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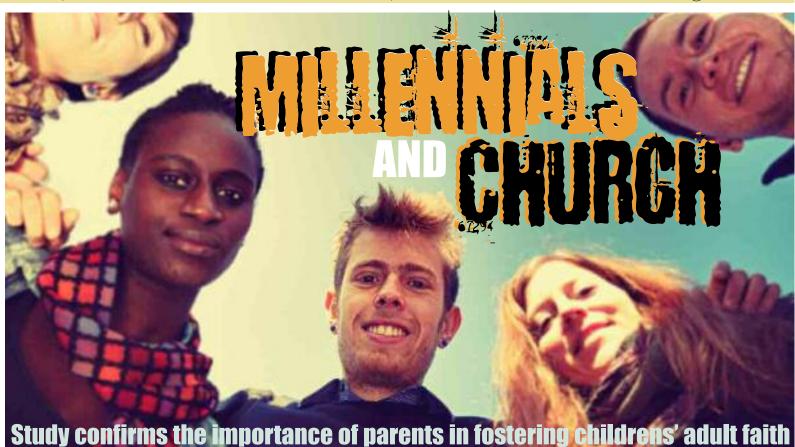
Rick is the author of *How to Prosper* in *Business without Sacrificing Integrity*, the *Integrity Moments* devo-



tional, and FIRE in the Workplace, a study on living God's principles at work. He has also written several small group studies and other

resources designed to empower leaders to put biblical principles into action. He lives in Overland Park with his wife Kathy and three children.

The Capital City Christian Chamber of Commerce (C5) sponsors a Luncheon every month, and has invited Boxx to be the speaker on March 12th, from 11:30-1. The luncheons are held at different locations each month, and this month it will be held at Topeka Bible Church, 11th & Mulvane. The cost is \$10 for C5 members and first-time guests, and others pay \$15. RSVPs and inquiries can be sent to info@C5Alive.org.



by **Daniel James Devine**

(WNS)--For millennials who grew up attending church, having a strong Christian faith and practice today is linked to the quality of their relationship with their parents.

That's a conclusion from a new online survey

of young adults between the ages of 18 and 38 who attended church as children or teenagers. The survey also found that frequent church attendance and homeschooling were linked to stronger Christian beliefs and behaviors as adults, including believing Jesus is divine and avoiding co-habitation.

Young adults who said their fathers explained "biblical principles" to them on a daily or weekly basis growing up were significantly more likely to say they lived by typical Christian behavior as adults by praying, volunteering, reading the Bible, and attending church frequently and avoiding

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2nd Annual Easter Parade will be bigger

FUN FAIR IN THE PARK WILL FEATURE TWO EGG HUNTS

Plans are well under way for the second annual Topeka Easter Parade & Family Fun Fair, and organizers say requests are coming in at a much faster pace than last year for parade registrations and vendor booths.

"We had a great response and a great turnout for our first event last year," said Drew Walker, Parade Coordinator and C5 boardmember. "But now that people have seen what it is about, more of them are anxious to be a part of it this year."

This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 4th. The Parade itself will start at 10:30 a.m., while the Fun Fair will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Staging for the parade will start at 9 a.m. in the pool parking lot. The Parade will move



around inside Gage Park, and signs will mark the route so that people can determine the best viewing spots.

Last Year's event was attended by over a

thousand people, as dozens of churches, businesses and non-profit organizations took part in the parade, and dozens more

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House of Ruth opens

The House of Ruth is a discipleship home in Topeka for women who are releasing from jail or prison. It operates under the umbrella of Working Men of Christ, along with two others — the House of Jeremiah in Wichita and the House of Joshua in Topeka. The House of Ruth is located at 1025 SW Western. After several months or work, the first resident moved in on February 23.

There will be an open house on Thursday, March 19th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the dedication occurring at 5:30 p.m. The staff is inviting any who would like to stop by and see the house and learn more.

Up to eight women will be able to live in the house, including a House Director, a House mentor and six women releasing from prison. The house is supported through private and church donations.

Evangelicals and Catholics join forces to warn of 'grave threat'

In a historic move not seen since the Supreme Court ruling on Roe v. Wade, senior Roman Catholics and evangelicals in the United States have joined forces to warn of a grave "threat" to society—in this case the threat they see in same-sex marriage.

In a statement to be published in the March edition of *First Things*, they describe the legalisation of same-sex marriage as "a graver threat" to society than divorce or cohabitation.

"We must say, as clearly as possible, that same-sex unions, even when sanctioned by the state, are not marriages," the statement, titled "The Two Shall Become One Flesh: Reclaiming Marriage," says.

"Christians who wish to remain faithful to the Scriptures and Christian tradition cannot embrace this falsification of reality, irrespective of its status in law."

Influential Christians such as Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church, Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist seminary; and Timothy George, Dean of Beeson divinity school, are among the 30 senior Christian leaders who have endorsed the statement, according to Baptist Press.

The statement is the work of a consortium of Catholics and Protestants formed under the banner Evangelicals and Catholics Together, set up by the Institute on Religion and Public Life. The Catholics include George Weigel, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Timothy George said the statement, headed: "The Two Shall Become One Flesh", represents three years' work by the group.

He told Baptist Press that Catholics



Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church, greets Pope Francis.

and evangelicals "continue to disagree on lots and lots of issues. And the people who drafted this statement are well aware of those differences. We have not smudged them or pushed them under the rug."

The members of the consortium "felt the complementarities of man and woman in marriage under God" was an issue on which evangelicals and Catholics could present a united witness

"We felt we had to speak out on this issue," he said.

The statement sets out Bible teaching and concludes: "Marriage is a unique and privileged sign of the union of Christ with his people and of God with his Creation - and it can only serve as that sign when a man and a woman are solemnly joined together in a permanent union."

It says marriage is in crisis throughout the Western world.

"The revolution in our marriage and family law, already well advanced,

marches under the banners of freedom and equality. But these noble ideals are here gravely misapplied. When society systematically denies the difference between male and female in law and custom, our fundamental dignity is diminished, the image of God within us is obscured, unreality becomes legally established, and those who refuse to conform are regarded as irrational bigots," the statement says.

It says gay marriage "threatens the common good" and "distorts the Gospel".

"Keeping in mind the obligation to speak the truth in love, we must find ways to distinguish true marriage from its distortion, and we must do so without abandoning the public square," the statement says.

"We owe our fellow citizens a socially engaged witness to the truth about marriage, which, with the family, is the unalterable foundation of a healthy, humane society."

Life Lessons From a Little One

WIPING TEARS

by **Jessica S. Hosman**

My little boy is a snuggler. Even from his first days of life he has relished the gift of touch and being held close. As he has grown taller - and heavier - this has posed a bit more of a challenge on his Momma's back. But, he still longs for that closeness and embrace nonetheless.

One Sunday morning as worship music played during church, tears flowed from my eyes and down my cheeks. I knew God was present and longed for His touch even more. Zechariah was in my arms as usual but after some time the effects of his weight began causing discomfort to my back. In an attempt to diminish the pain, I turned around and sat him down in a chair. He looked confused and reached his arms out to be held once again. When I asked him to sit for a little bit he looked deep into my tearfilled eyes and innocently asked, "But Mommy, if I sit in the chair, how will I wipe your tears?" I knew he was sincere, and I also knew the Lord was speaking through him. I sat down and scooped him up into my arms. I held him close in that chair and relished his embrace while we continued to worship the Lord together. As I closed my eyes, I could feel my son's gentle caress and his tiny fingers which caught every single tear that fell.

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(Revelation 21:4). Yet, if we don't allow Him close during our times of suffering, we won't be able to experience His gentle hands holding our hearts and caressing our tears.

There have been times in my life when the pain and hurt has been so deep, I've tried to put God aside thinking surely He doesn't care... for if He did, I wouldn't be going through the circumstances that brought such hurt to my heart. Perhaps you can relate. Perhaps you're in that place right now. Let me assure you that He does care and these are the very moments He wants you to allow Him to come closer than ever before. These are the very times He wants to catch your tears and soothe your pain. Chaos may seem to be brewing all around you; disappointment, confusion, sorrow and hurt may be pressing in from every direction. But right now I encourage you to take just a moment to close your eyes... and instead of focusing on the everpresent pain, focus on the assurance of God's love for you and His presence that is with you right now. It's okay to allow the tears to fall... for they're being captured with a love that's gentle, everlasting and greater than any pain you will ever endure.

ISIS Kidnaps 90 More Christians as Extermination Continues

Members of ISIS have abducted 90 Assyrian Christians from villages in northeast Syria, activists from the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The raids took place in the early morning near the town of Tal Tamr, where a Christian minority lives. Tal Tamr is also located near Hasaka, a city held by the Kurds. ISIS has managed to take two villages from the Kurds on Tuesday, the Syrian Observatory reports, and is the latest in a series of battles between the Kurds and ISIS, which is trying to establish a caliphate, or an Islamic emirate, in the Levant

region. The United States has been helping Kurdish forces by conducting air strikes against ISIS, with a recent strike killing 14 ISIS members on Tuesday.

