (covertly). This approach has accelerated since 9/11 and after the financial crisis of 2008, it went to another level. There seems to be no end in sight. However, I am looking to a kingdom not fashioned by the hands of men to empower me. How about you? I invite you to renew your focus.

*Hakim Hazim is the founder of Relevant Now and Cofounder of Freedom Squared. He is a nationally recognized expert in decision analysis, criminality and security.*

## Commit to serve those affected by abortion

by **Jama Edlund**

The observance of Sanctity of Human Life month in January heightened our awareness about the good works being done for the glory of the Lord in pregnancy resource centers, adoption and foster care agencies, and maternity homes. White crosses, life chains, and marches sent a message to passive observers that life is sacred and babies should be given the opportunity to experience life outside of the womb.

As we volunteer our time and open our checkbooks to bolster ministries supporting women and men in crisis pregnancies, let's not fail to acknowledge and help those who bear hidden wounds related to abortion. Statistics tell us that 55,000,000 babies have been lost to abortion since it was legalized. But think about the millions who have been touched by this decision.

Abortion not only takes the life of the baby, it wounds the life of the mother, father and others connected with them. Many in our neighborhoods and workplaces secretly live with abortion-related guilt, shame, regret and loss. In fact, 1 in 6 women in our churches have had an abortion and work especially hard to hide this reality.



**The population of the states in red represent the number of lives that have been lost to abortion since it became legal in 1973.**

*Jama Edlund is director of Ministry Service for If Not For Grace Ministries. INFg offers a safe, confidential place to share the pain abortion has caused. Experience God's transformational grace! Contact them at [www.infg.org](http://www.infg.org).*

## JUDGEMENT

continued from page 9

lower the Bible is the authority for right and wrong. We judge not based on our own opinions but rather based on God's opinion.

Balance is always a challenge to achieve. Christ followers who are condemning and judgmental have done great harm. There

are many who will not darken the door of a church or listen to a message from a Christian leader because of the hurt they have experienced. It does the cause of Christ no good if people feel condemned by those who should love them. On the other hand truth must be proclaimed. A Christ follower cannot be fearful to speak about right and wrong. To be intimidated, to be marginalized, to be silenced for

speaking the truth can never be tolerated. Properly interpreting Matthew 7:1, understanding its balanced message and applying it consistently is needed in the church, communities and culture.

*Rick McDaniel is the senior pastor of Richmond Community Church in Richmond, Va., and [highimpactchurch.tv](http://highimpactchurch.tv). He is the author of *Comeback: Overcoming The Setbacks In Your Life*.*

## HOBBY LOBBY

continued from page 9

an on-site free clinic at its headquarters.

For the same reasons the Greens cannot be party to four life-terminating drugs, they cannot deprive their workers of a decent wage, a day of rest, and access to good health care. And that reason would be their Christian faith.

The government should be ashamed of its treatment of Hobby Lobby. The Obama administration has dragged a respectable company owned by principled people into the town square for a verbal and legal tar and feathering, solely because of their religious beliefs.

Right now, the legal opposition to the HHS mandate--led by the lawyers at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty--is the

largest class-action religious liberty lawsuit in American history. The number of plaintiffs is 300 and growing by the day.

In trying to legally squeeze out those family businesses owned by people who conduct their affairs according to moral and religious principles, the government's behavior begs the question: What controlling interest are they after?

*Star Parker is an author and president of*

Missouri Right to Life  
"Show Me Life"  
Pro-Life Action Day 2014

Missouri State Capitol  
Jefferson City, MO

Tuesday, March 11, 2014



*You can help good things happen!*

- Come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation.
- **Priority Legislation:** stricter abortion clinic inspections; preventing taxes from funding embryonic stem cell research & human cloning.
- Registration at 9:00 a.m. at Selinger Center, next to St. Peter Church. After 10:00 a.m., registration also in the 1st floor Capitol Rotunda.
- Lobby your legislators before and after the Noon Rally.
- Join the Noon Rally at the Capitol Rotunda.

Give witness to your commitment to *Life!*

STAND UP 4 LIFE  
STUDENT ACTION DAY 2014  
will be held in conjunction  
with Pro-Life Action Day.

For information or to register for Student Action Day, contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110, email [righttolife@missourilife.org](mailto:righttolife@missourilife.org), or visit [missourilife.org](http://missourilife.org).

~ Sponsored by ~



B.O. Box 651  
Jefferson City MO 65101





In any endeavor of life, failure to plan is planning to fail. This is especially true when it comes to a group retreat. The timeline for retreat promotion and registration may be several months. Below is a sample timeline:

**Four months:** Church establishes a “Camp Coordinator.” The coordinator will want to ask for volunteers to be responsible for the areas of finances, registration, promotion, program, site selection, food, etc. There is truth to the sentence: Many hands make light work. Leaders need to remember when asking people to serve that the benefit to serving is the personal relationships that develop within the church.

**Three months:** Retreat centers website such as Tall Oaks has a promotional kit on line for their groups to use for newsletter articles and bulletin inserts. Coordinator needs to publish dates early so families can schedule their vacations around the retreat. The youth coordinator needs to host a meeting with parents to provide financial deadlines and early bird discounts, camp schedule, travel details, etc. and provide time for parents to ask questions. A youth coordinator needs to be sure that financial guidelines are clear and offer incentives to register early. Leaders need to promote retreats on social media such as facebook and twitter.



Promotion needs to be unpredictable and colorful!

**Two months:** On a Sunday morning or in Sunday school class, have past attendees share their personal testimonies concerning retreat experience from previous year. This will increase interest and increase the possibility of donations of scholarship money. Pictures are worth a million words. The promotion leader may ask past attendees to email pictures of the previous retreat or camp to the coordinator to organize a power point slide presentation for viewing before, during or after the service. The coordinator needs to make a special effort to personally invite stu-

dents or adults. This can make all the difference in their decision to come.


**One month:** The registration leader may organize a "Retreat/Camp Sunday" including a church member who is a notary on hand to finalize registrations. The leader may also organize a pancake breakfast or a baked potato luncheon on that day to provide awareness for others to pray for the students who are to attend camp.

**One Week After:** Ask students to share about their experience at camp. Fellow members and parents will be much more willing the following year to support you in your efforts when seeing students' lives changed and enthusiasm!



Looking for a unique, country setting for your next family, faith-based, or corporate event? This private Country Estate is a great place to stay for a few hours, or for several days! Rest, relax and recreate with a playground for children, a patio/dance floor, fitness area, and games for all ages. Be prepared to be inspired by the awe of a Kansas sunset over the Flint Hills. Call for a tour.

**785-272-3086**



**COURTNEY LORENZ**  
Director of Marketing  
and Media  
Development, Midwest  
Christian Retreats

## viewpoint

## Targeting the “Media” Generation

When asked what do I do at Midwest Christian Retreats, I respond with "I am in media development". The question that follows 99.9 percent of the time is "What is media development?" To me, that shouldn't even be a question. But I have grown up in a social media world and most of the time I forget that social media isn't part of everyone's vocabulary.

Social media has grown rapidly in the past few years. I can't remember a time when I wasn't on a computer of some sort. And now, we have so many options to tap into the social media world. It is hard (for me) to believe that there is still a percent of people who don't even know what social media is.

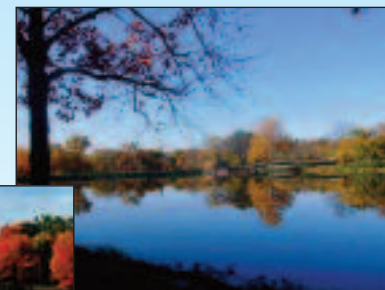
With social media growing, many event planners have been taking ad-

■ See SOCIAL MEDIA page 12

*Whatever the season...*  
*Lake Doniphan*

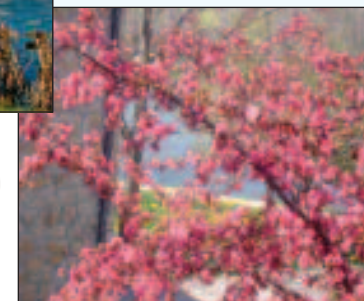
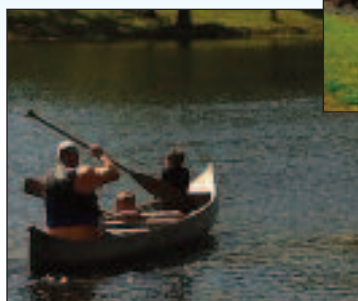


## Conference and Retreat Center



Rest, relax, connect...

Learn, plan, grow...



**816-630-1523**



**www.lakedoniphan.com**



# Retreats effective way to reach teens with Gospel

by **Maddie Quick**

Sports teams, homework, piano lessons, chores, and tests... The list of pressures that teens face seems to grow longer by the day, while the fillers of "down time," like video games and media, keep most teens plugged in constantly! It is hard to find a student who knows how to slow down and rest. Youth retreats are crucial events for a pastor or ministry leader to plan, because they force students to stop, unplug from technology and their active lives, and rest. A weekend away gives students important time to step away from their everyday demands, and focus on Christ. A great retreat center

has activities and amenities that draw students in and encourage them to sign up, but the real heart of a youth retreat comes during worship sessions, small-group time, Bible studies and one-on-one conversations that a weekend away calls for. Seasonal retreats bring about high points in a student's busy schedule. Retreating and refocusing, students tune into the word of God in a way that is hard for them to do when surrounded by so many daily distractions. It is amazing how much a student can



soak in during just one weekend away from the norm.

Believe it or not, planning a youth retreat is simple and fun! Retreat coordinators make it their goal to handle the details, while the youth pastors and ministry sponsors get quality time with the students. One of the best parts of my job as a Retreat Coordinator is getting to serve and minister to the group leaders and

youth retreat from the first phone call until their departure home.

God uses youth retreats in a big way and these opportunities are a great outreach tool as well. Students who may be too scared to step through the doors of a church can dive into a youth group for the first time while playing laser tag with friends from back home. The benefits go on and on! I would recommend all youth pastors plan and participate in a yearly or seasonal youth retreat, regardless of how many students are in their youth group. It is amazing to see all that God can do in a weekend!

*Maddie Quick is Guest Services Specialist at Sky Ranch. maddieq@skyranch.org*

## ■ SOCIAL MEDIA

continued from page 11

vantage of what it has to offer their target audiences. Especially when it comes to targeting the younger generation. Social media is a great way to connect on their level and make it a more personal interaction.

As an event planner, there are a few things to remember when using social media as a marketing tool.

Seek out your target audience. You have to go to them. Social media is a great tool to find new and existing audiences. Today, the younger generation doesn't tend to seek out opportunities for retreats. If you seek them out and build a relationship with them, they are more likely to respond. In return, they may even invite their friends to the event as well.

Social media can keep your event alive even after it is over. You can use a blog to post a wrap up of all the key highlights of your event. You can even add links to the presentations or downloadable documents. On your social media sites like Facebook, you can post photos from your event. Social media allows you to create a place for people to discuss what went on at the event with others who attended.

Make sure you listen to what people are saying about your event. You want to keep track of what people liked and what people didn't like. That way, as you are planning your next event, you know what to change.

Another great tool with social media is online surveys. Facebook has a place for polls. These are easy and fun ways to get quick responses or feedback from the people who attended your event. Be prepared for negative comments. People will always have opinions about your event. Make sure you respond to their concerns. You will also get a lot of positive feedback. You can use the positive feedback as a way to promote your next event.

*Excerpt from Courtney Lorenz's Blog at www.midwestchristianretreats.org. Courtney is Director of Marketing and Media Development.*



## Things too hectic? Retreat!

Today so many of us live our lives at a frantic pace in multiple arenas. We scramble from one responsibility to the other, worried, worn and weakened by the demands of daily living. In the midst of our earthly busy-ness and struggle, we yearn for the quiet in the eye of the storm.

"Come to me all you who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28 are an invitation we long to answer and yet the demands of daily living do not make

it easy. With a thousand voices competing for our attention, we as Christians know we need the calming influence of the Prince of Peace. Yet it can be challenging to create moments when we can focus solely on Christ and center ourselves in Him.

One of the most effective methods of centering and re-focusing is the retreat experience. While there are a variety of retreat styles, each is an intentionally carved-out time for the soul with its Cre-



ator. There are individual retreats for those seeking guidance or healing, rest or renewal. There are group retreats to learn, reflect, plan, or strengthen relationships. Christian retreats, however de-

signed, have at their core the opportunity to focus our attention on God and rest in Him.

In retreat, we fast from the pressures and noise of everyday life. We become aware of the peace and beauty of nature around us. We are freed from the superficial. Released from our everyday to-do lists we can simply be and experience the reality of God's love in "the deep hush of the whole soul". In stillness apart from the storms of life, we are renewed in spirit. Our minds are opened to new understandings. Our souls are refreshed and

■ See RETREAT page 13

## Planning men's retreat

by **the Rev. Jaco Hove**

Planning a men's retreat can seem like a daunting task, especially if it's your first time. I've found, however, that if you work with other men, and try not to be too ambitious, you can create something quite meaningful. When planning the beginning of your retreat, remember that it's an important time because it sets the tone.

Throughout the weekend, a nice balance between small- and full-group activities is essential. It can be helpful to have a few meetings of the same small group throughout the weekend so that men can build some closer relationships. In large groups, storytelling, singing, and chanting can be very profound if safety is established and guys can let go and get into

■ See MEN'S page 13

# SKY RANCH CAVE SPRINGS

*The Four State Area's  
Premiere  
Retreat & Conference Center*

◆ Church Retreats

◆ Youth Camps

◆ Business Conferences

◆ Family Gatherings

www.SkyRanchCaveSprings.org | 918.542.1547

**SKY RANCH**  
CAVE SPRINGS - OKLAHOMA

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN YOUR GETAWAY!

*Spring and summer are just around the corner so now is the time to plan your getaway weekend or vacation. And, what better way to relax, have fun and enjoy God's great creation than a leisurely canoe float down a pristine Ozark river. Living Waters Christian Canoe Ministry partners with two church camps to make a great weekend getaway or vacation for your family, church group or Scout troop at family-friendly prices that can't be beat. Check out our website - [www.john738.com](http://www.john738.com) - and see for yourself.*

**Living Waters**

www.JOHN738.COM

**MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS TODAY**

CALL TOLL FREE

**1-877-851-8158**



## ■ RETREAT

continued from page 12

refilled for the journey yet ahead.

In a military context, retreat is an acknowledgement of defeat, a turning back before the enemy and losing ground. In a spiritual context, a retreat is a time of pushing the “pause” button of life in order to regroup and allow God to renew us so that we may continue on in victory.

What did Jesus do in preparation for his earthly ministry? Retreat. (Matthew 4)

What did Jesus do when the demands on Him became a strain? Retreat. (Matthew 14)

What did He advise his disciples to do

when stressed out in ministry? Retreat. (Mark 6)

What did He do the night before his arrest and crucifixion? Retreat. (Matthew 26)

If you or your church group want to develop strong Christian relationships, to grow spiritually as disciples, to seek God's will for your life or your church -- or simply to rest and meditate in His presence -- there is no better way than to retreat!

And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.”

(Mark 6:31)

Brenda O'Dell is director at Lake Doniphan Conference & Retreat Center. [lakedoniphan@yahoo.com](mailto:lakedoniphan@yahoo.com)

## How to plan a retreat of silence

by Alison Smith

One of my favorite things to do during the summer, besides lie by the pool, is to go on a Retreat of Silence (ROS). Before all of the extroverts quit reading because I used the words “retreat” and “silence,” relax and keep reading because I, myself, am an extrovert. In extrovert language, I prefer to call it “Spending the Day with God,” but InterVarsity refers to it as an ROS. It's an extremely helpful way to reflect on the year and see how God has been present and what things he has taught you.

I call mine “Spending the Day with God” because I'm not always silent during mine. And you don't have to be either. The point of an ROS is to set aside an extended period of time to engage with God and rest in him. It does not mean that you have to check yourself into a monastery and take a vow of silence all day (although you can if you'd like and I bet that'd be fabulous). But it is an experience that you plan in order to intentionally connect with God in a more intimate and private way than you normally might.

■ See SILENCE page 22

## ■ MEN'S

continued from page 12

it. Campfires are fun, but have something planned (like a good storyteller with a meaningful story who can lead a discussion) or you run the risk of extroverts dominating in ways that are unproductive.

Other activities you might consider for the retreat include action-oriented ones such as hiking and playing team sports. Following these, you might want to discuss the issue of competition among men. Quieter workshops might include journaling, goal-setting, or discussions related to being a father, husband or son. Retreats are also good times to reflect on the men's programming at your church, or to plan a men-oriented worship service at your congregation.

I always prefer to have a cook who is not participating in the program so all of

the participants can concentrate on the workshops and activities. Then again, cooking together can also be good programming as long as it doesn't take the whole time or adversely affect the group unity by continually pulling some

guys away. I prefer to find a retreat center or camp with nice indoor space as well as a good outdoor environment.

If you have guys younger than 30, it's important to be very intentional about making sure they feel included. It's common for older, more experienced participants to steer the programs or discussions toward mid-life issues; just remember that younger men have different struggles, and they're probably looking to older men for guidance and wisdom. Share your wisdom!



Father/son attendees can be very powerful, unless they start to dominate with their fierce, unexamined issues and turn the retreat into a therapy group. Young sons can be both very welcome and a distraction, depending on many factors, so they are really a wild card.

Leave some time at the end of the retreat to evaluate the whole thing and set in motion a planning team for the next one. Don't be discouraged if only a few come to the first one; some guys need to hear good reports before they'll take the step of committing a whole weekend. So if you've had a good experience, sing it from the mountaintop when you get back to your congregation.

Reprinted from REACH: Religious Education Action Clearing House.

### Conception Abbey

The Benedictine Monks of Conception Abbey welcome over 10,000 guests each year. Whether you come for a personal retreat, directed retreat, workshop, or just to get away we hope that after one visit, you'll never be a stranger to Conception Abbey.

The Abbey Guest Center  
Conception Abbey  
P.O. Box 501  
37174 State Hwy V V  
Conception, MO 64433  
(660) 944-2809  
[guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu)  
[www.conceptionabbey.org](http://www.conceptionabbey.org)



## forest park

**CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER**

\*JUST OFF I-70, MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN

WWW.FORESTPARKRETREAT.COM  
3158 SE 10TH ST, TOPEKA, KS 66607  
785.234.8024

**CALL TODAY!!**

THIS RETREAT CENTER PROVIDES A PEACEFUL, SECLUDED SETTING FOR TRAINING, RENEWAL, REST, RELAXATION AND RECREATION FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF GROUPS!

## A great place for your next...

- Camp
- Retreat
- Conference
- Family reunion
- Banquet
- Educational
- Crafts group

### TALL OAKS CONFERENCE CENTER

Tall Oaks has housing in adult style housing, like the LLC Lodge pictured above, for up to 64 persons in “hotel style” rooms. Also, 5 dormitory cottages will house up to 110.

- Meals of an excellent quality for any type of event. Chef Bill Breen & his staff can prepare anything from kids camp meals to 5 course banquet meals.
- Meeting space and AV equipment to meet your group needs, including wifi in several spaces. Worship spaces.
- Recreational activities on the challenge course, equestrian, wagon rides, archery, hiking trails, and swimming.

12797 189TH St.  
PO Box 116  
Linwood, Ks 66052

913-301-3004  
[administration@talloaks.org](mailto:administration@talloaks.org)  
[www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org)

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## WHERE THE GREATEST EVENTS HAPPEN

AT YMCA TROUT LODGE

WITH OVER 40 ACTIVITIES, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- Archery
- Astronomy
- Campfires
- Canoes
- Fishing
- Frisbee Disc Golf
- Funyaks
- Geocaching
- Golf
- High Ropes Course
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Mini-Golf
- Mud Cave
- Nature Center
- Paddle Boats
- Pontoon Tours
- Riflery
- Sand Volleyball
- Scavenger Hunts
- Shotgun Range
- Tennis
- Tower Climbs
- Zip Lines
- and much more!

1-888-FUN-YMCA

www.troutlodge.org

Find us online!

Visit our online Events Calendar for more information about our themed weeks, weekends, and activities! Non Y members are welcome.



**Kansas City's most complete guide to the events and concerts you want to see!**

# the events calendar

Compiled by Anita Widaman | E-MAIL: metrovoicecalendar@gmail.com

**Family Events, Christian Concerts, Theatre, Youth Events, Meetings, Clubs, Bible Studies, Family Fun, Speakers and More!**



**MAR 16** **THIRD DAY, SKILLET, MANDISA, BRANDON HEATH, PETER FURLER & WE AS HUMAN, LIVE AT THE SPRINT CENTER, 1407 GRAND BLVD., KCMO**

## CONCERTS

**WINTER BLAST CONCERT 2014.** Feb. 1, doors open 5pm, show 6pm. Pisgah Baptist Church, 1.5 miles east of Excelsior Springs on Highway 10. \$3 at the door. Featuring the bands: Don't Know Dorothy (rock, soul, blues) and Sauce Remix (rap) with Special Guest: Overthrow the Pharaoh (pop punk). 816-630-5121.

**JEFF LANE & MADE WORTHY WINTER FELLOWSHIP CONCERT.** February 15, 6:00 PM. Calvary Baptist Church, 900 NW 22nd St., Blue Springs, Mo. 64015. Come on out and enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel Music and Christian fellowship with refreshments and fellowship to follow the concert. One hour program in testimony with the gospel through song. 816-228-5540

**MARK TRAMMEL QUARTET.** Mar. 13, 7pm. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2151 S Jefferson St., Kearney, MO 64060. 816-628-6653.

**THIRD DAY, SKILLET, MANDISA, BRANDON HEATH, PETER FURLER & WE AS HUMAN.** Mar. 16, 7pm. Sprint Center, 1407 Grand Blvd., KCMO 64106. 888-929-7849.

**CHANGE A LIFE TOUR.** Mar. 30, 7pm. Mathewson Exhibition Center, 2503 W 16th St., Sedalia, MO. \$45 (VIP), \$20 (GA), \$25 (door). Featuring Audio Adrenaline & Kutless. 660-826-2160.

**CASTING CROWNS.** Apr. 3, 7pm. Independence Events Cen-

ter, 19100 East Valley View Pkwy, Indep., MO 64055.

**THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY.** Apr. 10, 7pm. Cowen Memorial Auditorium, 7020 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66204. \$15 General Admission Advance Purchase, \$20 General Admission at door. www.kccbs.edu. 816-722-0272.

**THE LEFEVRE QUARTET.** Apr. 10, 7pm. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2151 S Jefferson St., Kearney, MO 64060. 816-628-6653.

**THE FREEMANS.** May 1, 7pm. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2151 S Jefferson St., Kearney, MO 64060. 816-628-6653.

**SWEET SPIRIT & FRIENDS MUSIC OUTREACH.** May 17, food at 6pm, music at 7pm. Moment of Truth Bible Baptist Church, 310 Randolph Rd., Claycomo, MO 64119. Special guests: The Chamber Family. 816-453-7547.

## 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 SAT., 6pm. 341 S. 72nd St., Kansas City, KS 66111. Praise and Worship songs of Zion. 913-334-1009.

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

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

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

**GOSPEL JAMBOREE.** Second Thursday, 7 p.m. Life Christian Center, 1650 E Langsford Road, Lee's Summit, MO. 816-878-4694.

**PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH.** 2nd Sunday, 6 p.m. Pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. Paradise Missouri. 816-591-1020.

## CLASSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES

**ARISE 2014 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.** Through Feb. 2. World Revival Church, 9900 View High Dr., KCMO 64134. Join Pastor Kathy Gray and guest worship leader Catherine Mullins for a powerful women's weekend of LIFE! 816-763-0708.

**INDEPENDENCE UMC SERIES.** Wednesdays through Feb. 26, homemade meal served 5:45-6:30pm for free will offering. Independence First United Methodist Church, 400 W Maple Ave., Indep., MO 64050. "The Dave Test", \$15, A Raw Look at Real Faith in Hard Times. "The Daniel Plan", \$15, This class will help encourage you to get healthy, explore biblical principles for health and unite around a single purpose. 816-863-4662.

**DIVORCE CARE.** Wednesdays through Apr. 16, 6:30pm. Independence First United Methodist Church, 400 W Maple Ave., Indep., MO 64050. \$20. 816-863-4662.

**NO REGRETS MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE.** Feb. 1, 8am-2pm. Simulcast at Westbrooke Church, 9777 Antioch Rd., OPKS 66212. Speakers include: Darrin Patrick, Rod Hattston and Stuary Briscoe. \$15, includes breakfast, lunch & conference MP3 downloads. www.westbrookechurch.org

**"DRIVING RISK AWARENESS FOR TEENS AND PARENTS" WORKSHOP.** Feb. 2, 10-11:45am. Jewish Community Campus, 5801 W 115th St., OPKS. This program is open to ninth and tenth grade students and their parents. Workshop is free, but reservations are required. 913-327-8259.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY.** Feb. 4, 10am. Gateway Church, 5600 Woods Chapel Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015. A rare daytime class for those night workers. No childcare will be provided. 816-229-6454.

**PRAYER SCHOOL WITH DR. LARRY LEA.** Feb. 4 & 11, 6:45-8pm. Christ Triumphant, 401 NE Chipman Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. Free. 816-524-6120.



**FEB 14-15**

**THE ART OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

**AVOID PROBATE SEMINARS.** Feb. 6 & 25, 7pm. Lewis Living Trust Center, 700 NE Langsford Rd., Lee's Summit, MO. Free. 816-524-3200.

**A "NITE OUT" WITH DR. CYNTHIA HALE.** Feb. 7, 7pm. New Vision Christian Church, 9101 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO 64138. Featuring MOKAN Choir. 816-761-7129.

**ACQUIRE THE FIRE.** Feb. 7-8. Municipal Auditorium, 301 W. 13th St., KCMO. Featuring The City Harmonic, Rapture Ruckus, Silverline, Ron Luce & Kental Glasgow. 1-888-909-3473.

**JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL PEACE.** Beginning Feb. 9, 2-3:30pm Sundays. Pisgah Baptist Church, 1.5 miles east of Excelsior Springs on Highway 10. 9-week video course. \$90 per person or per married couple. 816-630-5121.

**MISSIONARY & EVANGELIST MICHAEL LUSK.** Feb. 9, 10:30am & 6pm. Heart of America Ministries, 7600 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO 64138. 816-356-6380.

**FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP MEETING.** Feb. 13, 7-8:30pm. Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nall Ave., Mission, KS. Cori Phelps will cover general information on using essential oils for pain relief. 913-384-4673.

**MARRIAGE REJUVENATION.** Feb. 14-16. Hosted by New Life in Christ International Ministries. Saturday & Sunday Speakers: Apostle Roger & Prophetess Maxine Gushway.

■ calendar continued on next page

The PERFECT PLACE for your family to watch the movie

# SON OF GOD

From the directors of the acclaimed TV series The Bible!

See it with your family beginning Feb. 28 at...

THE 8 BLUE SPRINGS THEATRE

You've been waiting for the perfect movie to bring your family, friends, Sunday school class, home school kids, sharing group and certainly those who need Jesus in their hearts. Wait no further. In 2014 THIS is THE Movie!

**We know families. We know movies!**

For show times call: 816-224-0500

Easily accessible from the entire Metro just north of I-70

1901 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64015

www.bluesprings8theatre.com



Dedicated to bringing you faith-based, inspirational and family friendly movies. Ask about our Seniors and Kids movies too!

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS**

**THE BIG BUPKIS!**

**A COMPLETE GENTILE'S GUIDE TO YIDDISH VAUDEVILLE**

Shane Bertram Baker

March 8 at 7:30 pm

March 9 at 2:00 pm

Visiting Artist Series

WHITE THEATRE

For Tickets Call 913-327-8054 or Online at jcckc.org/bigbupkis

**100 MORE**



www.nlicin.net.

**THE ART OF MARRIAGE.** Feb. 14-15, 6:30p Fri., 8:30am, Sat. Pleasant Hill First Baptist Church, 125 N. Armstrong. This conference has been a catalyst for thousands in restoring, healing and strengthening their marriages in every season and situation. Demonstrate your commitment to each other by investing and fighting for your marriage. 816-540-5872.