There is no information on where the abducted Assyrian Christian men, women and children may have been taken or what their fate may be.

ISIS has destroyed Christian churches in Syria and Iraq and demanded that Christians pay taxes in order to survive and remain in the country. Just weeks ago ISIS beheaded 21 Egyptian Christians in Libya, setting off international condemnation and strengthen-



ing the union among the 60 groups working to destroy ISIS. The U.S.-led coalition includes the countries of Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Iraqi Kurdistan, Jordan, Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom, and several others.

"Everybody in this coalition contributes what they can, and we're grateful for all of that," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby told CNN.

"We are upping the ante," Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh added. "We're going after them wherever they are, with everything that we have. But it's not the beginning, and it's certainly not the end."

Jordan became more involved in fighting ISIS after a Jordanian pilot captured by ISIS was burned alive in a cage.



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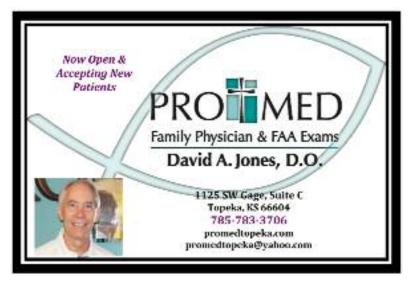
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Prayer breakfast speaker is part of the fabric of the community

The Kansas Prayer Breakfast has featured many celebrity speakers from across the country throughout its history, but none more special than the featured speaker for this year's - Topeka's own Barry Feaker.

Feaker's service to the community has been both deep and wide. It seems he has touched almost every important group, board and initiative in the city for over two decades. His wisdom and humble servant's heart has made him a person in great demand, whether for personal advice, a community initiative, a non-profit board or featured speaker. The only thing surprising about Feaker being the featured speaker at this year's Kansas Prayer Breakfast is why it hasn't happened before now. Those who attend will no doubt come away inspired, because as much as anything else, Feaker is a great story-teller. After his many years of service as Executive



Director of the Topeka Rescue Mission, he has many stories to tell and they are the kind that inspire and leave one wanting to hear more.

The 54th installment of the Kansas

Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Topeka Fellowship, Inc., will be held Wednesday, March 18th at the Ramada Inn in downtown Topeka. Statewide leaders in government, business, education and industry will be on hand as the program begins at about 6:45 a.m. Buffet lines open for serving at 6:00 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast are \$18.00 per person or \$180.00 for a reserved table of ten. For reservations call 234-6204 or email francisbartley@cox.net. More information can be found at kansasprayerbreakfast.net.



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And when we go to church And sing and say, "Amen", Let not that church be chosen By the color of our skin.

For when You decide at Heaven's Gate Who is out and who is in; We know You won't decide, O Lord, By the color of our skin.

I Pray in the Name of Jesus Christ AMEN

Prayers like this may be found in my Book of Uncommon Prayers at Book Boutique at the Library, Wolfe's Camera Shop, the State Capital, and my Web site, fsh-kschap.org

Kansas transition a 'step in right direction'

Though Kansas is facing some temporary budget shortfalls in the next year or two, some around the country still think Gov. Brownback has the state on the right track. You wouldn't know that if you read the Kansas City Star or watched the evening news.

A recent article on Forbes' website by Rex Sinquefield states that "The 21stcentury path to state economic prosperity, increased wages at every income level, employer re-investment, and job creation is in fact pretty straightforward. It is not a matter of wealth redistribution; it is a matter of wealth creation. It

is not about slicing up a shrinking pie; it is about creating bigger pie through economic expansion.

The pro-growth policy path is clear: cut income taxes on small business

and their workers; broaden the sales tax base; wipe out corporate loopholes and cronyism that come in the form of tax breaks for favored industries; and provide sales tax rebates or 'pre-bates' to low-income households. When states grow, property taxes and sales taxes are multiplied by a growing gross state product, which in turn increases government revenue and its ability to provide more social services."

This pretty well describes the track that Brownback and the legislature have put Kansas on with changes made in the last couple of years.

The Forbes article goes on to say that "Nowhere is a working model for reform more evident than in Kansas, where in 2012 and 2013 Governor Sam Brownback boldly eliminated small business pass-through income taxes and reduced individual tax rates. Kansas' economy is driven by small business, as are all states', and an income tax reduction will prove to be a great catalyst for attracting and growing small business.'

Brownback himself seems committed to the strategy.

"We will continue to reduce the income tax burden on our families and reward productivity," Brownback stated recently.

allows Kansans more freedom to determine their spending and reinforce the principle that the family budget is more important than the governmental budget."

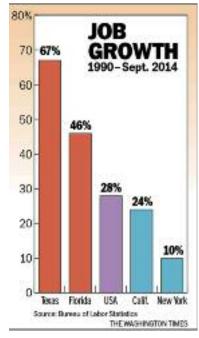
History has shown that reducing federal income tax rates leads to greater prosperity for all, and that the same holds true for state tax policy. Low- and no-income tax states outperform high income tax states across all measures of economic prosperity. The accompanying chart compares the rate of job creation in the no-income tax states of Texas and Florida with California and New York, where the state income tax rates are among the nation's highest.

Though the transformation may be good for the state, Brownback had the

misfortune to be elected in the worst possible scenario - a nationwide Great Recession.

Thus, the transition has been much more difficult than it would normally have been. States like Texas that start-

ed the transition years ago have a leg up on Kansas, and are already reaping the benefits, even during the recession, as



If Kansas can continue to follow through with the transition and prosper in a similar fashion in coming years, that will be Brownback's legacy.



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"Transitioning to consumption taxes

A Time for Tulips

by John Potter | Military Chaplain

Most of America has snow on the ground. People are inside, trying to stay warm. Recently, I looked out my window at home to see a dozen tulips poking through a snow drift. I marveled at the strength and power that made those plants grow in such harsh

and demanding conditions. I didn't want to go outside because of the freezing cold, but the tulips pushed through the layers of dirt, soil, leaves, and now several inches of snow.

We forget it, but people are like those snow covered tulips. Folks can push through tremendous difficulty and hardship. We often grow during the most difficult times in life when there is an inner strength guiding us

Scripture provides a picture of this in 2 Corinthians chapter 4. Paul writes to the church and says, "do not lose heart." There is an inner strength in you that the world will not understand. While it may be confused with personal strength, it is a "treasure in jars of clay." This extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come

from us. It gives the ability to endure, maintain, and move forward even when life gives us the worst conditions

Paul also shares how resilient believers can be because of God strengthening us in times of sorrow. In verse 8 he

shares that God provides so well that "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but

not destroyed " The Lord who helped Israel endure the desert sands will also strengthen you during the challenges of today.

God provides a covering that shelters us during the storms of life. He also allows His Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us when we only see darkness. The inner strength protects us and allows us to move upward, beyond the dirt and soil of difficulty.

Don't lose heart. Remember what God can do with snow covered tulips. He renews their inner strength day by day, allowing momentary afflictions to prepare them for a greater reward and a new season of life.

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set up vendor booths and kids games in the park as part of the family fun fair. There were lots of floats and all shapes and sizes

of other vehicles, as well as walking entries such as schools, military groups, and more.

The Family Fun Fair consists of activities geared toward children and families, as well as booths, exhibits, bands, etc., including activities such as Easter egg hunts, children's games, scavenger hunts, facepainting, and similar other activities in and around Big Gage Shelter and the Children's Party House.

Once again there will be two different Easter Egg hunts, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the Animal Land playground, as dozens of children search for several thousand eggs hidden in the area.

Many of the floats in last year's parade

es, empty tombs and Biblical characters, fulfilling the purpose of reminding observers of the true meaning of the holiday. Others featured more of a fun-loving, lighthearted theme, including classic cars, boats, big trucks and other types of motorized and walking entries.



The event is coordinated by the Capital City Christian Chamber of Commerce For more information, email info@C5Alive.org or call 785-640-6399. Updated details about the 2015 event can found at www.C5Alive.org, TopekaEasterParade.com or on Facebook

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Finding shelter

Shelter for girls victimized of sex trafficking closer to opening

by John W. Kennedy

While sex trafficking continues to increase as a social ill plaguing the United States, the sad fact remains that few facilities exist to restore those women and girls who have fled the clutches of their oppressors.

The need for shelters is increasing in part because awareness of the problem is growing. There has been a great push for training among law enforcement personnel as well as volunteers in the faith community, but many of the exploited still don't have a haven to go to once they escape their trafficked confines. Nationwide, there are less than 600 beds at residential treatment facilities in which teen girls can go to recover, according to the Polaris Project.