**GOOD NEWS CLUB TEAM ORIENTATION TRAINING.** Feb. 15, 9am-4pm (8:30am registration begins. Lunch provided.), \$6 (pay at door). 816-358-1138.

**THE MARRIAGE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED.** Feb. 15, 8:30am-3:30pm, doors open at 8:15am. Olathe Bible Church, 13700 West 151st St., Olathe, KS. \$35/person. Delve into the facets of marriage with expert and best-selling author Dr. Gary Chapman. 913-764-8280.

**WORDSOWERS 2014 WRITERS CONFERENCE.** Feb. 28 - Mar. 1. Grace Reformed Church, 5151 N 93rd St., Omaha, NB. www.wordsowers.blogspot.com

**16TH ANNUAL MIDWEST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & COLLEGE EXPO.** Mar. 1, 9:30am-2pm. Colonial Presbyterian Church, KCMO. 100 schools & organizations. 816-524-4522.

**RECONCILIATION WEEKEND.** Mar. 21-23. Spon. by If Not For Grace. 816-847-2911.

**KC PROPHETIC SCHOOL OF THE SEERS.** Mar. 6-9. Christ Triumphant, 401 NE Chipman Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64063. Featuring Kevin Basconi and other speakers. www.Kingof-GloryMinistries.org for registration and info. 816-524-6120.



**FEB 13** 12TH ANNUAL KANSANS FOR LIFE "VALENTINE" BANQUET

**2014 STAINED CONFERENCE.** Mar. 7-8. Cross Points Church, 6824 Lackman Rd., Shawnee, KS 66217. Speakers: Nick Adams, Chris Anderson & Marty Darracott. A targeted youth conference geared towards empowering & encouraging youth to pursue righteousness at all cost. Late Registration (after Feb. 1): \$20 per person. 913-205-9868.

**MOVING FORWARD CONFERENCE:** Personal Vision for Significant Impact. March 14-16. Discover your mountain of influence. Embrace your mantle of leadership. Fulfill your mandate in the workplace. Interna-

tional House of Prayer University (IHOPU) 12901 S. US Highway 71, Grandview. (816) 763-0200 x.2173

**WHOLE HEART GIRLS CONFERENCE.** Mar. 29. Olathe Christian Church, 1115 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66062. Main Speaker: The Sonflowerz. Whole Heart seeks to restore our "whole heart". We want to help our teenage girls imagine a future where they are restored and made new again. 913-782-3041.

**WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE: LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE IN A HOSTILE WORLD.** Apr. 3. Hannibal LaGrange University, Hannibal, MO. Speakers include Janice Crouse, Bob McEwen, Kerry Messer, John Yeats, Ron Phillips, Justin Mosher, and Don Hinkle. Spon. by Mo Baptists, Christian Life Commission, and The Pathway. www.mobaptist.org/world-view

**KATHY TRICCOLI'S HOPE'S ALIVE WEEKEND CONFERENCE.** Apr. 4, 7-8:30pm & Apr. 5, 9am-12:30pm. Olathe Bible Church, 13700 W. 151st, Olathe, KS 66062. During this weekend, women will experience Tricoli in concert Friday night, then periods of worship, comedy, prayer, encouragement, and more on Saturday. 913-764-8280.

**4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS AND LAITY.**

April 9 - 10. Ottawa University, 1001 S Cedar St, Ottawa, KS 66067. Featuring Reverend Jacqueline L. Saxon. No cost to pastors or member of the laity. See ad for topics. Spon. by Fredrikson Center for Faith and Church Vitality. www.ottawa.edu/norwoodjones

**JR. CYIA TRAINING.** Apr. 21 & May 2-3. For students entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2014. Jr. CYIA students commit to a minimum of serving for two weeks of 5-Day Clubs in their local area (during the time frame of June 23-Aug. 8). Spon. by Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Greater KC Area. 816-358-1138.

## SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

**"MCA: A GENERATION SOARING UPWARD."** Feb. 6, 6pm. Cross Points Church, 6824 Lackman Rd., Shawnee, KS. 66217. It is open to the public and anyone who might be interested in attending Maranatha in the fall. 913-631-0638.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP.** Feb. 6, 10-11:30am. Heritage Christian Academy, 16000 South Black Bob Rd., Olathe, KS 66062. 913-782-3262.

**BENEVOLENCE CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION.** Feb. 8,

6:30-8:30pm. Gleason Campus, 7825 Gleason Rd, Shawnee, KS 66227. Music by: Up Past 9, Ben and Isaiah Gum, Zach Burch, Bryan Caswell, and Meghan Dailey. Proceeds go to the Mill Creek Community Church Benevolence Fund to support families in need within our community. 913-441-4444.

**LOVE'S OUTREACH FOOD DISTRIBUTION.** Feb. 8, 11am-12:30pm. Church on the Rock Outreach Center, 1700 SW Market St., Lee's Summit, MO. Free food for families in need. Valid ID and proof of residency required to participate. www.cotroc.org or 816-246-7625.

**12TH ANNUAL KANSANS FOR LIFE ANNUAL "VALENTINE" BANQUET.** Feb. 13, 5pm Silent Auction & Social Time, 6:30 Seating & 7pm Banquet and Program. Ritz Charles, 137th & Antioch, OPKS. Free-Will Offering. www.kfl.org. 923-642-5433.

**WOMEN'S GATHERING.** Feb. 21, 7-9pm. Westbrooke Church, 9777 Antioch Rd., OPKS. Popcorn Buffet! Fun! Fellowship! 913-888-4750.

**LOVE'S OUTREACH COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN PLEASANT HILL.** Feb. 22, 9am-10am. Cass Co. Fair-

■ calendar continued on next page

— The Best —  
Fine Dining Experience  
on Wheels

**Kansas Belle**  
DINNER TRAIN

TAKE A NOSTALGIC TRIP  
BACK TO THE 1940'S.

Whether it's a romantic Saturday night or a casual Sunday afternoon with the family, you'll experience beautiful scenery on a round trip departing from the Baldwin City Depot. You may also enjoy an optional murder mystery, WWII USO show or a melodrama.

By Reservation 785-594-8505 | 1-800-942-7245  
kansasbelle.com

**BOYS TOWN**  
Nebraska/Nebraska

"WE JOINED THE TOWN AND GAVE MICHAEL HIS FIRST REAL HOME."

**Family-Teaching Couples Help Kids Picture a Better Life**

**Boys Town Offers:**

- Extensive training and support
- \$50,400/year plus excellent benefits package
- Rent free, utilities paid, and company vehicle
- Nationally recognized program
- The opportunity to change the lives of youth
- Earn college credit while you work

For more information visit [boystown.org/careers](http://boystown.org/careers) or contact [btrecruiter@boystown.org](mailto:btrecruiter@boystown.org) today!

Join the TOWN

# STÖRLING

## DANCE THEATER

# UNDERGROUND

See the story about America  
where GOD is the hero!

"Top 10 of the Decade!"  
- The Independent

"Top 10 of the Year!"  
- Kansas City Star

**February 7-8, 2014**  
7:30pm

**Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts**  
Downtown Kansas City, MO

For tickets call the Kauffman Center  
(816) 994-7222 or

[www.storlingdance.org](http://www.storlingdance.org)



grounds, 308 W. Commercial, Pleasant Hill, MO. Free food for families in need. Valid ID & proof of residency required to participate. Free and open to the public. [www.cotroc.org](http://www.cotroc.org) or 816-246-7625.

**“SHOW ME LIFE” PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY 2014.** Mar. 11. Registration at 9am at Selinger Center, next to St. Peter Church. After 10am, registration also in the 1st floor Capitol Rotunda. Encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation. Stand Up 4 Life Student Action Day 2014 will be held in conjunction with Pro-Life Action Day. 573-635-5110.

**FATHER & DAUGHTER PURITY BALL.** Mar. 22, 5-9pm. Abundant Life Baptist Church, 414 SW Persels, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. \$20 per person. In this special event, the goal is to exhort Fathers to protect their daughters' purity, of heart and body. We hope that young ladies will see that true beauty and true purity comes when trusting in the work of Jesus Christ He washes all sin away! 816-566-0480.

**“ART EVENT AT KCC”: KANSAS CITY'S PREMIER CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS.** Apr. 25-26. Kansas City Christian School, 79th St., just west of Roe in Prairie Village. 30+ artists will be exhibiting and selling original works of art. A portion of proceeds will benefit Kansas City Christian School. 913-648-5227.

**11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.** May 16. Eagles' Landing Golf Course, Belton, MO. Benefits Missouri Right to Life Western Region. 816-353-4113

## FINE ARTS

**IMPRESSIONIST FRANCE: VISIONS OF NATION LE GRAY TO MONET.** Through Feb. 9. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak St., KCMO 64111. Experience the pleasure and excitement of traveling through mid-19th century France; from Paris to the countryside, the top of Mont Blanc to the Mediterranean. Featuring 125 key paintings and photographs from thirty-six major museums. 816-751-1321.

**ROMEO AND JULIET.** Through Feb. 9. Spencer Theatre, 4949 Cherry St., KCMO 64110. 816-235-1453.

**ALL SINATRA.** Through Feb. 23. Quality Hill Playhouse, 303 W 10th St., KCMO 64105. A tribute to the man and the legend in the cabaret revue. 816-421-1700.

**C.S. LEWIS' THE GREAT DIVORCE.** Feb. 1, 4pm & 7:30pm. Kauffman Theatre, 1601 Broadway, KCMO 64108. 816-994-7200.

**HARRIET TUBMAN IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FREEDOM.** Feb. 2-22. Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Rd., KCMO. The audience sees scenes from Harriet's childhood, her escape from slavery, her adventures helping other slaves to freedom, and finally her elder years as an eloquent speaker for anti-slavery and women's rights rallies in the North. 816-460-2020.

**ANNIE.** Feb. 6, 10am (School Day) & 7pm (Family Day); Feb. 7, 10am (School Day) & 7pm; Feb. 8, 2pm & 7pm; Feb. 9, 1pm & 4pm. [www.cytkc.org](http://www.cytkc.org), 913-681-3318.

**SARAH KIM.** Feb. 7, 7:30pm. Liberty Chapel, Calvary Bible College, 15790 Elmwood, KCMO 64147. Free admission to violin recital. 816-322-0110.

**UNDERGROUND.** Feb. 7 & 8, 7:30pm. Kauffman Center, 1601 Broadway, KCMO 64108. [www.storlingdance.org](http://www.storlingdance.org) or 816-994-7200.

**“A MODERN NIGHT AT THE FOLLY.”** Feb. 8, 8pm. The Folly Theater, 300 West 12th St., KCMO 64105. \$15 - \$20 & \$25 day of show. Presented by City in Motion Dance Theater. 816-474-4444.

**“THE-A-LONE RANGER!”** Feb. 14 - May 11, Saturdays at 7:30pm & Sundays at 3:30pm. 9601 Metcalf, in the Metcalf South Shopping Center, OPKS. Presented by Martin City Melodrama. 913-642-7576.

**LIGHT.** Feb. 17, 7:30pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 11 E. 40th St., KCMO. [www.kcago.com](http://www.kcago.com) or 816-333-4917 ext. 240.

**SHREK THE MUSICAL.** Feb. 20, 10am (School Day) & 7pm



FEB  
7-8

STÖRLING DANCE THEATER PRESENTS UNDERGROUND AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER, 1601 BROADWAY, KANSAS CITY, MO

(Family Day); Feb. 21, 10am (School Day) & 7pm (Family Day); Feb. 22, 2pm & 7pm; Feb. 23, 1pm & 4pm. Bell Cultural Events Center, MidAmerica Nazarene, 2030 East College Way, Olathe KS. 66062. [www.cytkc.org](http://www.cytkc.org), 913-681-3318.

**SCREENLAND AT THE SYMPHONY: THE WIZARD OF OZ.** Feb. 27-28, 7pm. Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Celebrate the 75th anniversary of one of the most beloved films of all time. The brilliantly restored images are accompanied by the Kansas City Symphony playing entirely new transcriptions of Harold Arlen's masterful lost scores. 816-994-7200

**EKKLESIA.** Feb. 27, 28 & Mar. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 & 9. Greenleaf Music & Arts Academy, 1500 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061. Original musical theatre production based on Acts 16, brings first century Philippi to life! Follow the journeys of Lydia - a seller of purple, Maltius - a Roman jailer, and Sabra - a tormented slave girl, as they discover the healing and reconciliation found in Jesus. \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. 913-397-0701.

**“AESOP'S AMAZING FABLES!”** Feb. 27 - May 17, various show times. Metcalf South Shopping Center, 9601 Metcalf Ave., OPKS 66212. Presented by Martin City, Jr. 913-642-7576.

**HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF ISRAEL.** Mar. 1, 8pm. Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Blvd., KCMO 64108. Pres. By Harriman-Jewell Series. 816-415-5025.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC.** Mar. 6, 10am (School Day) & 7pm (Family Day); Mar. 7, 10am (School Day) & 7pm; Mar. 8, 2pm & 7pm; Mar. 9, 2pm. Goppert Theater Avila University, 11901 Wornall Rd., KCMO 64145. [www.cytkc.org](http://www.cytkc.org), 913-681-3318.

**THE BIG BUPKIS - A COMPLETE GENTILE'S GUIDE TO YIDDISH VAUDEVILLE.** Mar. 8, 7:30pm & Mar. 9, 2pm. White Theatre, 5801 W. 115th St., OPKS 66211. Shane Bertram Baker, unquestionably the biggest star in Yiddish vaudeville today, returns to his hometown of KC to tread the boards at the White Theatre! Rated PG. 913-327-8054.

**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING BY WILLIAMS SHAKE-SPEARE.** Mar. 14-16, various show times and prices. Liberty Chapel, on the campus at Calvary Bible College, 15790 Elmwood Ave., KCMO 64147. [calvary.edu/arts](http://calvary.edu/arts) or 816-322-0110.