"There aren't that many more shelter beds in this country now than there were 10 years ago," says Michael Bartel, co-founder of FREE International, an Assemblies of God ministry assisting human trafficking victims. "Lots of places tried to launch but couldn't secure funding, while others opened briefly and then ran out of money. Sustainability is difficult."

Bartel is determined not to make the same mistake with FREE International's Oasis Services. FREE International is methodically gearing up to open an 18bed shelter in southwest Missouri. It is poised to become one of the nation's premier shelters, where girls who have been commercially sexually abused in Missouri and Kansas can prepare to transition safely back into society.

FREE (which stands for find, rescue, embrace and empower) International



will open Oasis as a holistic and restorative aftercare program specifically to house girls ages 10 to 18 for as long as two years.

FREE International has gained credibility by actively collaborating with government agencies, law enforcement officers, and churches in 20 states.

"It is possible to create a collaborative structure through mutual parties that are invested — those who run the program, counselors, a foster care network," Bartel says. "We can have multiple highly competent, proven successful entities

playing a role in the shelter - kindredminded ministry partners under one umbrella. We have the right people who understand Kingdom mentality and who are great servants."

Bartel and his wife, Denise founded FREE International in 2007. The ministry now has 22 team members, all of them self-supported. Cox and his wife, Shayla joined in July 2013 to oversee the aftercare program for sex-trafficked survivors.

Brandon Cox learned about the long-

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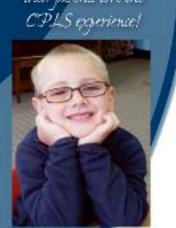
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1. Deal With Realities, and Control Your Emotions

A lot of folks are debating whether or not they'll ever be able to squeeze anything out of their budgets for retirement savings. We get it. One of the main reasons people hesitate to save for retirement is that they're focused on meeting day-to-day obligations.

Christina is a mom of five kids in Alexandria, Va. Two of her children have special needs, so she knows what it's like to be wary of "spending" money on retirement savings. "It's been hard to save for retirement, because I always feel like I need to have more money in the bank since we don't know what's coming with the kids," she said.

"But I know that if we don't save now, we won't be able to take care of ourselves in the future, let alone them, if they need it," Christina added. So she and her husband have made retirement savings their priority. They're debt-free. have an emergency fund and watch expenses like a hawk. They've also come to the tough, but correct, decision to save for their retirement instead of building up a college fund for their children.

"We feel that the best gift we can give our children is a strong work ethic, good money sense and not having to care for us when we get old," she said.

2. Refine Your Budget and Work Toward Your Goal Over Time

Making up your mind to put retirement savings at the top of your to-do list is just the first step. Now you actually have to find the money. Dave Ramsey, along with many retirement experts, recommends you invest 15 percent of your income just for retirement. That can sound like a huge chunk of cash, especially if your budget is so tight it squeaks.

When Katie quit work to stay home with her kids, her family in Mason City, Ill., had to learn to live on just one income. After such a drastic cut, they had to face the fact that they could not afford to put away 15 percent of her husband's income for retirement. But they didn't stop investing just because they couldn't reach the 15 percent goal.

"We were just doing as much as we could," Katie explained. "However, each month we were able to tweak the budget a little more — stuff like changing his W-4 and our cell phone package. Now, we can afford 15 percent for retirement, contribute to college funds and increase our fun money!

Judy from Spring Branch, Texas, started her retirement savings plan nearly 20 years ago by contributing just three percent of her salary. Then, each year she received a bonus, she diverted

most of it to her 401(k), and every time she received a raise she put a third of that into her 401(k), as well.

"It did not take long to max out my 401(k)," Judy said. "At age 51, my husband and I have two kids in college with the costs completely funded. We are at the point of severe wealth building, and our giving has increased significantly. It's a great feeling to know that I could retire at age 60 if I choose."

3. Let Go of Past Regrets

This is where a lot of people get stuck. They see saving for retirement as a mountain that's too large to climb after a certain point in their lives. They give up before they even begin.

If you're overwhelmed by the prospect of building a nest egg at the eleventh hour, go back to the first step and separate your realities from your emotions. One of the best ways to do that is to get all the facts. Where do you really stand now, and where could you be if you started saving with gazelle

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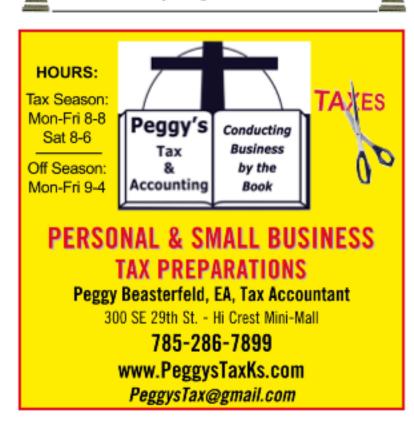
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my**opinion**

Jesus Reminds Us We Are Witnesses to Him to All the World

Last month's horrific beheading of 21 Coptic Christians in Libya showed they were faithful unto death. Their murderers

were Islamic State (IS) members, in affiliation with the main body of IS, which is in Syria and in Iraq.

The video shows 21 captives in orange jumpsuits with each captive being led by an IS member at the Libyan shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The Christians are forced to get down on their knees, and are then beheaded.

The video ends with the waves turning red on the beach. All of the captors had their faces covered, to hide their identities.

I suppose you could say this was IS's version of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre---although we don't know when the executions actually took place.

In the video, the leader of the Islamic militants says to the camera: "All cru-

saders: safety for you will be only wishes, especially if you are fighting us all together. Therefore we will fight you all together."

He also says, "The sea you have hidden Sheikh Osama bin Laden's body in, we swear to Allah we will mix it with your blood"

And he adds, looking across toward Italy, only 500 miles away or so: "We will conquer Rome, by Allah's permission."

Amazingly, the Obama White House will only claim that the victims were Egyptians (not naming them as Christians), nor will it identify the murderers as Muslims, but rather it says that the Islamic State "is unconstrained by faith, sect, or ethnicity."

Coptic Christians are from Egypt, and they trace their community back to when

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St. Mark, writer of the second Gospel, came there and proclaimed the gospel and was martyred there.

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It's fascinating to me that in Revelation, the final book of the Bible, there is a depic-

tion of the saints of God who are waiting to be avenged since they have been unjustly killed.

"How long, O Lord?" is their cry. When will He vindicate them? The fascinating aspect of all this is that many of them are beheaded, which is not necessarily the most common historical form of martyrdom. But it is certainly used by the radical



After the behedings, Coptic Christian Flooded Egypts Churches. The government declared seven days of national mourning in a show of support.

Muslims on many occasions.

Of course, there was anti-Christian persecution and martyrdom centuries before the followers of Mohammed (died 632) unleashed more persecution on the Church.

Jesus told His disciples that they were to be His witnesses for Him unto all the world. The Greek word we translate as "witness" is the word from which the word "martyr" is derived. So many of those early Christians, including almost all of the apostles, were witnesses for Christ unto death that the word came to mean, "one who testifies unto death."

After having seen and even touched Jesus following His resurrection from the dead, the disciples were willing to be put to death for their message rather than deny what they had witnessed.

My long-time pastor, the late Dr. D. James Kennedy spoke about how one of the heroes of the faith that really touched him was Polycarp, who lived in the first and second centuries. He was a direct disciple of John, who wrote the fourth Gospel.

Said Dr. Kennedy of this man:

"Polycarp was brought to trial when he was eighty-six years old. He said that as a child and through all of his life he had followed Christ, and Christ had never failed him. He had ever been faithful. How could he deny Him now? And Polycarp was martyred for his faith and received that crown of life."

Martyrdom has been a common occurrence for many Christians through the centuries. In his classic book, The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Christian martyr of the Nazis, said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." That is, to die unto himself. Martyrdom would be the ultimate example of that.

I pray in reference to the persecutors of the Christians, e.g., the radical Muslims, that God would redeem them---or remove them.Meanwhile, Christ calls His followers to be faithful, even unto death, as were those 21 brave Coptic Christians last month.

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WHO IS JESUS?



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Clay Center, Kan. – The Quran says about Jesus, "Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a Messenger of Allah, and His Word" (The Quran 4:171). The Jehovah's Witness New World Translation says He was "a god" (John 1:1). Notice the small "g". Rabbi Shraqa Simmons says that, according to Judaism, "Jews do not accept Jesus as the messiah".

The existence of God is also denied by millions. However, world religions, historians and most people agree in the existence of Jesus. Agreement gathers around what He did calling Him a good or powerful teacher.
Interestingly though,
when we move from "what Jesus did" to
"who He was" division begins.

man, miracle-worker

The main point of tension is this statement - Jesus is the one true God in human flesh. Despite centuries of heated disagreement such a statement reveals who He really is. It all started with Jesus who once said about Himself, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9), or in other words,

Again, most people also agree Jesus died, but why did He?