**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD.** Apr. 5, 10 & 12, 7:30pm; Apr. 6 & 13, 2pm. White Theatre, 5801 W. 115th St., OPKS 66211. Set in Alabama during the Great Depression, To Kill a Mockingbird follows the journey of Jem and Scout Finch, whose father has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man framed for a crime he didn't commit. Rated PG. 913-327-8054.

## FAMILY OUTINGS

**ROMANCE IN BLOOM.** Through Mar. 9. Powell Gardens, 1609 NW US Highway 50, Kingsville, MO 64061. Make a romantic getaway. The glass-topped conservatory will be brimming with soft pinks, blues and purples, combined with fragrant favorites such as stock and paperwhites. 816-697-

2600.

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR ICE SKATING.** Through Mar. 9, 10am-9pm, Sun-thu; 10am-11pm, Fri-Sat. Crown Center Ice Terrace, 2425 Grand Blvd., KCMO 64108. 816-274-8411.

**GRAND OLE OPRY EXHIBITION.** Through Mar. 16, 11am-3pm, Thu., Fri. Mid-America Arts Alliance, Culture Lab, 2018 Baltimore Ave., KCMO 64108. Free. The images document the radio show and the country music business during the zenith of country music. 816-421-1388.

**“WINSTON CHURCHILL: THE ARTIST.”** Through Jul. 31, 2014, 10am-4pm, Mon.-Sat. Hallmark Visitors Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., KCMO 64108. 816-274-3613.

**KANSAS CITY REMODELING SHOW.** Feb. 7-8, 10am-8pm & Feb. 9, 10am-5pm. The American Royal Center, 1701 American Royal Court, KCMO 64102. [www.kcremodeling-show.com](http://www.kcremodeling-show.com)

**LOVE LETTERS: HARRY AND BESS.** Feb. 8, 11am-12pm. Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, 500 W. US Hwy. 24, Indep., MO 64050. 816-268-8200.

**SPECIE, SWEAT AND SURVIVAL: THE IMPACT OF THE SANTA FE TRADE ON MISSOURI'S ECONOMY.** Feb. 8, 2pm. Westport Public Library, 118 Westport Rd., KCMO. [www.westporthistorical.com](http://www.westporthistorical.com)

**“DRAGONS, BATS AND BURIED TREASURE.”** Feb. 15 & 17, 11am & 2pm. Puppetry Arts Institute, 11025 E. Winner Rd., Indep., MO 64052. \$5. 816-833-9777.

**WINTER HOME SCHOOL DAY.** Feb. 21. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm, 1200 KC Road, Olathe, KS. Activities

may include sawing wood, cookstove demonstrations, blacksmith demonstrations and horse drawn hay wagon rides. 913-971-5111.

**JOHNSON COUNTY HOME & GARDEN SHOW.** Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, 10am-9pm; Mar. 2, 10am-6pm. Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd., OPKS. Check out the latest trends in DIY, remodeling, décor and design. [www.johnsoncountyhomeshow.com](http://www.johnsoncountyhomeshow.com).

**GREATER KC INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW.** Mar. 5-9/ Bartle Hall, 301 W. 13th St., KCMO 64105. This year's Auto Show will fill Bartle Hall with over 500 new cars, trucks, SUVs, crossovers and minivans. 816-513-500.

**CRYSTAL FANTASY, THE 27TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW.** Mar. 15, 12-2pm. Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W Pacific Ave., Indep., MO 64050. \$25. Fundraiser for the continued preservation and presentation of the beautiful Bingham-Waggoner Estate. Reservation only event. 816-461-3491.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**BUILDING BETTER MOMS.** The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave., Leawood, KS. For local mothers of children in early childhood, elementary school, middle school, high school, and for single moms, with both day and evening meeting times available at the Leawood campus. [www.cor.org](http://www.cor.org) 913-897-0120.

**WEEKLY - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE** meets weekly in various parts of the city. Call Jim Mathis, 913-269-6709, for time and location.

**WEEKLY - FAITH BASED 12-STEP PROGRAM OF RECOVERY FROM COMPULSIVE OVEREATING.** Call Overeater's Anonymous 913-383-5933 or visit [www.kansascityoa.org](http://www.kansascityoa.org) for more information and to access the schedule of various meetings in the metro area.

**MONTHLY - MO RIGHT TO LIFE CHAPTERS 816-353-4113; KS FOR LIFE CHAPTERS 913-268-8486.**

**DIVORCECARE AND DIVORCECARE4KIDS.** Sundays, 6-7:30 P.M. Help for those going through or having gone through divorce. Timothy Lutheran Church, 425 NW RD Mize Road, Blue Springs, MO. 816-228-5300.

**2ND & 4TH SUN. -METRO CITIZEN'S COALITION,** 2:30 pm. Trails West Library, 11401 E. 23rd, Independence, MO. Free. Open to public. Rear parking & entrance. 816-781-6394.

**4TH SUNDAY, 3-6 PM. ISRAEL DANCE FELLOWSHIP.** The Barn/Car Farm, 8000 Oldham Rd., Raytown, MO. Free. He-

brew dance lessons, worship & prayer for Israel. 816-739-6738.

**MON. - JOB TERMINATION SUPPORT GROUP.** 7PM. Christ's Church, 5500 W. 91st St., (91st & Nall), OPKS. If you've been laid off or terminated and are looking for peer support please join us. We pray for each other and are doing readings from "Battlefield of the Mind". 913-648-2271.

**MON. - SINGLE MOMS SUPPORT GROUP.** 6-7:30PM. Independence First United Methodist Church, 400 W Maple Ave., Indep., MO. Dinner/childcare provided. 816-392-5433.

**1ST MON. - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS NETWORK.** 9am. Country Club Café, 21911 W. 66th St., Shawnee, KS 66226. 913-441-2444.

**2ND & 4TH MON. - MOPS, 9:30AM MOPS.** First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E 350 Highway, Raytown, MO Support groups for mothers of preschool-aged children. Offers creative activities, social events & learning opportunities. 816-353-1994.

**2ND & 4TH MON. - JOB LOSS SUPPORT.** 9-10am. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7851 W. 119th St., OPKS. 913-381-1285.

**TUES. - FEAR NOT SUPPORT GROUP.** 7pm. New Summit Presbyterian Church, 1800 NE Independence Ave., Lee's Summit, MO. Support group for anxiety and depression.

**TUES. - CELEBRATE RECOVERY.** 7pm. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7851 W. 119th St., OPKS. Christ centered 12-step program for anyone struggling with any type of hurt, compulsion, addiction or dysfunctional behavior is welcome. 913-449-7265.

**TUES. - HURT, HABIT OR HANG-UP.** 7pm. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7851 W. 119th St., OPKS. 913-449-7265.

**TUES. - CHRISTIAN MUSIC NIGHT.** 7 - 9 pm. Skate World, I-35 & Shawnee Mission Parkway, Mission, KS. 913-262-0711.


**1ST TUES. - CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION FOR MID-AMERICA,** 7 p.m., Westbrooke Church, 9777 Antioch, OPKS. Nursery available for fee. "Creation Safari's". [www.csama.org](http://www.csama.org) for more info. Res. req. 816-618-3610.

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - GRIEF SHARE.** 7-8:30 PM. Timothy Lutheran Ministries, 425 NW RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO. 816-228-5300.

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAY. MOPS & MOMS NEXT.** 10am. Roanoke Baptist Church, 3950 Wyoming St., KCMO. Call or email Bo Price for info. [pastor@roanokebaptist.org](mailto:pastor@roanokebaptist.org) or 816-561-4932.

■ calendar continued on next page

FAMILYLIFE presents

the art of  marriage™

a six session video event.

getting to the heart of God's design

The AOM Conference has been a catalyst for thousands in restoring, healing and strengthening their marriages in every season and situation. Demonstrate your commitment to each other by investing and fighting for your marriage. My wife and I will be fighting forours right along side you. We believe our greatest days are still ahead! --Blessings, Pastor Phil Kassel

2 Day Event: February 14 & 15  
Starting 6:30 pm Friday night  
Childcare provided Saturday only.

Pleasant Hill First Baptist Church  
Early Bird: \$30. Regular \$40. Deadline Fri., February 7

[www.fbcpleasanthill.org](http://www.fbcpleasanthill.org) or PHFBC 816-540-5872


Every relationship has its own story. What do you want yours to be?

Join us to learn tools to help you communicate, solve problems and strengthen your current or future romantic relationship.

For more information call 913-621-5775 or visit [www.KansasLoveLetters.com](http://www.KansasLoveLetters.com).



Hearing impaired: TTY/TDD: 7-1-1

Relationship Tips: Text LOVE to 72727



Begin your journey to a healthy marriage or relationship today. Free relationship education workshops are forming in Kansas City now. Singles and engaged, committed or married couples of all faiths are welcome

Project of Catholic Charities of Kansas. Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. Grant # 90700043-01-01



**2ND TUES. - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS NETWORK.** 1:30pm. East Side Baptist Church, 19901 E. 78 Hwy, Indep., MO 64057. 816-796-0955.

**2ND TUESDAY, 6:30 PM MOPS.** Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., OPKS. 913-649-0900.

**2ND & 4TH TUESDAY. "WINGS OF HOPE."** Blue Springs Christian Church, 7920 S. 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO. A Christian based ministry to provide support for families grieving loss through miscarriage or infant death, because every life matters. Email: wingsofhope@bscc.org 816-210-4594.

**2ND & 4TH TUESDAY, 9 AM MOPS.** Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., OPKS. 913-649-0900

**TUES. & THURS., 7:30-11:30 AM.** Life Perks Coffee House, inside First Baptist Church, 125 N. Armstrong, Pleasant Hill, MO. 816-540-5872.

**WEEKLY - LIVING FREE, CHRIST-CENTERED 12 STEP PROGRAM.** Every Wednesday, Room 6, 6:30-8:15. Abundant Life Baptist Church, 414 SW Persels, LS, MO. 816-554-8181.

**WEDNESDAYS - GRIEF SHARE.** 6:30pm. Summit Woods Baptist Church, 2501 SE Shenandoah Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64063. A ministry that assists those who have suffered loss through the death of a loved one. 816-525-8215.

**WEDNESDAYS - BREAK TIME CLUB.** 9:30am-2:30pm. Timothy Lutheran Church, 425 NW R.D. Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64014. Enriching environment for older adults with mental and/or physical limitation. \$10 donation. 816-228-5300.

**WEDNESDAYS - AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP.** 11:30am-12:30pm. 601 E. Oak St., Pleasant Hill, MO (please use North basement entrance off Myrtle Street). Are you troubled by someone else's drinking?

**WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 p.m. - CELEBRATE RECOVERY** at First Baptist Raytown, 100500 E. 350 Hwy., Raytown, MO. Please enter through the rock entrance. Meet in room B-116. For info call: 816-778-1156 or www.firstbaptistraytown.com

**WEDNESDAYS - CATCH THE FIRE SOAKING PRAYER CENTER.** 7-9pm. 816-804-8283.

**WEDNESDAYS - DELIVERANCE - BREAKING CURSES WORKSHOP.** First Love Ministries Church, 4747 Hadley St., Overland Park. 7 p.m. 913-403-9644. Call Tuesday - Friday after 1 p.m.

**2ND WED. - LEE'S SUMMIT WOMEN'S PRAYER CONNECTION.** 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. In a comfortable setting, we get to know each other better and take time to pray (silently or audibly) for our nation, families, Lee's Summit Women's Connection, and our national organization. Call Millie Mathews for meeting location: 816-537-9898.

**3RD WED. - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS NETWORK.** 3pm. Gusto! Coffee, 3390 SW Fascination Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081. 816-767-1100.

**4TH WED - SOUTH KANSAS CITY AGLOW.** 9:30 a.m. Grandview Assembly of God Church, 12400 Grandview Rd., Grandview, MO. 816-761-5739.

**LAST WED. CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON.** Noon. Levy & Craig, 1301 Oak, KCMO. First time guest free. \$10. 816-559-2173.

**THURS. - HEALING SERVICES.** 7 p.m. Christian Assembly of God Church, 17310 E. 40 Hwy., Independence, MO. Spon. by Royal Priesthood Global Ministries. 816-220-1914. If you need encouragement or prayer, you are welcome!

**THURSDAYS. PARENTS OF PRODIGALS.** 7pm. Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, I-35 & 291, Liberty, MO. Free and open to the community. Support group for parents of children of any age who have strayed from God and/or family. 816-781-5959.

**THURSDAYS. DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, BIPOlar SUPPORT GROUP.** 7pm. Pleasant Valley Baptist, 1600 N. 291 Hwy, Liberty, MO. 816-781-5959.

**THURSDAYS. CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETING.** 7-9pm. Life Church, 16111 S. Lone Elm Rd., Olathe, KS 66062. 913-829-7511.

**THURSDAYS. REAL MEN ROCK.** 7-8:30pm. Vineyard Church, 9777 Antioch Rd., OPKS. We will have a sign with a phone number on the front door if you arrive after 7pm. www.ourchurch.com/member/r/REAL\_Men\_Rock/. For more information, call 913-636-1862.

**1ST THURS. - MOMS IN ACTION.** Abundant Life Baptist Church, Room 1, 414 SW Persels Rd., Lee's Summit, MO. A group of encouraging Moms getting together to grow and serve Christ. 7-9pm. albcmomsinaction@gmail.com.

**1ST THURS. - CITYWIDE PRAYER MOVEMENT.** Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., KCMO, 7:00 a.m. 816-217-5679.

**1ST THURS. - HEART OF AMERICA CHRISTIAN WRITERS' NETWORK (HACWN).** Evangel Temple, 1414 E 103rd St., KCMO. \$3 members, \$5 non-members. Evangel Temple-816-942-1414.

**1ST & 3RD THURS. - NEW HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP.** 6:30-8:30pm. Liberty Manor Baptist Church, Birmingham Rd., Liberty, MO. This group offers a safe and confidential environment to share your hope, struggles, and feelings of your cancer journey with others who understand. 816-217-5813.

**2ND THURS. - FIBROMYALGIA/CFS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS.** 10:15-11:45AM. Countryside Christian Church, 6101 Nall Ave., Mission, KS. www.fibrocoalition.org 913-384-4673.



THROUGH  
MAR  
9

**ROMANCE IN BLOOM AT POWELL GARDENS, 1609 N.W. US HIGHWAY 50, KINGSVILLE, MO. CALL 816-697-2600 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**2ND & 4TH THURS. MOPS.** 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Mothers of Preschoolers) Overland Park First Assembly of God, 7700 W 75th Street, OP, KS. A relaxed time of fellowship, encouragement, and support for mothers of children from infants to kindergarten. Childcare provided. Brunch served. RSVP appec. 913-432-3281 or opagmops@gmail.com

**2ND & 4TH THURS. - ARCHDIOCESAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP,** 7:30 pm at Cure of Ars, Vianney Center, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood. Fellowship follows. 913-649-2026.

**3RD THURS. - AFTERCARE PROGRAM,** Life Group meetings. All past participants are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help please contact Lori, 816-847-2911. Spon. by If Not For GRACE Ministries. Committed to healing after an abortion.

**3RD THURS. - HEALING MASS,** Council for Charismatic Renewal, 7:30 pm, Cure of Ars Church, Father Burak Room, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood. 913-649-2026.

**3RD THURS. - NKC WOMEN'S CONNECTION.** Maple Woods Community College- Campus Center Building. 2601 NE Barry Rd, KCMO. 6 p.m. \$10. Free Nursery. By Reservation Only. Call Judy: 816-222-4493.

**3RD THURS. - GLUTEN FREE GROUP.** 7pm. Fireplace Room, Timothy Lutheran Church, 425 NW R.D. Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO. 816-228-5300.

**4TH THURS. - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS NETWORK.** 1:30pm. Panera Bread, 151st & I-35, 20120 W. 153rd St., Olathe, KS. 913-397-8383.

**LAST THURS. - TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP,** 6:30pm. Osawatamie Wesleyan Church, 406 4th St., Osawatamie, KS. For anyone who has had an organ transplant or their family members, anyone awaiting a transplant, anyone who has been a donor, or anyone who is the relative a deceased donor.

913-755-3453.

**FRIDAYS - BIZ2BIZ CONNECT,** 8:30am. City Union Mission's Chambers Room, 1100 E. 11th St., KCMO 64106. Enter through the double glass doors on the far right. www.biz2bizconnect.com. 816-474-9380.

**FRIDAYS - REFORMERS UNANIMOUS,** 7PM. 901 E. 23rd St., Indep., MO. Faith based addictions program (any and all addictions). 816-252-3268.

**FRIDAYS - CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A CHRIST CENTERED RECOVERY MINISTRY.** 7 - 9 p.m. Crossroads Christian Church, 5855 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS. Childcare prov. 913-669-2088.

**FRIDAYS - 6:00 PM. CELEBRATE RECOVERY,** First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. 350 Hwy., Raytown, MO. Please enter through the rock entrance. Meet in room B-101. For info. Call 816-778-1156 or www.firstbaptistraytown.com

**FRIDAYS - CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLIST,** 7:00 PM. Leave. Price Chopper- 7 HWY & Shawnee Mission PKWY. Weather permitting. Ride info line 913-422-7006.

**FRIDAYS - 7:00 PM. CELEBRATE RECOVERY,** Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1600 N. 291 Hwy., Liberty, MO. For info. Call 816-781-5959

**5TH FRIDAY. CHRISTIAN BUSINESS CONNECTIONS NETWORK.** 11am. New Life Event Space, 1828 Walnut, 4th Floor, KCMO 64108. 816-668-9611.

**1ST SAT - KCCM SONGWRITERS GROUPS,** 10AM - 1PM. Susquehanna Baptist Church, 17800 Susquehanna Ridge, Indep., MO 64056. No Charge. Groups meet to critique, learn, and co-write. Open to all songwriters, lyricists & musicians. 816-540-4197.

**2ND SAT - KCCM SONGWRITERS GROUPS,** 10AM - 1PM. Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10100 Metcalf Ave., OPKS. No Charge. Groups meet to critique, learn, and co-write. Open

to all songwriters, lyricists & musicians. 816-540-4197.

**3RD SAT - CAR CARE SATURDAY.** 8:30 a.m. 9634 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS. 913-206-4030. Spon. Heartland Christian Fellowship. Provides free car care to senior citizens, single parents, and families in need. Vehicle donations accepted. Call for appointment. 913-206-4030.

**3RD SAT. FRIENDS OF ESTER.** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 26 N.

Delaware, Butler, MO. A time of fellowship, worship, and teaching by Dr. Joyce Wallace. Comp. lunch. mggamber@sbc-global.net

**4TH SAT - TEEN CLUB FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.** 10am - 2pm. Timothy Lutheran Church, 425 NW RD Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO. 816-228-5300.

follow us on  
twitter

twitter.com/metrovoice

## From Heart to Home Infant Adoption Program An adoption agency you can trust.



Throughout KCSL's 120 year history, adoption has been a core service. Let us help fulfill your dream of having a child.

Kansas Children's Service League

**120<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
1894-2014

877-581-5437 • www.kcsll.org

## קהילה משיחית אור העולם

### OR HAOLAM MESSIANIC CONGREGATION

*(The perfect solution for inter-faith marriages)*

Shmuel Walkenfeld, Rabbi [rabbi@orhaolam.com](mailto:rabbi@orhaolam.com)

Mailings: PO Box 12503, Overland Park, KS 66282

913-585-8449 [orhaolam.com](http://orhaolam.com)

Shabbat Services: Saturday, 10 AM

Meeting at: 7029 W 74<sup>th</sup> St, Overland Park, KS (just east of Metcalf Ave)

Or HaOlam is Hebrew for "Light of the World" which is the term the Messiah used to describe Himself, and us!



Or HaOlam is part of a world-wide movement of Messianic congregations of Jews and people from all ethnic groups, who worship Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah in the context of Jewish lifestyle and identity. This is in accordance with the ancient promise of the Psalms (147:2-3) that "Adonai is rebuilding Yerushalayim, gathering the dispersed of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Come and join us, and share in God's rich nourishment of His own special "tree of Life." Romans 11:17



## Glory Trail



I find that some of my most profound moments at Returning Glory Ranch are centered around buckets full of manure during my weekly chores of mucking and feeding our herd. Four of my middle school students have volunteered to join me after school to help muck. I'm always amazed at their anticipation and excitement on Tuesdays as they walk through the halls, heads held high, gloating of how they'll join me in an afternoon of scooping pounds of poop. Some are exhausted, with little time for homework my last student trudged toward her mother after being dropped off from the carpool. When her mother's concerned look silently pondered if the workload wasn't too much for her eighth grader, her daughter quickly proclaimed without hesitation, "Momma please let me keep going. I just want to serve Mrs. Roxanne and Mr. Gary. It's my way to serve the horses." There's something mysterious in the simplicity of a place that can draw the

heart of a generation full of distractions and options for entertainment into the quiet resolve of servant hood. At Returning Glory Ranch, we don't claim to know that formula, but we're grateful for its mystery. - Jennifer Erlick

**Returning Glory**  
equine assisted learning center  
[www.returningglory.com](http://www.returningglory.com)  
**816.223.9662**

**MARRIAGE IN REAL TIME: COORDINATED & IN SYNC**  
Amos 3:3

**Marriage REJUVENATION 2014 February 14-16, 2014**  
Hosted By: New Life in Christ International Ministries

**Featured Events:**  
Friday Night: Opening session ministry & evening couples activity - Saturday: Daytime workshops, fellowship time and evening banquet. Sunday: Morning Workshop Service

**Friday Night Speakers & Guestwood Artists:**  
Apostle Keith & Pastor Lisa Winkler

Apostle Keith Winkler is the Senior Pastor and Founder of New Life in Christ International Ministries. He has been in the gospel ministry for 21 years, and has been a pastor for 15 years. Apostle Winkler has a strong passion for evangelism and restoration within the church and a great heart for the lost. He has given the pastor to build godly families, and to bring the whole gospel (personal, social, spiritual, and geopolitical) good that dwells in the body of Christ. He is a firm believer in a sovereign God who created the world and the universe, and who is the source of all life, and who is the source of all blessing. He is a firm believer in a sovereign God who created the world and the universe, and who is the source of all life, and who is the source of all blessing.

**Saturday Workshops & Sunday Services:**  
Apostle Roger & Prophetess Marlene Goodwin

Apostle Roger Goodwin is the Co-Founder and Co-Pastor of the Gateway Church in Toronto, Canada. He is an ordained Minister and Teacher. He presents the understanding of God with clarity, simplicity and depth. He brings the words of God to life in a practical and personal way. He is a firm believer in a sovereign God who created the world and the universe, and who is the source of all life, and who is the source of all blessing.

**Sunday Morning Workshop:**  
Apostle Roger Goodwin is the Co-Founder and Co-Pastor of the Gateway Church in Toronto, Canada. He is an ordained Minister and Teacher. He presents the understanding of God with clarity, simplicity and depth. He brings the words of God to life in a practical and personal way. He is a firm believer in a sovereign God who created the world and the universe, and who is the source of all life, and who is the source of all blessing.

**Business Sales Staff & Conference Center:**  
Regency Parkman

**100% guaranteed English to Spanish interpretation services.**

**Join Us Friday, August 22, 2014**  
Dr. Mike & Dr. DeeDee Freeman, pastors of Spirit of Faith Christian Center & founders of Marriage Made EZ, will be our special guests. Make plans to be with us in Grandview, Missouri for an evening of love, marriage and ministry. For more information, check our website at [www.NLICUSA.com](http://www.NLICUSA.com)



# entertainment

MOVIES, BOOKS, MUSIC & MORE!

## APPLAUD HOLLYWOOD DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

### moviereview

by **New Services**

### Son of God hits theaters Feb. 28

Building upon a growing interest in faith-based productions, the creators of the successful television miniseries "The Bible" will take the message of Christian faith to moviegoers with a full-length feature film Feb. 28. The film is being released by 20th Century Fox.

The movie portends a revival of Hollywood turning to the scripture for inspiration, as other Biblical accounts are being readied for the big screen.

Combining previously aired and unused footage from the 10-part "The Bible" miniseries, "Son of God" will run more than two hours. The studio is banking on its TV popularity, which shocked many

when its two-hour finale, broadcast in March on the History Channel, earned blockbuster ratings.

About 13 million viewers tuned in to the show's finale, which portrayed the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It marked the History Channel's highest-watched show and garnered three Emmy nominations, later selling close to 1 million units on DVD, Blu-ray, and DigitalHD platforms.

Columbia Pictures executive DeVon Franklin says the marketplace for faith-based films always has been vibrant, but Biblical epics likely are the next wave of that genre that Hollywood will produce. Several more major film releases are planned for 2014.

For Easter 2014, his studio is releasing "Heaven is for Real," a T.D. Jakes and Joe Roth-produced film adaption of the best-selling 2010 book and starring Academy Award-nominee Greg Kinnear.

"It is an audience that is underserved," Franklin said. "We are continually trying



Heaven is for Real stars l. to r. —Kelly Reilly, Connor Corum and Greg Kinnear.

to provide great content and quality films to what I believe is an exciting audience but also a growing one."

Veteran film critic and Breitbart News assistant editor Christian Toto agrees that "there is an untapped audience" for such programming.

"There are people out there who are deeply religious and they look at the Cineplex and say there is nothing there for me, whether it's too violent, there are too many anti-heroes, or a general suspicion of Hollywood that has not catered to that audience for a long time," Toto told Newsmax.

"Faith-based films, up until recently, have been on a small scale with no big star, and yet they have been doing quite well at the box office," he said. "I think Hollywood is awakening to the fact that this is profitable. I think 'The Bible's' showing made that clear."

The TV series was produced by Mark Burnett and his wife, actress Roma Downey, for Hearst Entertainment & Syndication. Burnett also has made a name for himself in Hollywood, producing such popular reality shows as "Survivor," "The Apprentice," "Shark Tank," and most recently, the singing competition, "The

Voice."

"We are very excited to be working with 20th Century Fox to release 'Son of God' as a major motion picture," Burnett and Downey, the movie's producers, said in a statement. "We responded to an overwhelming demand for 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' to be seen as a shared experience on the big screen. The result is a beautiful stand-alone movie. It's the story of Jesus for a whole new generation."

Phil Cooke, a Burbank, Calif., filmmaker, media consultant and author, says Christians are perfect target group for the film industry.

"Hollywood bends over backward all the time to court very small interest groups — feminists, environmentalists, people who are gay — but there are more than 91 million evangelical Christians in the U.S., which makes us the largest special-interest group of all," Cooke said. "What baffles me is why Hollywood doesn't take that audience more seriously. We are the mainstream audience."

Cooke, author of "Unique: Telling Your Story in the Age of Brand and Social Media," advises churches, ministers, and other Christian groups about how best to get their messages across. He said he was

### film411

#### SON OF GOD

**STARS:** Fraser Ayres, Rick Bacon, Hami Belal, Said Bey, Paul Brightwell, Andrew Brooke, Anas Chenin, Joe Coen

#### HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

**STARS:** Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly, Connor Corum, Margo Martindale, Thomas Haden Church

amused that soon after "The Bible" TV series aired, he received calls from three major news organizations whose reporters were "baffled" that anyone would want to watch such programming.

"They come from such a secular worldview that it had never crossed their minds that someone would be interested in TV series about the Bible," he said. "There are a lot of Christian folks out there. Forget ideology. It's just good business. When you have that many potential customers and you're not trying to reach them with a product specifically for them . . . Hollywood, I think, needs to understand the business potential of that."

Also scheduled for a March release is blockbuster Old Testament story "Noah," directed by "Black Swan's" Darren Aronofsky and starring such big names as Russell Crowe in the title role, Emma Watson, Anthony Hopkins, and Jennifer Connelly.

Its budget is \$125 million, and, by some reports, growing, making it a massive gamble on a well-known Biblical story.

Cooke points to other series in the works, including one from Burnett and Downey chronicling the New Testament book of Acts. Others in the entertainment business would be wise to take note of the trend, he said.

But as Hollywood reaches to Christianity for its storytelling, Cooke believes Christians must "lighten up" and not dismiss its message-spreading power to spark

■ See MOVIES page 19



Son of God stars Diogo Morgad as Jesus.



You expect a lot.