"When you see me, you see God."

Those who actually conspired to put Him to death tell us it was because He claimed to be God. They once accused Him saying "you, being a man, make yourself God" (John 11:33). His fierce opponents did not realize how they were helping the world to know who He truly was. Jesus ultimately died because He claimed to be God, which He did openly for all to see and hear. Then three days later He rose from the dead validating everything He spoke of.

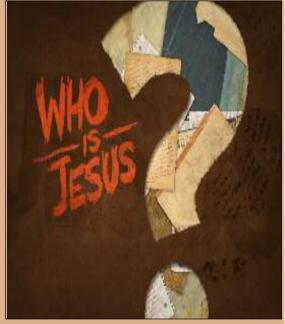
Why does this point of Jesus being

God matter, because it changes everything. What if an atheist who agreed in the existence of the historical Jesus also believed He was God? It would change everything. What if a Muslim who accepted that Jesus was a great prophet also believed He was God?

It would change everything. What if a Jew who agreed that Jesus was a great teacher also believed He was true Messiah? It would change everything. Most importantly though, what do you believe?

A good man cannot forgive your sin. Only Jesus can.

A miracle-worker cannot remove your guilt and shame. Only Jesus can. A powerful teacher cannot redeem your life from the pits of despair. Only Jesus



can. Believe in Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. May Jesus be your hope for today.

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9% OF VOTERS CAN CONTROL AN ELECTION

by **Joe Patton**

Did you know that only 507 people voted two years ago in one of the city council races even though it was a general election? Each city council district has about 5761 votes so only about 9% of the voters even cast a ballot! The reason for the



small turn out is that most do not realize it but all the city officials and school boards are elected in the spring elections. There is a city general election coming up soon. Advance voting starts March 23,

and the last day to vote in the general election is Tuesday April 7th.

In a democracy low participation is a serious problem. Low participation means that unqualified candidates can get into office. It also means that a very small minority can control the direction of the entire city and control millions of your tax dollars! The only way for government policies to reflect your values is for you to vote. Men and Women have died so you would have to right to vote. It is your patriotic duty to exercise this right.

Vote early. You can find an advance voting application at the Shawnee County Election office web page. Fill it out and



mail it into their office and they will mail you a ballot. Also if you want to vote in person but don't like standing in line, go to the Election office 911 SW 37th after early voting starts on March 23rd for the general. If you are going to be out of town on the last day to vote, vote early by going down to the election office.

If you wait until the last day to vote, April 7th for the general, you will vote at your regular polling place. You can find the location by going to the Shawnee County election office or calling them at 251-5900. Remember every voter must now show photo identification to vote. Again, to find out what you can use as photo id, check out the Shawnee County election office web page or the web page for the Kansas Secretary of State.

"Are you willing to spend time studying the issues, making yourself aware, and then conveying that information to family and friends? If some among you fear taking a stand because you are afraid of reprisals from customers, clients, or even government, recognize that you are just feeding the crocodile hoping he'll eat you last."

-Ronald Reagan

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How Aquaponics can help the Trash Mountain people

by **Mollyanne Gibson**

I traveled with Trash Mountain Project to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to build an aquaponics system at Amor Fe y Esperanza school for a week in February. It was incredible to witness God's work through his people in Honduras to bring light to a very dark situation in the trash dump community.

Amor Fe y Esperanza (AFE) school educates 130 children whose families make their living scavenging on the trash dump. AFE feeds the students a nutritious meal, offers safe housing for low rent, and provides access to medical care. The aquaponics system we built at AFE will be used to supplement the school's nutrition program.

Last summer, I interned for Trash Mountain Project (TMP). I learned to run the TMP aquaponics system in Topeka. Aquaponics is a synergistic system of inter-

connected tanks of fish and plants. The fish

waste is used as fertilizer by the plants, and

the plants filter the water to be recycled

back into the fish tanks. The aquaponics

system built at AFE will provide vitamin-

packed vegetables and protein-rich tilapia

My favorite memory of this trip was

adding 6,000 gallons of water to the com-

pleted system. The school staff explained

aquaponics to the curious water truck driv-

ers. Students and teachers came out to

watch us add the water. Young students

happily splashed their hands in the water as

the tanks filled. The team was thankful and

excited to see our week's work and years of

Because I am a pre-medical student, I

had the privilege of shadowing at the AFE

medical clinic that provides care for fami-

lies in the trash dump community. I shad-

owed Hollie Macenczak, an American

nurse and director of the clinic. She leads a

staff of two Honduran doctors and one

nurse. I was amazed at their creativity and

dedication to make their limited resources

work for the community. She created

access to preventative medicine such as

annual pap smears for the women and

planning come to fruition!

fish for the undernourished children.

daily vitamins for the elementary students. Preventative healthcare is a key component to overcoming the short-sightedness that often accompanies extreme poverty. The health clinic treats conditions caused by the working and living conditions such as internal parasites, severely infected lacerations, and asthma triggered by toxins in burning trash. By their compassion, the medical staff

imparted dignity to patients who are often treated as less than human because of their economic situation.

AFE encourages their students to dream big. When we toured the school, in each classroom the students told us their name,

age, and what they want to be when they grow up. When AFÉ began, the students couldn't dream beyond being a truck driver on the dump. Now the students tell us they want to be teachers, policemen, firemen. singers, lawyers, or doctors. We told each class, "te veo en la universidad" (see you at the university) and they replied,

"claro que sí" (of course!).

In 2001, Honduran Pastor Jeony Ordoñez founded AFE when he began teaching school to the children on the dump. There was no money for desks or supplies, so they sat on tires and used paper and pencils scavenged from the dump. The first year there were 20 students. The second year, 50 students. The third year, 80 students, and the government told Pastor Jeony his school couldn't meet on the dump. The school moved across the street at a soccer field: 1st grade met beside one goal post, 2nd grade under the big tree, 3rd grade under the small tree, and 4th grade in the middle. Over the next few years, God provided land, a building, and desks for the school. Today AFE serves 130 students from the trash dump community and also provides a nursery, medical clinic, housing assistance, transportation to church, and nutrition program.

An adorable 4-year-old girl gave me a tour of AFE's nursery. She lead me by the hand and told me, "this is my kitchen were we eat food, this is my bathroom, this is my crib where I take a nap, this is my teacher, and this is my desk." Before AFE's nursery, mothers would have no option but to

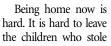


bring their babies with them onto the dump. Today, it is a beautiful scene to see mothers walking their young children to AFE every morning.

One afternoon my team went onto the dump one day to hand out food and water. There are about 1500 men, women, and children who sift through the trash dump for plastic bags and cardboard that can be sold for recycling for a few dollars a day. Trash Mountain Project documentaries accurately portray the conditions; a smell like ammonia and rancid garbage, people scavenging beside vultures and dogs, pervasive filth and grime. These are real people. I spoke with a kind older woman named Maria who has eight children. I watched the men play soccer together. We prayed for a man who wants to leave the dump to find work elsewhere. These are people made in the image of their Creator. They have names, families, friends, likes, dislikes, fears, dreams, and hopes.

God is doing amazing things among his

people in Honduras. We had the privilege of attending church on Sunday. It was beautiful to comprehend that God is the same God regardless of if you are an American college student or Honduran laborer.



little pieces of my heart. It is hard to deal with American materialism after living in a place where people thrived with few material possessions. It's hard to know it won't always be this hard because I will start to forget.

But being home is good too. It is good to see my friends. It is good to be with my family who I love and I missed. It is good to talk about the marvelous work God is doing in Honduras.

I hope that my life never quite goes back to normal. I hope my pocketbook more faithfully responds in giving. I hope my spirit remembers that my Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ and I worship and obey the same God. I hope my heart abhors materialism and chooses contentment in every circumstance. I hope I continue to deeply love people; rather they are children in Honduras, friends from church, or classmates at school.

Mollyanne Gibson is a senior in Biology and Biochemistry at Washburn University. She will attend medical school at Kansas University after graduation. Mollyanne interned for Trash Mountain Project at their Topeka Aquaponics Experiment Station in Summer 2014. When she is not studying, Mollyanne enjoys reading books, eating ice cream, and learning about different cultures.

Candidate speaks out at neighborhood meeting

Jonathan Schumm, candidate for the Topeka City Council District 4, at a recent neighbor association meeting declared that, "We need safer streets, better streets, and timely snow removal. I will fight for the people in the 4th district."



The 4th district is currently represented by Denise Everhart, who is not seeking reelection.

Schumm was a former corrections officer and said he views public safety as a high priority.

"I understand the important need for public safety. Public safety will be my top priority, and I will fight to make our streets safe."

A Financial Representative with Modern Woodman of America, Schumm formerly worked with Security Benefit. He said this business experience will serve him well on the council.