**We deliver more.**

**\$90 Off** \$30 off your first three cleanings

816-322-3120

Belton/Raymore/Peculiar  
owner4500@merrymaids.net

**merry maids**  
Relax. It's Done.™

New or former customers only. Can't be combined with any other offer or discount. Additional restrictions may apply. Offers are non-transferable. Cash value 1/100 of 1 cent. Service provided by independently owned and operated franchise or corporate-owned branches. Employment, hiring and screening practices may vary. Please contact your local Merry Maids office for more details. Copyright Merry Maids L.P. All rights reserved.

## BOTT RADIO NETWORK

Serving Kansas City

**92.3 FM**

**760 AM**



Jim Daly  
President of The Family Research Council



Chuck Delord  
President of Focus on the Family



David Jeremiah  
Pastor of Turning Point



Giovanni Lotti  
Legatus of the Holy See



Charles Stanley  
Pastor of In Touch



Linda Hunt  
President of the National Council of Catholic Bishops



David Isachenok  
President of the National Council of Catholic Bishops



John MacArthur  
Pastor of Grace to You



James MacDonald  
Pastor of New Life Church



bottradiolnetwork.com • Sky Angel Channel 202

**Quality Bible Teaching  
Christian News and Information**



Dick Boff  
President of Bott Radio Network



Rick Bell  
President of Bott Radio Network

ARIZONA • CALIFORNIA • COLORADO • CONNECTICUT • ILLINOIS • INDIANA • KANSAS • KENTUCKY • MISSISSIPPI • MISSOURI • NEBRASKA • OHIO • OKLAHOMA • SOUTH CAROLINA • TENNESSEE • TEXAS • VIRGINIA



# NEED TO BREATHE RELEASES ALBUM



**D.C. Jeanes**

Metro Voice  
Music Editor

## musicscene

Southern cross-over rock band NEED-TOBREATHE has announced the release of their newest album, slated for April 15. *Rivers In the Wasteland* is the band's fifth full-length, and is following hot on the heels of their critically acclaimed *The Reckoning*.

The band had toured for two years promoting their last work, and also saw reviews in the *New York Times*, *NPR*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

NEEDTOBREATHE closed out last



airplay for just that track, alone. Singer/guitarist Bo Rineheart was recently interviewed about the new album, and he is sounding optimistic.

"We've got a new sense of purpose and we believe in what we're doing. We just fell back in love with the idea of what we get to do."

If *Rivers in the Wasteland* is anything like their previous few albums, it will definitely be a great album to pick up! Visit [needtobreathe.com](http://needtobreathe.com) for tour information,

year's Dove Awards with their new single, "Difference Maker," and has gotten a large amount of

as well as to purchase merchandise and music.

In some heavy news (not musical), former lead singer of Hillsong, Darlene Zschech, has announced that she has breast cancer and has asked for prayer. Zschech reported she already had surgery to address the cancer, and was released from SAN Hospital in Sydney on Christmas Eve. From her website, she has noted that since discovering the cancer, "it has been a whirlwind of appointments, scans and surgery. Even though the past days have been very tough at times, the Holy



Spirit has brought me endless comfort and the Word of God is literally holding me moment by moment."

She went on to thank her husband and children for their support and bravery, and has mentioned that she has already experienced miracles from this and believes there "will be many more to come." She has asked that fans and her Christian family pray for quick healing.

Lastly, and just in case you haven't been paying attention, Jamie Grace has re-

leased her sophomore album! The Grammy-nominated and Dove Award winner (Best New Artist), unleashed *Ready To Fly* at the end of January. The new album also brings back the producers she worked with on her first album, Christopher Stevens (TobyMac), David Garcia (Britt Nicole). New songs from the album were already available for view on Youtube.

"The entire concept of *Ready To Fly* is being ready even when you don't know what the Lord has planned for your future," said Grace in a recent interview. Saying she wrote the title track the night before her 18th birthday, "I was crying out, wondering what God's plan for me was. I started to doubt so many things but as I randomly began singing the lyrics to *Ready to Fly*, I realized I don't have to have my whole life figured out to start my journey."

For more information on her new release, tour dates, and televised dates, visit [www.jamiegrace.com](http://www.jamiegrace.com).

## MOVIES

continued from page 18

a deeper conversation about faith.

"We need to suck it up a little bit and realize the value of these creating cultural conversations about the Bible. It's so incredibly remarkable, I'm willing to give them a little slack," he said. "We try our

best. We don't want them to cross dangerous theological boundaries, but I'm willing to give them enormous slack just to get that out there.

Cooke adds: "I've never met people who got saved watching a movie, but it's caused them to reconsider what they think about God. We need to be mature enough to understand that no, Hollywood isn't going to make Bible stories the

way we grew up with them. But I think that if they are willing to spend that much alone on a story like *Noah*, count me in."

"Anything that allows me to start a conversation with a friend or coworker about God, that works for me," Cooke said. "The *Passion of the Christ*" got millions of people talking about Christ's death and resurrection."



[facebook.com/metro voice news](https://www.facebook.com/metrovoicenews)

for eternity  
**Make A Difference**<sup>^</sup>  
in the life of a child  
Pray • Refer • Volunteer • Give

Offering children in need:

- Traditional family settings
- A Christ-centered environment & education
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)
- Their own "Path to Purpose"

Show-Me Christian  
Youth Home



Show-Me Christian Youth Home  
660-347-5982 | [www.showmekids.org](http://www.showmekids.org)  
[lovegrows@showmekids.org](mailto:lovegrows@showmekids.org)



### Frequently Asked Questions About Cars for Homes

#### What types of vehicles are accepted?

Cars for Homes accepts most whole automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, airplanes, construction vehicles and recreational vehicles with proper title documentation.

#### What if the vehicle is not running?

The vehicle need not run, but it must be whole and have four inflated tires so it can be towed. Donors are requested to describe the condition of their vehicles. In the rare event that the costs of transport and processing exceeds the auction value of the car, we cannot accept the donation.

#### How long does it take to pick up a donated car?

All vehicle donations are processed as quickly as possible. Typically, a donated vehicle is picked up within 2 or 3 days after the title is received by our process center. Online donations speed up the process and special arrangements can be made if a vehicle needs to be picked up more quickly.

#### What documents do I need to donate my car to Heartland Habitat?

The online Donation Wizard will tell you what documents are required in your state. Most states require that you have a clear title to the vehicle; some states also require a notarized signature to transfer a vehicle.

#### What are the tax benefits of donating my car?

Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. If you itemize your deductions on your income tax return, you may be entitled to deduct the gross sales value of your donated vehicle. Donors will receive appropriate receipts and should consult their tax advisor and/or the IRS to determine benefits.



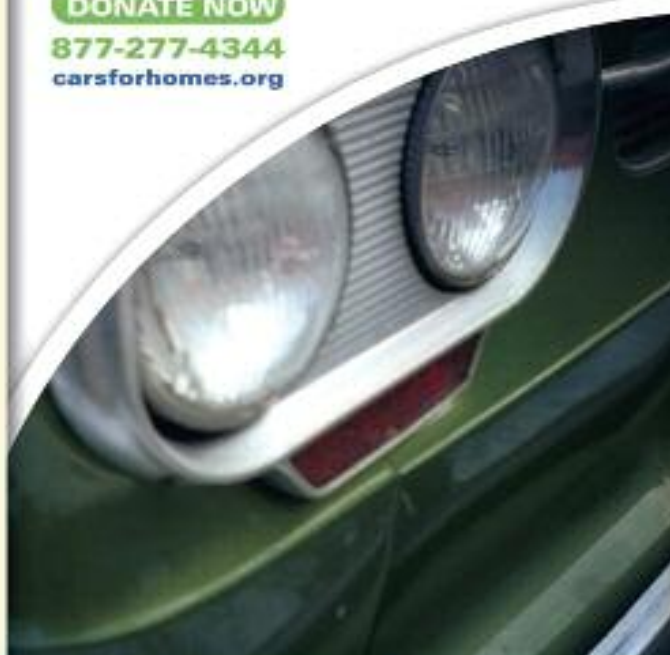
## Cars for Homes™

### Your Old Car Can Help Build Homes for Families in Need

By donating your car, RV, boat, truck or other vehicle to Heartland Habitat for Humanity, you help to build and rehabilitate homes with local families in need. It's quick and easy, and you may be eligible for a tax deduction for your donation!

All cars donated from Heartland Habitat's service area will be used to benefit Heartland Habitat's programs, services and partner families.

**DONATE NOW**  
877-277-4344  
[carsforhomes.org](http://carsforhomes.org)



ReStore - Johnson County  
9450 W. 67th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66212  
(913) 668-6001

Administrative Offices  
1401 Fairfax Trailway 2020 Kansas City, KS 66112  
(913) 342-3507 or (816) 468-7190  
FAX: (913) 342-4459

ReStore - Wyandotte County  
1270 Wendam Lane  
Kansas City, KS 66113  
(913) 846-6667

Family  
Owned &  
Operated!



**Dairy Queen**

**Orange Julius®**

**February Blizzard of the Month!**

**Red Velvet Cake!**

A Delicious Blend of Soft Serve, Red Velvet Cake and Cream Cheese

1900 SW 7 Hwy in Blue Springs  
(1/2 miles south of 40 Hwy) 228-1711

14420 E. 40 Hwy  
(Noland Rd. in Independence) 478-8060

11904 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee, KS  
Ph. 913-962-5151. Come see us!



# GIMME SHELTER A BRUTAL REALITY

## moviereview

by Phil Boatright

Vanessa Hudgens shines in breakout performance with pro-life message

In Gimme Shelter, a pregnant teenager flees her abusive mother in search of her father, only to be rejected by her dad and forced to survive on the streets until a compassionate stranger offers a hopeful alternative.

In recent years films like Juno have addressed the subject of an unexpected child, utilizing humor in order to make the subject matter of abortion palatable for Friday-night moviegoers. Therein lies the difference with Gimme Shelter. It's not an after-school TV special. It's not lightweight. Nor does it give us a spoonful of sugar to make the medicine go down. Rather, Gimme Shelter slaps us in the face with brutal realities.

While the film doesn't beat the viewer over the head with a proselytizing message, it does score points by suggesting a need for spiritual intervention. A person in the film who does pray for direction and help ultimately finds a positive resolve. Sadder examples indicate that those who don't turn to God continue to stumble in the dark.



Cute little Vanessa Hudgens from those Disney High School Musicals proves she has thespian chops. Shedding any movie star vanity, she creates a real-life person with her role as Apple (as in the apple of her father's eye). The actress takes on her character and the facts of life with truth and depth. She even goes so far as to put on weight in order to believably resemble a pregnant teen.

In the recent "Stories We Tell," a filmmaker decides to shoot a documentary about her eccentric family. At one point the writer/director is told that her mother had not only considered aborting her, but was in route to the clinic in order to proceed with the termination. Suddenly, she turned to her husband and said, "I can't do this." Years later, the husband says to his moviemaking daughter, "Amazing how close we were to you never existing. Almost enough to make you an anti-abortionist."

For that statement to come from a

## film411

**STARS:** Vanessa Hudgens, Rosario Dawson, Brendan Frazer, Ann Dowd. Roadside Attractions.

**RATING:** PG-13

onetime prochoice thinker makes it even more penetrating. We see home video of the moviemaker as a little girl spliced through the entire documentary. We also learn that she has been productive, and we see her relating to loving family and friends. The realization that she had been a car-drive away from not being a part of their lives haunts the production, perhaps negating any debate concerning a woman's rights over those of the unborn.

The same emotion hits us in the gut when we see Gimme Shelter's Apple holding her newborn.

Riveting. A film every teenager should see. And their parents!



Andrea Fantauzzi, from Lee's Summit, plays Adira in a new WWII drama filmed in Kansas City.

## Local film company screens WWII feature film made in KC

Out of 1.6 million Jewish children living in Europe at the start of World War II, only 11 percent survived. A new film attempts to chronicle the plight of these children, many of whom were left to survive on their own during the war. In the film "Adira",

a young Jewish girl flees from the grasp of the Gestapo and finds herself stranded on an abandoned farm. Adira, played by Lee's Summit's Andrea Fantauzzi, has to learn to survive with only her faith and basic instincts keeping her alive, as she awaits her rescue. The film chronicles the war and its struggles through the eyes of a lost child.

This film was shot in part at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum, located in Westport, as well as in various



Andrea Fantauzzi

locations across Kansas City. The locally based cast and crew came together after a successful crowd funding campaign in May of 2013. Bradley J. Lincoln and Irene Delmonte raised \$4,500, through contributions, for the making of the film. Using historical wardrobe, props and vehicles, the production company transformed Kansas City into 1940's Nazi Germany.

The event will showcase the growing "indie" film scene that has flourished in Kansas City.

The screening will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, at the Screenland Armour, 408 North Armour Rd., North Kansas City. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased online at [www.hiddendistrict.net](http://www.hiddendistrict.net).

**RED BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 4901 E. Red Bridge Road  
 KCMO 64137  
 (corner of Red Bridge & Grandview Roads)  
 816-761-1194 • [www.redbridgebaptist.org](http://www.redbridgebaptist.org)

- Savior-Sensitive
- Conservative in Theology
- Wholesome in Ministry
- Traditional in Worship
- Expository Preaching
- Missions-Minded
- Emphasizing the Great Hymns of the Faith
- Full WMAW Program (including JV & Varsity)

Red Bridge Baptist Church — For those desiring a substantial church life!

**Wheels to Freedom**

Most underdeveloped countries view disabled individuals as the lowly; we strive to make the lowly mighty by giving them hope through mobility by providing refurbished wheelchairs donated by YOU. Together we can show those who have special needs the love and care we have for them, just as God loves and cares for them.

**Call 816-350-2663 or 816-246-9337**  
 for wheelchair pick-up or to drop off at a collection location.

**Greater Pentecostal Temple**

**SERVICES**

**Wednesday**  
 Intercessory Prayer 5:00 PM  
 Evangelistic (Vesper) Service 6:30 PM  
 Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM  
 Youth Department Meeting 7:00 PM

**Sunday**  
 Intercessory Prayer 8:00 AM  
 Sunday School  
 Relationship Class 9:00 AM  
 Praise & Worship 10:00 AM

Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson  
 Pastor

864 Splitlog Avenue • Kansas City, Kansas 66101 • (913) 371-4667

**James W. Lindsey, D.C.**  
**CHIROPRACTOR & ACUPUNCTURE**

- Acupuncture
- DOT Physicals
- Taxi Physicals
- School Physicals
- Drug Screens
- Draw Blood
- Nutritional Consultations
- Reasonable Rates
- 30+ Years Experience
- By Appointment

**2333 S. State Route 291 • Independence, MO 64057 • 816-810-3360**

**20% OFF** with coupon  
 Any in stock BIBLE

**BEACON BIBLE & BOOK STORE**

517 Main Street • Belton, MO • 816-331-8974  
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 to 6 • Sat. 9-5 • See our Facebook Page!

**We listen...and treat you like family.**  
 "Do to others as you would have them do to you." — Luke 6:31

**PHC Pleasant Hill Chiropractic**

EXPERIENCED • CARING • EFFECTIVE

Chiropractic • Acupuncture • Laser Therapy  
 • Nutritional Supplements • Massage Therapy  
 • Sports Injuries • Computerized X-Ray  
 • Spinal Decompression • Reflexology

**816-540-8932**  
 1805 N. 7 Highway.  
 Pleasant Hill, MO  
[pleasanthillchiropractic.net](http://pleasanthillchiropractic.net)

**SOZO THE FOUNDATIONS**

Sozo the Foundations is a confidential, Christian prayer ministry that will bring you into heartfelt personal knowledge of God. Sozo Ministry brings accelerated inner healing, deliverance and generational freedom as you experience the kindness of the Lord. Sozo the Foundations is Christ-centered and safe for your heart.

Annie Schumacher  
 Director, Sozo the Nations  
 3341 E. 105th Terrace  
 Kansas City, MO 64137  
 Mobile: 816-582-2341  
[www.sozothefoundations.com](http://www.sozothefoundations.com)  
[sozokansascity@gmail.com](mailto:sozokansascity@gmail.com)

**metro VOICE**



## Kansas City's connection to the Nazi's stolen loot

With the upcoming release of the Sony film *The Monuments Men*, Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is recognizing six real-life Monuments Men who either worked in or closely with the museum. Monuments men and women, commissioned by Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II, were tasked with the protection, recovery and preservation of millions of Europe's masterpieces during the Nazi occupation.

"The men and women involved in this selfless effort to keep art objects safe during a dangerous time in history showed immense courage," said Julián Zugazagoitia, CEO & Director of the Nelson-Atkins. "We are deeply in their debt for preserving these treasures for humanity."

A display of archival materials will be on view in Bloch Lobby that includes postcards, manuscripts, newspaper clippings and biographies of the Nelson-Atkins' Monuments Men.

"My research has shown that these six men brought to their military duties the same passion for art and culture that made them so valuable to the Nelson-Atkins," said MacKenzie Mallon, a researcher in the European Painting & Sculpture Department who has been working on this project for many months. "They took their responsibilities as pro-



**Langdon Warner, from Kansas City, was a real-life "monuments man" in helping to recover art stolen by Nazi Germany.**

tectors of these monuments very seriously."

The museum employed four of the Monuments Men and maintained strong ties with two others. Paul Gardner, the first director of the Nelson-Atkins, served as Director of the Fine Arts Section of the Allied Military Government in Italy. Another former director, Laurence Sickman, was assigned to General Douglas MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters after the Japanese surrender and served as a technical advisor on collections and monuments, making trips to China and Korea to assess the level of damage to monuments in those countries. He was awarded the Legion of Merit.

The first curator of European Art at the museum, Patrick J. Kelleher, served as the head of the Greater Hesse Division of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives section. Otto Wittmann, Jr., the first curator of Prints for the museum, was part of

the OSS Art Looting and Investigation Unit (ALIU).

Langdon Warner served as the Asian art advisor to the Trustees of the Nelson-Atkins in 1930, and was a close colleague of Sickman. He helped found the American Defense—Harvard Group, a precursor of the Roberts Commission, Roosevelt's task force. James A. Reeds served with the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives section in France in 1944. He taught linguistics at University of Missouri at Kansas City and served as a docent for the Nelson-Atkins.

One of the finest examples of 18th century portraiture at the Nelson-Atkins, Nicolas de Largillière's Augustus the Strong, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, was found by the Monuments Men in a bomb-rigged salt mine in Alt Aussee, Austria, and returned to Clarice de Rothschild, whose family owned the painting. It was purchased by the Nelson-Atkins in 1954 after Rothschild sold it to an art dealer in New York.

During World War II, the Nelson-Atkins also served as a safe house for more than 150 paintings and tapestries from collections on the East and West coasts.

The Monuments Men, starring George Clooney and Matt Damon, will be released February 7. Visit [monumentsmenfoundation.org](http://monumentsmenfoundation.org).

## book corner

### Call of A Coward: The God of Moses and the Middle-Class Housewife

This memoir of an unlikely missionary is an exciting, humorous and heartwarming tale that anyone interested in missions should read.

Moses never wanted to be a leader. Jonah ran away from his missions call. And when Marcia Moston's (2010 winner of Women of Faith Writing Contest) husband came home with a call to foreign missions, she was sure God had the wrong number. His call conflicted with her own dreams, demanded credentials she didn't have, and required courage she couldn't seem to find. She promised to follow where God led, but she never thought the road would lead to a Mayan village on a Guatemalan mountainside.

From the treacherous road trip to their new village home, to learning to navigate a new culture, to a stateside mission field in Vermont, Moston's journey reveals that God leads just as clearly today as he did in biblical times. Her candid account tells a story of learning to trust and obey when faithfulness seems foolish. Written with humor and insight, *Call of a Coward* is an engaging

reminder that with our very real God in control, cowards become courageous and ordinary people find great purpose.

### Tears Water the Seeds of Hope

*Tears Water the Seeds of Hope* by Kim Tew, is the inspiring true story of a Midwest husband and wife who became disenchanted with the relentless pursuit of the "American Dream" and embarked on a journey that spanning six countries that redefined their hearts and lives.

The story begins in a small town in Wisconsin and weaves its way through South and Central America as the couple gathers an army of supporters, and works to save the lives of children in the end stages of starvation in eastern Guatemala. The narrative is filled with action-packed adventure and heartwarming victories as the characters face incredible odds and seemingly hopeless situations, while hundreds of volunteers join mission teams to serve alongside them. Readers of all ages will enjoy the roller coaster ride of emotions—from laughter, to tears, to sheer joy in the realization that it is possible for ordinary people to make a difference.

**Big to BIGGER.**  
NOW OPEN  
530 N. 7Hwy • Blue Springs • 229-3108  
(In front of Hobby Lobby)

Black Angus Burgers • Blue Plate Specials  
Sandwiches • Big Salads • Breakfast All Day

**The Big Biscuit**  
Eat Big, Live a Full Life.

Every Wed. Seniors  
Get a 20% Discount!  
Monday thru Saturday:  
6:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am to 2:30 pm

16506 East 40 Highway  
Independence, MO  
816-478-6958

**FeedKCNow.org**  
CITY UNION MISSION.

People in Kansas City are hungry.  
Not only for food, but also for the guidance  
and opportunities that lead to a better life.

FeedKCNow is City Union Mission's urgent initiative  
to relieve their burdens and bring them hope.

And every one of us can make an impact.  
Visit [FeedKCNow.org](http://FeedKCNow.org) to help.



## Looking for a Discount Christian Book Store?

**We're now KC's ONLY Wholesale Outlet!**

*Out with the old...  
In with the NEW!*  
**Storewide Winter  
CLEARANCE!**

\$1 Books! Great selection of fiction and non-fiction.  
•Gifts, Overstock Children's bibles and more!

**All Christmas Merchandise Must Go!  
Now 50-75% off our overstock prices!**

**CALL US ABOUT OUR NEWEST SHIPMENTS! 816-795-7212**  
**18921 E. Valley View Pkwy (Near COSTCO) Independence, MO**  
**Open: Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 6pm!**



## business & professional

**DINING/SMOKE FREE:** The Big Biscuit; 16506 East 40 Hwy. Independence, MO • (816) 478-6958 Mon.-Sat. 6:30am-2:30pm • Sun. 7:30am-2:30pm Smoke Free/Family Friendly Every Wed. Seniors-20% OFF • Black Angus Burgers • Sandwiches • Specials • Salads • Breakfast All Day

**COMPUTERS REPAIR/MAINTENANCE:** Wellspring Computer Services - Gary Johnson, owner - cell 913-205-9718; www.wellspring4you.com. Virus removal, wireless and ethernet network setup, memory and component upgrades, operating system reinstallations, remote support options available. Servicing Windows XP, Windows Vista and limited Mac support.

**FAMILY, CRIMINAL AND PERSONAL INJURY LAW:** The Kelly Law Firm, Melissa Kelly Schroeder, representing Kansas and Missouri clients. As you turn to your faith for guidance, turn to our firm for your legal needs. For honest and effective representation call 913-451-1119. See also www.thekellylawfirm.com

**GUITAR LESSONS:** Aaron's Guitar School. 9502 Outlook Dr., Overland Park, KS 66207 www.aarons-guitar-school.com 913-708-2985

**RENTAL:** Accent Rentals - 205 E. 13th Ave. North Kansas City • 816-471-2522. We can help make your special event a success. We supply canopies, tents, tables, chairs, linens, flatware, china, silver, glassware, dance floors, staging, booths, backdrops and astroturf.

# classified

Place your classified ad with the Metro Voice! Call today: 816.524.4522

**LAWN CRYPT** for two at Mt. Moriah available from original owner. Includes both final closings. Current price: \$7590. Accepting best offer. Mr. Post 816 331-0113.

**DELIVERY ROUTES:** Metro Voice is expanding our delivery in Olathe, Overland Park and Lenexa. Only a few hours each month delivering to churches, bookstores and schools. Call 816-524-4522

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN AT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AND COLLEGE.** For a free packet of information call 816-

356-6380, email: info@heartofamerica-ministries.com or visit our web site at: http://www.heartofamerica-ministries.com/heart.php OUR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is a great school for boys and girls, Preschool through 12th grade. We provide the most quality education in a safe, loving Christian environment which is conducive to learning. OUR BIBLE COLLEGE is training Christian Workers, both Pastors and Laymen, to serve as leaders in the Kingdom of God both locally, nationally and internationally. Students may

participate by attend resident classes as well as taking Correspondent/Online Courses.

**FREE PHONE** - Call today 816-886-1665. Just have stamps/medicaid/medicare va or ssi to qualify!

**FOR SALE** Beautiful 4-Bedroom Home FSBO - \$229,900 / 816-830-3782. 509 Fairway Road, Belton, MO, 4 br, 3.5 baths, Family Room with custom entertainment center, kitchenette. \$5,000 off of original asking price by mentioning this ad. www.forsalebyowner.com

**AARON'S GUITAR SCHOOL** Learn gui-

tar in a Christian setting. All ages. All styles. Acoustic or Electric. www.aarons-guitar-school.com 913-708-2985

**AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH CHILDCARE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS OR BIBLE STUDY. GENERAL CLEANING.** References available. Stay at home Mom. 816-322-3345 or 816-769-8593.

### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Faith Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

3500 NE Prather Road  
Kansas City, MO 64116  
816-455-3513  
www.fcaclassical.com

**Relax. Rediscover. Reconnect.**  
at Branson's Award-Winning Hotels



Myer Hotels offers site of the best Branson hotels featuring Comfort Inns, Best Westerns & Holiday Inn Express. Enjoy our indoor pool, hot tub, free hot breakfast, free wifi, ticket service and more! Christian owned and operated. Call us today or visit us online at MyerHotels.com.

**1-877-ITSATRIP**  
(407-2874)

**SAVE 15%**  
per room per night

Ask for the Metro Voice Preferred Value Rate.

Subject to availability. Not valid with other discounts, not valid weekends or special events.



**"Pray for Our Nation"**

Pick up a FREE bumper sticker at Beacon Bible Books in Belton or Tree of Life in Independence!

**BRUSH-LESS AUTOMATIC WASH** featuring **ZERO SPOT RINSE**

**Self-Service Bays** with **BUSTER BRUSH** and **Detail Areas**

**OTTO CAR WASHES**

Open 24 Hours  
Major Credit Cards Accepted  
4 KC Metro & 2 Topeka Locations

8608 E 63rd St just east of I-435  
6545 Troost just south of Meyer Blvd  
920 E 23rd St just east of Noland  
2163 NW 7 Hwy just north of I-70

**UNLIMITED CAR WASHING** available at our BLUE SPRINGS LOCATION  
www.ottofastwash.com

**FUTUREWARE** **BAILEY NETWORK** **ALSO: WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT**

**PAUL BAILEY**

706 NE Coronado St.  
Lee's Summit, MO 64086  
Phone: 816-246-7507  
Email: paul@consultmark.net

Computer Consulting  
Repair  
Networking  
On Site  
A+ Certification

Gateway, Dell, IBM, HP/Compaq, desktops & laptops

**PREMIER PAINTING COMPANY**

Christian owned company in 18th year.

Interior and exterior painting for your church, home or office.

Up to **10% Discount** or **Free Wall Paint**  
Call for details

**CALL 913-897-7000**  
www.Premier-painting.net

**OTTO SERVICE**

www.ottoservice.com  
(816) 556-4034  
3501 Blue Ridge Blvd  
Kansas City, MO 64130

OTTO SERVICE We Service Honda & Acura Automobiles 358-4454



## SILENCE

continued from page 13

Here are 3 tips for planning a great ROS:

1. Set aside time. It doesn't have to be a whole day. When I do an ROS, I plan for 3 to 6 hours. If this is your first time doing an ROS, start with 2 to 3 hours.

2. Figure out what the best atmosphere is for you to connect with God. When I do an ROS, I like to start the morning by going to my favorite coffee shop. I eat breakfast, sip some delicious coffee and journal about any thoughts, concerns, anticipations, etc., that could distract from my experience with God.

I tell those things to God, set them aside, and ask him to help me to focus on him and what he wants to teach me.