"As a businessman I understand job creation. As a Financial Representative I understand the fiscal responsibility we need in city government." Born in Topeka, Jonathan has been active in the community and is a member of the Topeka Downtown Optimist Club, the Civitan Club of Topeka, a member of the Topeka Gideons, and a Board member of Project Belong, an adoption advocacy group. Jonathan and his wife, Allison, reside in Highland Park where they are busy raising their family.

Lord is a late filing for Council District 6

Jim Lord, age 71, has filed his candidacy for the Topeka City Council, District 6. The seat is currently held by Chad Manspeaker, who is not seeking reelection.



"I promise to listen to the concerns of the people of the 6th district." Lord said. "My top priorities will be to help our police and firefighters create a safe city. We also need more jobs. I have the experience to create

an environment where we can create more and better jobs."

"As a businessman I will work hard to bring jobs to Topeka," Lord continued. "We need more jobs so our children do not have to move away to seek employment. I can also use my experience as a financial planner to serve the citizens of Topeka, and help promote fiscal responsibility."

A longtime resident of Topeka, Jim has lived here since 1970. He has lived in the City Council district over 12 years. Jim served his country in the United States Air Force Reserve for six years with a rank of Staff Sergeant. Spending four years with Sperry Rand Corporation as a District Manager, Jim entered the financial services field in 1971. In 1980 he was honored as one of The Outstanding Young Men of America. He currently serves as Chairman on the board of Christ First Counseling Center of Topeka, and The Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Foundation. Jim is a long time Topeka businessman and a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Licensed Insurance Agent, and Investment Adviser Representative. He holds Series 6, 63, and 65 security licenses.

Jim and his wife Debbie have six children and nine grandchildren.



People of the CROSS!

by Pat Hollomon



Christians have always loved the cross!! We don't worship it; we love what it represents to us. Our Savior, Jesus Christ that gave His life for sinful mankind on what was an instrument of death used by the Romans. It is a symbol of Amazing Love, Horrific Suffering, and the Greatest Exchange in history.

What other religious leader has exchanged their sinless life for all of mankind's sin? What other religious leader has exchanged their blood for mankind's blood? What other religious leader has exchanged their righteousness for mankind's unrighteousness? What other religious leader exchanged their life for mankind's death penalty? What other religious leader exchanged their freedom for mankind's condemnation. What other religious leader has exchanged their peace with God the Father for mankind's isolation from God the Father? NONE!!

It seems today that many are offended by THE CROSS. They kill the followers of THE CROSS. They persecute the followers of THE CROSS. They want to destroy the followers of THE CROSS from the face of the earth.

But it will NEVER happen! Because

the followers of THE CROSS will die for THE CROSS and THE SAVIOR who exchanged His life for theirs. We love THE CROSS because our Savior used it to deliver all who believe in Him from eternal punishment. The people of THE CROSS have exchanged our filthy lives for His robe of righteousness.

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THE CROSS was and is a symbol of execution; His not ours! That is why the followers of THE CROSS will continue to die for it. Because this world in not our home; we are caught behind enemy lines now. But we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb who was slain for us on an OLD RUGGED CROSS.

The world system hated Jesus and destroyed Him; or so they thought. Now the world system wants to destroy THE CROSS and what it represents, but they are in a hopeless battle. For THE CROSS is not an ideology, it is the power of God to save. Praise the Father for His perfect plan of redemption! Praise Jesus Christ for His perfect obedient sacrifice! Praise the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the grave! Praise THE POWER OF THE CROSS that still stands for the greatest exchange in history. Long live THE CROSS AND IT'S FOLLOWERS.

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pornography, marijuana use, abortion, and co-habitation.

"If you had to ask for a mixture of things that overall are correlated with strong Christian beliefs and strong Christian orthopraxy, you'd be looking at making sure mom and dad developed a relationship with their teens, ... that they're regular participants in a local church, and they practice home-based, parent-led discipleship," said Brian Ray, the researcher behind the survey and the president of the National Home Education Research Institute in Salem, Ore. "I don't want to pretend it's a formula. I'm just saying, statistically, there's a pattern."

The survey was an effort to shed light on a major problem recognized by evangelicals in America: Many millennials aren't staying in church. Americans aged 30 and under are less likely to value church attendance than previous generations, and 59 percent of millennials who grew up in church have dropped out at some point, according to Barna Group. (Other research has concluded many millennials have simply switched churches, and that only 18 percent drop out permanently.)

The new survey results are preliminary and have not yet been published in a peer-reviewed journal. Ray presented the results at the Gen2 Conference, a Christian leader-ship summit in Petersburg, Ky., in late lanuary.

Advertised on Facebook, websites, blogs, a large Evangelical church, and a secular university, the survey gathered responses from 9,396 participants between 2013 and 2014. Only adults under the age of 39 who attended church growing up were allowed to participate.



While this method of recruiting study participants is considered "nonrandom" and may be less accurate than making random phone calls, for example, researchers sometimes use the method to understand trends in smaller segments of a large population.

Most churched millennials who participated in the survey identified the faith of their childhood as Protestant or Catholic, although 6 percent said they grew up as Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, or something else. As adults, more than 8 percent now identify themselves as atheist or agnostic

A large number of former homeschool students answered the survey. About 43 percent of respondents said they had been home educated for seven years or more. Others had used public, Christian, secular private schools, or some combination of those. Ray used the results to compare differences based on educational background.

For example, the more years a person spent in public school, the more likely he or she was later in life to lack Christian faith and behavior, to lack life satisfaction, and to disagree with parent's beliefs.

"And these are people who were churched while growing up," Ray said.

Compared with those who mainly attended public school, Christian school students were 27 percent more likely to have strong Christian beliefs as adults. Homeschooled students were nearly three times more likely than public school students to have strong Christian beliefs. (For the purpose of the survey, Christian beliefs included agreeing the Bible is inspired, Jesus is divine, Jesus rose from the dead, moral

absolutes exist, and God created biological life.)

The survey revealed differing attitudes and behaviors regarding Christian sexual ethics. Among homeschoolers, 16 percent said they supported same-sex marriage, while 29 percent of those who attended Christian school and 33 percent of those who attended public school said they supported such marriages. Perhaps surprisingly, those who had attended secular private school were the most likely to support same-sex marriage; 46 percent did so.

Churched millennials who attended public school were the most likely to have cohabited with a sexual partner later in life (34 percent). Of others, 28 percent of private school students, 22 percent of Christian school students, and 9 percent of homeschool students said they had engaged in co-habitation.

The online questionnaire also gathered information about an issue for which little data is available: Sexual abuse among homeschoolers. The survey asked, "Were you ever sexually abused before age 18?"

Respondents who had spent the majority of their school years in a public school or Christian school were more than twice as likely to answer "yes" than those who had been homeschooled seven years or more.

The survey asked about corporal punishment during childhood. Those who said their parents spanked them "under loving control" were more likely to have strong relationships with their fathers today and to hold to Christian beliefs, compared with those who received no corporal punishment.



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ago trans-Atlantic slave trade when he toured a slave castle in Ghana. Outside the tourist site, pimps offered girls to him for sexual lease for 30 minutes. When he returned home to Missouri, someone approached him to buy an 8year-old girl - permanently.

"The slave trade is not something that happened 300 years ago, and it's not just in West Africa," Cox says. "It's in my neighborhood."

Oasis will be part of the rescue initiative of FREE International, with the goal of restoring girls emotionally, physically

and spiritually. The shelter will have classrooms, a computer lab, exercise room, dining area, reading area, kitchen, pantry, laundry area, and an arts and crafts room.

The 13,000-squarefoot building is nearly ready to go. All that's left to be done outside is landscaping, fencing around the property, and construction of a



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chickens and gardens on the site.

Girls who have been manipulated,

raped, beaten, forced 'The slave to take drugs, choked, and repeatedly prostitrade is not tuted need much nurturing to counteract something psychological that's just in damage inflicted upon them. West Africa." Oasis will be working with foster care Cox says. and adoption net-

"It's in my younger girls would be neighborhood." adoptable if their family of origin is unsafe.

works. Some of the

Missing and Exploited Children estimate between 100,000 and 300,000 children are at risk of being trafficked for commercial sex annually in the U.S., nearly all of them runaways and homeless kids. Within 72 hours of leaving home, a pimp or trafficker has approached two-thirds of them.

"If you are a 14-year-old runaway and living on the streets, you have very few options for food and shelter," Bartel

"No one organization has the lone power to end the tragedy that is human trafficking," Bartel says. "But together, working with partnerships on all levels of society, we can maximize our effectiveness toward ending this problem."

Facebook Is Killing Your Business

by **Dave Navarro Jr.**

The new millennium is the "social millennium" with nearly everyone online and sharing the most intimate details of their lives. I know when my Facebook friends are promoted at work, break up with a significant other, get too drunk at a holiday party and even steamier stuff at times. Some people just have no boundaries online. And if that person is a business owner, they could be turning off customers.