3. Choose activities that help you connect with God. After breakfast, if the weather is good, I head to my favorite park and grab a spot in the shade. Sometimes I like to read a Christian book; other times I like to create something artistic with chalk pastels. I also like to engage with the Bible during that time. I read a story from one of the gospels and meditate on that. Sometimes I go for a long

hike, praying and worshipping God through nature. If you don't naturally connect to God with nature, you can head to a public library or a favorite spot in your city. The point is to put yourself in places that help you connect with God and hear from him.

Here are some journaling questions to start off your ROS.

- What has this summer been like for you so far?
- What has been good? Bad?
- How has it been for you spiritually?

- How do you feel about where you are spiritually right now?

- In what ways have you experienced God lately?

- What areas in your life is God working on? What has he been teaching you lately?

If you would like something more guided with Scripture to study and questions to respond to, check out the following resources: Check out Bible Study Guides through InterVarsity Press. I recommend the series, Spiritual Disciplines Bible Studies by Jan Johnson, particularly Prayer & Listening.

*Alison Smith is on staff with Greek InterVarsity at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.*

## Support your local Christian Businesses

### Don't Miss This!

Been praying for a solution to your on-going financial situation? Free enterprise is alive and well! Exceptional business opportunity. Low Investment.

Name your goal and needs. I want to visit with you as a motivated person. Call for appointment: **Jerry Methner 913-244-7007**



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.



**Adopt Kansas Kids**

www.adoptK5kids.org • 877-457-5430

Adopt Kansas Kids works to connect foster and approved adoptive families with children through or Kansas child foster adoption. This service is provided by the Kansas Children's Services Bureau through a contract with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).



## ■ FALSE FACTS

continued from page 1

University of Connecticut and author of *Christians Are Hate-Filled Hypocrites ... and Other Lies You've Been Told*.

Wright looked at marriage statistics from the General Social Survey (GSS), a national random survey of Americans, taken since the 1970s. Half of the “Nones”—people who claim no religious identity—were divorced. Only 42 percent of self-identified Christians—and members of other faiths—were divorced.

Catholics (35 percent) were least likely to divorce, followed by Mainline Protestants (41 percent) and evangelicals (46 percent). Believers who show up to church every week were even less likely to divorce.

Wright, who has been writing about faith and divorce rates since 2006, found that only about a third of evangelicals (34 percent) and Mainline Protestants (32 percent) and a quarter of Catholics (23 percent) who go to church are divorced. Still the myth that churchgoers divorce at the same rate as everyone else persists. Wright thinks we pay more attention to bad news than to good news.

“We pay a lot more attention to things that are dangerous,” he said. “If I’m driving down the road, I can pass 200 parked cars and not notice them. But if I see an accident—I will stop and look.”

Mark Regnerus, a sociologist at the University of Texas in Austin, said something called “confirmation bias” might be at work. In other words, people like statistics that reinforce their beliefs. If people are fearful that marriages are in trouble, he said, they’ll tend to believe statistics that confirm those fears.

Even if those statistics aren’t exactly right.

Regnerus said using bad statistics about marriage is appealing—because bad news can motivate people to action.

But it can also undermine the credibility of a pastor’s message.

“I am glad pastors want to strengthen marriages,” he said. “And bad news can be galvanizing. . . But we trust our pastors to tell us the truth.”

### Are Christians really bad tippers?

Marriage isn’t the only subject where perceptions about Christians don’t match with statistics. It’s also the case with tips believers leave servers.

Earlier this year, a trip out to eat turned into a nightmare for the Rev. Alois Bell of the World Deliverance Ministries Church in Granite City, Ill. Bell and a group of friends went to Applebees. Following company policy, their server, Chelsea Welch, added an automatic tip to the bills.

Bell was not pleased.

“I give God 10%,” Bell wrote on the bill. “Why do you get 18?”

Welch posted the check on Facebook, and it went viral. She eventually was fired, while Bell apologized (indicating she’d left a cash tip) after her note made headlines.

Turns out Welsh isn’t the only server to have a bad run in with church folks.

Karen Swallow Prior, an English professor at Liberty University, worked her way through college as a waitress. Christians were notorious for being bad tippers, she wrote in a piece for Christianity Today’s website.

“My fellow servers called them the ‘Holy Rollers,’” she wrote. “Knowing there would be little, if any, tip left at the end of their meal, the servers saw the Christians’ robust attempts at ‘friendliness’ instead as pushy and arrogant. The memories still pain me now.”

But a study from Michael Lynn of Cornell University and Benjamin Katz of HCD Research, showed that, overall, Christians are pretty good tippers. Their online survey of 1,068 Americans found

that the average Christian tipped 17 percent for good service. Only about one in eight Christians left a smaller tip for good service. The national average is just under 15 percent for all tippers.

The problem is that there are a lot Christians out there.

And since we tend to

re-

mem-

ber bad

news, a

few bad

tippers give

all the other

Christians a

bad name. An-

other problem is

that with so much

media attention,

several recent “bad

tipper” episodes have

been found to be false

with waiters and waitresses

falsifying receipts in order to gain media attention, sympathy and donations from a gullible public.

### The sky is falling phenomenon

Statistics about the future of the church also give pastors and other church leaders a hard time. Like this one: “94 percent of Christian young people leave the church never to return,” which was used to promote a major Christian conference several years ago. It’s partly true -- young people do tend to drop out of church.

A 2009 LifeWay Research study of 1,000 young Protestants found that seven out of 10 stopped attending church for a time after high school.

A few more details: the students surveyed had all attended church for at least a year in high school. Most dropped out because of a life change—such as going to college—and just over a third had

come back to church by age 30.

The idea of anyone dropping out of church is a concern, but there’s no sign young people are forsaking the church in droves.

### Left-handed people, Texans, cats

Another bad statistics was used recently by a megachurch pastor to promote a Christian conference: “There are more left-handed people, more Texans, and more pet cats than evangelicals in America.” Actually, one-third of the claim is true.

There are more cats (and dogs) than evangelicals in the U.S. But not Texans or southpaws.

While there are about 95 million cats in the U.S., according to the Humane Society, there are between 50 million (Religious Congregations & Membership Study, 2010) and 75 million evangelicals (Pew Research).

That’s more than the estimated number of southpaws—between 30 and 45 million Americans—and Texans (26.6 million, according to the U.S. Census).

Going one for three might be good in baseball, but it’s bad for preachers.

Bad statistics persist because they help sell books and tickets to conferences, make good sermon illustrations, and get people in church fired up. The problem, said Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research, is that bad statistics don’t solve real problems.

It’s difficult to solve a problem when you don’t understand it, said Stetzer.

Too many bad statistics can also undermine a leader’s credibility. Get too many facts wrong, and it’s harder for people to trust you.

### Setting the record straight

Perhaps it’s time for Christians, including preachers and conference speakers, to be more discerning when it comes to statistics. Pigs can’t fly.

Stetzer said Christians should view all

statistics with healthy skepticism. That’s especially true if a statistic is found in an advertisement. Ads, said Stetzer, are used to sell things. They’re not particularly concerned with getting the facts right. Also, beware any statistic that can’t be verified.

“Ask, how do you know that?” said Stetzer. “If you can’t think of a way to verify a statistic, it’s probably not true.” He also said to be wary of stats that don’t match reality.

“It’s okay to apply your own censor, to say this doesn’t make sense,” Stetzer said.

It’s important to realize all research is imperfect and context matters. Researchers don’t have unlimited resources. They can’t interview or poll everyone. Instead they interview a representative sample of people, asking a few questions.

So go to the source. Find out who did the research, how many people they interviewed and what specific questions were asked, before assuming the research is valid.

For example, a poll from professional researchers using a large sample will likely be more reliable than an informal poll taken by a professor of the students in class.

Finally, look at more than one study.

“To understand the whole picture, responsible researchers look at various studies, their methodologies, and their results,” Stetzer wrote in a 2010 story about bad statistics for Christianity Today. “We reach bad conclusions when we latch onto one finding of one study, drag it out of context, and proclaim it from the rooftops without knowing whether our interpretation is justified.”

Facts are our friends, as Stetzer often says. Just make sure the facts are true.

*Bob Smietana is senior writer and content editor for Facts & Trends in which this article first appeared.*

## ■ JAHl McMATh

continued from page 1

out of the hospital,” David Stevens, a doctor and CEO of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, told me. “They’re not going to get better. The brain has ceased to function even though their body functions otherwise are being sustained by respirator” and other medical tools.

Doctors declared McMath brain-dead Dec. 11, two days after she suffered complications from a tonsillectomy and other surgical procedures to treat sleep apnea. Since brain death is the legal standard for death, the hospital sought to remove McMath’s ventilator, even though her heart was still beating. The girl’s family objected, and asked a judge to block the hospital’s action.

Judge Evelio Grillo of Alameda County Superior Court forced the hospital to keep the ventilator in place long enough to allow McMath’s mother, Nailah Winkfield, to transfer the girl elsewhere.

Pro-life groups that have come to the family’s aid include the California-based Life Legal Defense Foundation and the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, run

by Bobby Schindler, Terri Schiavo’s brother.

“Families and individuals must make themselves aware of what so-called ‘brain death’ is and what it is not,” said Schindler in a statement. “Additionally, families and individuals must educate themselves regarding their rights as patients, [and regarding] the advance documentation that must be completed prior to any medical procedure.”

A GoFundMe.com fundraiser page set up for McMath had raised more than \$50,000 from hundreds of donors, many anonymous.

But Stevens and some other pro-life advocates believe the battle over McMath’s life support is poorly chosen. Both the medical community and federal law recognize brain death as the most conclusive definition of death. Doctors verify it by performing a series of tests, such as by shining a light into a patient’s eye to see if the pupil dilates, and by checking if facial muscles respond to stimuli.

Stevens pointed out that McMath’s situation is not identical to that of Terri Schiavo, who could breathe on her own: “Nobody denied [Schiavo’s] brain was functioning. Damaged, but functioning,

at a much lower level.”

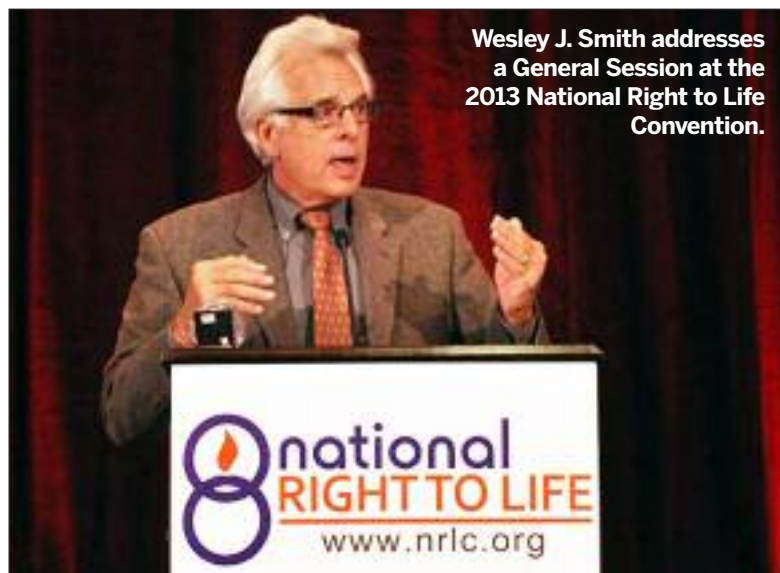
In addition, in rare cases and with some medications, brain-damaged patients in a “persistent vegetative state” are known to awaken to consciousness. By contrast, Stevens said he knew of no case recognized by the medical community in which a brain-dead patient returned to life.

The American Academy of Neurology released new guidelines on determining brain death in 2010. “A brain death diagnosis is final and cannot be reversed. The person will never awaken,” the academy states in a fact sheet for families.

In McMath’s case, multiple doctors have conducted tests to ensure the girl is indeed brain-dead. Since her brain stem is no longer controlling automatic body functions, the ventilator and other medical support are all that keep her organs functioning.

“Our technology brings great benefit, but also great burdens,” Stevens said. “This is one of them.”

Wesley J. Smith, a pro-life bioethics commentator who blogs at National Review Online, has also weighed in on the case. “Under the law, brain-dead is ‘dead’ when it connotes death by neurological



Wesley J. Smith addresses a General Session at the 2013 National Right to Life Convention.

criteria,” he wrote last month. “In such circumstances, if accurately determined, there is no legal right to continue life support of what is, essentially, a cadaver.”

Smith’s comments prompted a sharp response from Paul A. Byrne, a neonatologist, pediatrician, and the former president of the Catholic Medical Association. Byrne is the co-editor of *Beyond Brain Death*, a book arguing against a brain-based definition of death. “The

ventilator won’t work on a corpse,” Byrne told an AP reporter. “In a corpse, the ventilator pushes the air in, but it won’t come out. Just the living person pushes the air out.”

The opponents of brain death are part of an “important conversation,” wrote Smith in response to Byrne. “But I am not convinced by their presentations. I’m just not.”



# 16th Midwest Christian EDUCATION EXPO

**Saturday, March 1 • 9:30am – 2pm**

At Colonial Presbyterian Church • 9500 Wornall, KCMO

Just north of I-435 at 9500 Wornall Rd. in South Kansas City



**50 Colleges  
25 K-12  
Homeschool**



- 50 Christian Colleges from 15 States!
- 25 K-12 Schools from Metro KC area
- MO & KS Homeschool Organizations

## FREE SEMINARS:

- The Journey: Preparing for College: 10 a.m.
- Finding the Most Financial Aid: 11 a.m.
  - History, Mission, and Vision of Homeschooling: 9:30 a.m.
- Homeschooling 101 & the Law: 10:30 a.m.
- K-12 Options: Parent Panel Discussion: 11:30

**metro  
VOICE**

Brought to You by  
the National  
Award-Winning  
Metro Voice Newspaper.  
Celebrating Faith, Family and  
Community for 25 years.

**Free!**

**Tell Your  
Church!  
Bring  
your  
friends!**

**816-524-4522 • www.MetroVoiceNews.com**

MEDIA  
PARTNERS

**Bott Radio  
Network**

**760<sup>AM</sup>  
KCCV**

**Life 92<sup>FM</sup>**

**K-LOVE  
POSITIVE & ENCOURAGING**

**KWWI 1030<sup>FM</sup>  
theLight**