When I start a business relationship with someone, I want to be sure they are trustworthy and dependable. And when I see a business owner making Facebook/Twitter posts about their drunken fight with the police, or a clash with a former spouse, it erodes my confidence in their judgment. Not just that they fought with the police, but that they would post about it publically online. Who's to say they wouldn't post about me if we have a disagreement.

We all have occasional problems in our lives, but as business owners we have to be very careful about how we are perceived by our customers. We have to project confidence and wisdom. So, posting about our personal lives is counter-intuitive to our professional

image. Even if you're not a business owner, many employers have social media policies that allow them to fire employees who post things on social

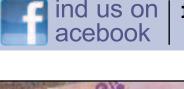


media that could reflect poorly on their employer. So, think about what you post online. Think about who might see it.

If you're a business owner, DON'T FRIEND your customers. And don't use your personal Facebook account for your business promotion. Create a Facebook Page, that's what they are for. If you absolutely must vent online about the things going on in your life, do it anonymously. Create a Blogger or Tumblr account that doesn't have your name or your business name anywhere on it. But treat your Facebook and Twitter accounts as an extension of your business and be more professional online. Facebook and the Internet are "forever" and so is what you post. So think about it before you post it.

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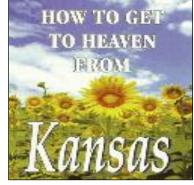
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More important than living in KANSAS is where you will live forever. Just as you would look at a map of KANSAS to find your way, so you must look at the Bible to find your way to heaven. The Bible says, "Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matt. 7:14). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6). Jesus is the only way to Heaven and He gave these directions on getting there.

1. Realize you are a sinner. Everyone starts the same place spiritually. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of god." (Rom. 3:23). Sin's penalty keeps you out of Heaven and condemns you to Hell, separating you from God. Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death." Sin brings both physical & spiritual death. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." (Rev. 20:14).

2. Realize Jesus paid the penalty. Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection provided a way for you to go to heaven and restore your relationship with God. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8). Since Jesus, God's Son, was the only One who could pay for our sin, He is the only

Way to Heaven.

3. Repent of your sin and receive Jesus as your Savior. In order to go to Heaven from KANSAS, or anywhere else, you must accept Christ by calling on Him in prayer. He tells us in Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Use the following prayer, or one similar to it, to receive Him now:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe that you died and rose again for me. Please forgive me of my sin, become Lord of my life, and take me to heaven when I die. I am trusting you completely, and in nothing I can do. Thank you Jesus! Amen.

stian families need not fear the Easter Bunny

by MICHAEL GRYBOSKI

Christians will celebrate Easter Sunday April 5 to observe when Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead. Yet along with the sacred observance will come a more secular American tradition, wherein many children will leave out baskets with the playful expectation that the Easter Bunny will come.

According to popular lore, it is the Easter Bunny who provides goodies (usually chocolate candy or ornate eggs) to children who leave their baskets out the night before. Many candy companies have taken advantage of the popular tradition and offer Easter Bunny-themed candy for that part of the vear.

However, where did this tradition of a bunny that gave out eggs come from?

According to the History Channel's website, the precise origins of this nonbiblical Easter figure are unclear but may have roots in German immigrant communities of the 18th century.

"According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called 'Osterhase' or 'Oschter Haws'," reads an entry on its site.

"Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.'

The concept of a bunny and eggs

tion of rabbits being symbols of fertility. This ancient concept can still be seen today with such clichés as "they reproduce like bunnies."

In an article about Easter lore, Barbara Mikkelson of snopes.com

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credited the Easter Bunny with a Germanic origin as well.

"The Easter Bunny is German in origin. He shows up in 16th century literature as a deliverer of eggs, in his own way a springtime St. Nicholas bent on rewarding the good," wrote Mikkelson, adding that "Colored eggs were left only for well-behaved good children."

The significance of eggs came from their symbolizing new life as well as fertility and continuing life. Mikkelson wrote about how Christianity adopted the symbol.

"As Christianity spread, the egg was adopted as a symbol of Christ's resurrection from the tomb (a hard casket from which new life will emerge)," wrote Mikkelson.

Ministries at Fresno Pacific University, told The Christian Post that the secular symbols of Faster were often used by Christian missionaries when evangelizing cultures lacking a Judeo-Christian background.

"Hosts of international communities decorate and participate in these traditions in their own unique ways. The Christian Church and its ambassadors throughout history have appropriated the symbols of the cultures they encountered," said Kinnison.

"The use of eggs in particular has been used to identify the essence of life and the resurrection of Christ. By using these known symbols within the culture, Christian missionaries find ways to connect and communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cultures unfamiliar with the biblical stories and narratives."

Kinnison compared the practice to what Paul of Tarsus did at Mars Hill as recorded in Acts 17.

However, Kinnison also told CP of the caution that should be noted with this practice.

"What becomes problematic is when we lose the meaning of the symbols and they take on new or different cultural values that are antithetical to the Gospel," said Kinnison.

Steve Russo, a Christian evangelist from Ontario, Calif., and host of the radio program "Real Answers," wrote a column for The Baptist Press regarding the issue of Christian parents and the Easter Bunny.

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like birthday cakes and even calendars and the days of the week – all of which have pagan roots," wrote Russo.

"It's not necessary to deprive your children of good fiction so long as they understand the difference between fact

and fiction. If you are careful and wise in how you incorporate the Easter bunny tradition, it can be fun for you and your children and also provide a great springboard for your family's discussion about why we celebrate





By Randy Wright - First printed in 1971

Who cares? What difference does it make if Jesus rose from the dead? It makes all the difference in the world. If Christ did not rise, then thousands of Christians have lived and died for a hoax.

If, however, He did rise, then He is still alive and can act now to straighten out our chaotic world. Facts always speak louder than opinions. Let's take a look at some of the historical evidence for the resurrection and see where the facts lead.

One preliminary consideration: countless scholars-among them, the apostle Paul, St. Augustine, Sir Isaac Newton and C. S. Lewis--believed in the resurrection. We need not fear committing intellectual suicide by accepting it also.

Paul wrote that "Christ died for our sins, He was buried, He was raised on the third day. He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now.

Consider also these four pieces of evidence:

1. The Explosive Growth of the Christian Church

Within a few weeks after the crucifixion a movement arose which, by the later admission of its enemies, "upset the world." Something happened to ignite this movement a very short time after its leader had been executed. What was it?

2. The Changed Lives of the Disciples

After Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, most of the disciples were frightened. Peter, for instance, denied Christ three times (twice to two servant girls!) Yet 10 out of the 11 disciples were martyred for their faith. Peter was crucified upside down; Thomas was skewered; John was boiled in oil but survived. Something had happened to revolutionize these men's lives. Each believed he had seen the risen Christ.

3. The Empty Tomb

Jesus' dead body was removed from the cross, wrapped in graveclothes like a mummy, covered with 100 pounds of aromatic spices and placed in a tomb. The tomb had been hewn out of rock and apparently contained only one cavern. An extremely large stone was rolled into a slightly depressed groove at the tomb's entrance. Some have conservatively estimated the weight of the stone at one-and-a-half to two tons.

A crack "Green Beret" unit of Roman soldiers was placed out front to guard the grave. The military discipline of the Romans was so strict that severe corporal and often capital punishment awaited the soldier who left his post or failed in his duty. Sunday morning, the stone was found rolled away, the body was gone, but the graveclothes were still in place. What happened?

Some say that Christ's friends stole the body. This means that either one of the women sweet-talked the guards while the other two moved the stone and tip-toed off with the body, or else guys like Peter (remember how brave he was) and Thomas (how easily convinced he was) overpowered the guards, stole the body, and fabricated a myth.

These theories hardly seem plausible. The guard was too



powerful, the stone too heavy, and the disciples, not yet experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit were too spinelesss to attempt such a feat.

Others say that Christ's enemies stole the body. Yet if the Romans or Jews had the body, they would have exposed it publicly and Christianity would have died out. They didn't and it didn't.

Then there is the "swoon theory," that Christ didn't really die but was only unconscious. The expert Roman executioners merely thought He was dead. After a few days in the tomb, without food or medicine, the cool air revived Him. Then, according to this theory, He burst from the 100 pounds of graveclothes, rolled away the stone with His nail-pierced hands, scared the daylights out of the Roman soldiers, walked miles on wounded feet, and convinced His disciples that He'd been raised from the dead. This one is harder to believe than the resurrection itself.

In other words, if Jesus was put to death, who's got the body? All that we do have is an empty tomb.

4. The Appearances of the Risen Christ

For 40 days after His death, Christ was reported to be seen alive on earth. Some say these were hallucinations, but do the accounts show that?

Only certain high-strung and imaginative types of people usually have such psychic experiences. Yet a woman, a stubborn tax collector, several fisherman and more than 500 people at one time claimed they saw Him. Hallucinations are very individualistic--contrasting with the fact that over 500 people saw the same thing at the same time and place.

Two other facts undermine the hallucination idea. Such imaginations are usually of expected events, yet the disciples had lost hope after the crucifixion. Also, psychic phenomena usually occur in cycles, but the appearances came in no set pattern.

Attempts to explain away the appearances run into a brick wall of facts. The facts point to one conclusion:

Christ is risen.

The above does not constitute an exhaustive proof, but rather a reasoned examination of the evidence. We must each consider and evaluate the evidence ourselves to determine the truth of the resurrection claim. (Of course, the truth or falsity of the resurrection is a matter of historical fact and is not dependent on any individual's belief.)

If the facts support the claim, then we can conclude that He arose. In any case, a mere intellectual assent to the facts does nothing for one's life.

A major evidence comes experientially, in personally receiving Christ as Savior and Lord. Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him."

Care to give Him a try?

EASTER EVENT SCHEDULE

HE IS RISEN! EASTER CONCERT IN LITURGICAL DANCE - Apr. 1, 7pm, at TPAC, No charge, but a freewill donation will be taken. Presented by Barbara's Conservatory of Dance Liturgical dancers and Cleargold Worship Dance. Celebrate the true reason for the Easter season with a beautiful night of music and dance sure to delight all ages

TOPEKA EASTER PARADE & FUN FAIR - Apr. 4, 9am-3:30pm, Gage Park. Topeka's second annual Easter parade will move around inside Gage Park at 10:30am. Family Fun Fair at Big Gage Shelter House will include vendor booths, children's games, egg hunts, food, facepainting, and more between 9am & 3pm. Christian bands will perform nearby. For info: info@C5Alive.org or 640-6399.

THE TOPEKA PASSION PLAY — Mar. 26-28 & Apr. 1-4, 7pm. Doors at 6pm. Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 713 SW Fairlawn. Free. For info: 272-6322 or info@fairlawn-

EASTER SERVICES at Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene, 3501 SW Wanamaker: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Apr. 2, 6:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - Apr. 3, 6:30pm

EASTER EGG HUNT - Apr 4, 11am,

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - Apr. 5. 7am; add'l services at 8:30 & 9:45 & 11

THE EASTER CANTATA - Mar. 29, 10:30am. Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N Kansas Ave. For info: 286-0467 or bbctopeka.org or bethelbaptist17@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH EASTER SERVICES - Apr. 4, 5pm & Apr. 5, 9:15am & 11am, held at TPAC.

EASTER SERVICES - Apr. 5, 8:30am and 11am, First Southern Baptist Church, 19th & Gage.

LENT SERVICES - Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Lenten Meal at 5:45, Worship at 7pm. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Apr. 2, 12noon & 7:30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - Apr. 3, 12noon & 7:30pm.

EASTER SERVICE - Apr. 5: 6:30 Sunrise; 7am Easter Breakfast; 8am Traditional; 9:30am Contemporary; 11am Worship, Faith Lutheran Church, 17th & Gage

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - Apr. 3, 7:30-8:30pm, Topeka Bible Church, College Building

LENT SERVICES - Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Service at 12:15pm, Lenten Meal at 5:30, Worship at 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Apr. 2, 12:15pm & 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - Apr. 3, 12:15 noon & 7pm

EASTER SERVICE - Apr. 5: 8:15am &11am, St. John's Lutheran Church, 901 SW Fillmore

LENT SERVICES - Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Lenten Meal at 6pm, Worship at 7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Apr. 2, 7pm, Calvary Lutheran Church, 4211 NW Topeka

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - Apr. 3, 7pm

EASTER SERVICE - Apr. 5: 7:30 Sunrise; 9am Easter Breakfast; 10:30am Festival Worship, Calvary Lutheran Church, 4211 NW Topeka Avenue

LENT SERVICES - Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Lenten Meal at 6pm, Worship at 7pm, Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 Burlingame Rd

EASTER SERVICES - Apr. 5, at 8:30 and 11 AM., First Southern Baptist Church, 19th & gage.

EASTER SERVICES - Fellowship Bible Church:

Saturday April 4th, 5:00pm

Sunday April 5th, 9:15am & 11:00am, held at TPAC.

EASTER SERVICES - Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N Kansas Ave:

EASTER CANTATA - March 29th - 10:30 AM

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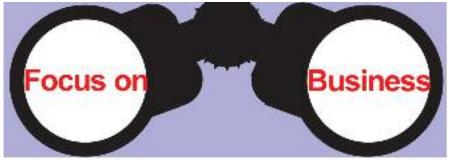












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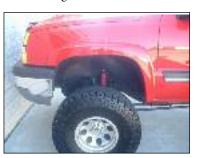


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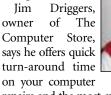
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CONCERTS

TOPEKA ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM - First Sat. of ea. month, 3-5pm, Potwin Presbyterian Church (enter south door), 400 S.W. Washburn. Information: 286-0227 or hagen1525@gmail.com.

CARMEN. OR DON'T CRY FOR ME MARTIN - February 28-May 3. Martin City Melodrama, 20700 W 151st St., Kansas City, MO. 913-642-7576.

ALL FOUR ONE QUARTET CONCERT - Mar 7 6:30nm Lawrence First Church of the Nazarene, 1470 North 1000 Road, Lawrence. 785-843-3940

BRIAN ARNOLD CONCERT - Mar 8 6-8nm Burlingame Federated Church, 322 S. Topeka Ave, Burlingame. Free with a love offering.

THE CHIEFTAINS - Mar 10 7:30pm McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University. \$19.50-\$75. For info: ksu.edu/mccain

CONNIE DOVER IN CONCERT - Mar 13 7:30pm Lied Center of Kansas, University of Kansas. \$23. All Ages.

PHIL STACEY IN CONCERT - Mar. 21, 6pm. Cornerstone Community Church, 21st & Indian Hills. The American Idol star performs free.

CHRIS TOMLIN IN CONCERT WITH TENTH AVENUE NORTH AND REND COLLECTIVE - Mar. 27, 7pm, Independence Event Center, 19100 E. Valley View Parkway in Independence, Mo. Tickets are \$34, \$24 and \$17.50. For more information, call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.ticketmasater.com.

FLINT HILLS CHORUS AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE - Mar. 29, 2pm, First UMC, 600 Lincoln, Wamego

HANDEL'S MESSIAH - Mar. 29, 2pm, First United Methodist Church, 600 Lincoln in Wamego. Flint Hills Chorus and Chamber Ensemble of more than 80 people will be accompanied by an orchestral ensemble. The performance date will be Palm Sunday.

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

HARVESTER'S PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS - every second Saturday, takes place at Christian Lord Ministries, 2421 SE California. Call 266-4979.

FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST -Sundays at 10am sharp, at Oakland Church of the Nazarene: 900 block of NE Oakland, followed by church services at 10:45am with Pastor John Menkveld - which is in turn followed at noon by The Hope House FREE Community Food & Clothing Banks.

BINGO AT FAIRLAWN HEIGHTS ASSISTED LIVING -3:00PM, 1st Saturday of every month, facilitator: Pastor

INTERSECT STUDENT MINISTRIES PANCAKE FEED -Mar 1 8-30-11am Wanamaker Woods Nazare Church, 3501 SW Wanamaker. Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more

LIFEFEST — Mar. 5, 10am-12:30pm, Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Seniors ministering to seniors - celebrating with fellowship, fun, food, learning & entertainment. Members of the local chapter, "Heaven On Wheels", will present the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Potluck luncheon at noon. If transportation is needed, call 354-4994 or 478-1729

FISH DINNERS - March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27, 5:30 to 7 pm, Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1750 S.W. Stone. The suggested donation is \$8 for those who are age 11 and older: \$5 for children ages 4-10; and free for children ages 3 and vounger. There is a maximum cost of \$30 per house hold. The menu includes: fried and baked fish, fried popcorn shrimp, hush puppies, waffle fries, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert.

FRIDAY FISH FRYS - thru March 27, 4-7 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, 312 NE Freeman Ave. Adults, \$8.50: 12 & under. \$4. Fish or Shrimp. Take-out available, 234-6727. SacredHeartStJosephCatholic.org

CHILI FEED - Feb. 28, 12-3pm, Faith Temple Church, 1162 SW Lincoln Ave. Youth department Fundraiser: \$5.00. 235-1834

BISCUITS, GRAVY, AND SCRAMBLED EGGS — Mar. 7 11am. Seaman Community Church, \$5, Info: 354-8777

BOYSCOUT TROOP 175 PANCAKE FEED, SILENT AUC-TION, BAKE SALE - Mar. 7, 8am-12pm. First Christian Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn, All you can eat pancakes, \$5 adults, children 12 and under free with paid adult. For info: troop175blacklions.org

KIDS OF COURAGE VBS - Mar. 16-20, 12:30-4:00pm Mon., 1-4:00pm T-F, Closing program Fri. 7-8 pm, First Baptist Lyndon, 129 w 15th St., Lyndon. Wanted: youth K-6th. Emphasizing themes of trust in God, sharing in suffering, witnessing, & forgiveness with awareness on Egypt, North Korea, China, Nigeria and India, with relegames, snacks, crafts, skits. To preregister, contact Sheri at 785-207-0380 or pamperedchefsheri@live.com

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES PRESENTS THE IEW-ISH PASSOVER MEAL — Apr. 5, 10:30am. Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N Kansas Ave. For info: 286-0467 or bbctopeka.org or bethelbaptist17@yahoo.com

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

M4K - MEN FOR KANSAS PRAYER BOOT CAMP - Mar. 7, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Cair Paravel Latin School, 635 SW Clay. Men seeking a disciplined prayer life are invited. Featuring National Prayer Mobilizer Dick Simmons.

TOPEKA LITERACY COUNCIL – Mar. 7, 8:30am-5pm. Tutors work with adults who wish to improve their reading and writing skills. \$25. Registration deadline Feb. 27. For info: 234-2806 or topekaliteracy@juno.com

GROWTHCLUB - Apr. 2. 8am-4pm. Topeka Country Club.

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FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

NOTO MARKET ON FIRST FRIDAYS - NOTO arts district. Enjoy arts, antiques, fine crafts, and flea market items.

MEDICARE MONDAYS — First Monday of every month starting July 7, 1-3pm. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (Menninger Room 206), 1515 SW 10th. Senior health insurance counseling. For info: 580-4545 or nhonl@tscpl.org

LADIES' EXERCISE- Tuesday evenings 7-8 pm & Friday mornings 8-9 am, First Baptist, 129 w 15th St., Lyndon. free active supportl: fat burning, strength, fitness. Contact Sheri 207-0380 or pamperedchefsheri@live.com

SAFE STREETS COALITION MEETING - Mar 4 11:45am-1pm. Great Overland Station. For info: 266-4606 or jwilson@safestreets.org

TOPEKA HOME SHOW — Feb. 27—Mar. 1. Exhibition Hall. Kansas Expocentre – Homebuilders, Remodeling, Products and Services.

BEYOND THE BLAZE AUCTION FUNDRAISER - Feb. 28. 6-10pm at TPAC. Help HHB BBQ and Top City Soda rebuild after the fire. Donate for the auction or come and bid. There will be some great BBQ Info: 249-5786.

SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON - Feb. 28, 11am-2pm, Hillcrest Community Center 1800 SF lowa \$12 advanced ticket required by Feb. 24. Chicken, Brisket or Catfish. Meal includes one meat, choice of 2 sides, and a slice of corn bread. Desserts and drinks can be purchased separately. Eat in or carry out. 969-8957 or www.stepsks.org

TOPEKA PRIMARY ELECTION - Mar. 3 - Get out & vote! TOPEKA KIDS CLOSET SPRING MEGA SALE — Mar. 5-7. 720 NW 50th St. Across from Seaman High School

UNVEILING/RIBBON-CUTTING PARTY - March 5, 4-6 pm, at GreatLife Golf & Fitness at Shawnee Country Club, 913 SE 29th St. The new Topeka Health & Wellness Magazine will have a Ribbon-cutting at 4pm, Unveiling of first issue, followed by entertainment & demonstrations of various ways to achieve healthy liv ing & eating! There will be healthy snacks & drinks to enjoy! Advertisers will be taking part with booths and tables to show their products & services.

NO I.D. 3 STARLITE SOUTH — Mar. 7, Starlite Skate Center, 301 SE 45th. \$10 to enter, \$8 w canned good. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS - Mar. 8, 2am

REALITY TOUR 2015 — Mar. 8, 1-4pm. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. Recommended for ages 10+ with suggestion for parent/guardian to accompany. For info and registration: parstopeka.com or 266-8666

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION WAREHOUSE SALE - Mar 5&6, 7am-3pm, 206 NW Norris St. All sales benefit the programs of Topeka Rescue Mission.

JARDINE MIDDLE SCHOOL JAGUAR BINGO NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION — Mar. 12, 5:30pm. Jardine Middle School, 2600 SW 33rd. Donation requested for bingo cards, silent auction; Raffle tickets sold.

MONTHLY MOOSE MARKET - Mar. 13, 8am-12pm Moose Lodge, 1901 N. Kansas Av. Free to shop, \$4 for pancakes. For info: 250-6788

CPLS KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP - Mar 13, 9-11am, Cair Paravel Latin School, 635 SW Clay. Info & registration: 232-3878 or www.cpls.org.

BLARNEY BREAKFAST — Mar. 14, 6-10am, Texas Roadhouse, 5901 SW Huntoon, Tickets: \$10. Bagpipers. face painters, and a balloon artist. Local celebrities serve as waiters. Benefits Easter Seals Capper Foundation, 272-4060.

St. PAT'S PARADE & IRISH FEST - Mar. 14, Downtown 7am-10am: Irish Fest Breakfast (8th & Jackson) 9am: Leprechaun Leap 5K Fun Run (8th & Jackson) 10:30am: Great Topeka Bed Races (6th & Van Buren) Info: 234-0217,ext 319

10am: Sing-a-long followed by Mass at Assumption 10am-1pm: Nucklehead Jones.at Celtic Fox Street Party 11am - Irish Fest Lunch begins (8th & Jackson) 12pm: St. Patrick's Day Parade

1pm-6pm: Irish Fest with live music and Irish dancers

BOOK SIGNING - Mar. 14, 1-3pm, Hastings, 23rd & Iowa, Lawrence, KS, Christian author George Feliu, who lives in Topeka, author of the Guardians of Havenshire series, will be selling and signing his books, including Guardians of Havenshire book 3: Rebel: and Guardians of Havenshire book 4: Triumph and Tragedy. The books can also be found on nook, kindle, amazon.com and Barnes and Noble website.

KVC QUARTERMANIA – Mar. 14, 5-9pm, KVC Kansas, 235 S Kansas Ave. Dinner and silent auction. \$10 adults, children under 10 \$5. For info and tickets: Karre Schaefer 409-6854 or kschaefer@kvc.org

54TH ANNUAL KANSAS PRAYER BREAKFAST – Mar. 18, 6am, Ramada Inn downtown. Guest speaker Barry Feaker, with leaders in government, business, education and industry. \$18 each or tables of 10 for \$180. For info and RSVP: francisbartley@cox.net or 234-6204

OPEN HOUSE - Mar. 19, 3-7:00pm, House of Ruth, 1025 SW Western. The House of Ruth is a new discipleship home for women who are releasing from jail or prison. A dedication ceremony will take place at 5:30pm. For info call 806-4592

CAPITAL CITY CYCLE SHOW - Mar. 20, 5-10pm, Mar. 21, 11-9, Mar. 22, 11-6. Single day tickets \$15, weekend pass \$20, kids 12 and under free.

MUSIC MAKERS - Mar. 21, 1-3pm, NOTO Arts Center, 935 N. Kansas Ave. For kids 5-11 and an adult. A class for parents and kids to create handmade musical instruments and participate in music making fun. \$30. Contact Cara Weeks at 783-7558, cweeks@valeotope ka.org. Enroll at notoartsdistrict.com

JOURNEY FOR SIGHT 5K/10K - Mar. 21, 8am. Combat Air Museum, 7016 SE Forbes Avenue, Topeka Regional Airport. \$23

22, 2pm, Logan Elementary, 1124 NW Lyman Rd. \$20 to play, includes team t-shirt, a snack, and bottled water. Co-rec, all guys, and all girls divisions available. 6-8 players per team. \$2 for spectators. Kids 3 and under free. For info: crusherstore@hotmail.com

THE TOPEKA PASSION PLAY - Mar. 26-28 & Apr. 1-4, 7nm Doors at 6nm Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene 713 SW Fairlawn. Free. For info: 272-6322 or info@fair lawnnaz.org

MOMS EVERYDAY EXPO - Mar 28 11am-4nm West Ridge Mall. For info: meg.heston@wibw.com

3rd ANNUAL BRIGHTER FUTURES HEALTH FAIR" - Mar. 28, 10am-2pm, Big Gage Shelter House. Fun events, 1 K family run, demonstrations, information, & contests. Many area vendors will promote healthy lifestyle messages, products & organizations. For booth info call Topeka Youth Project 273-4141

HE IS RISEN! EASTER CONCERT IN LITURGICAL DANCE - Apr. 1, 7pm, at TPAC, No charge, but a freewill donation will be taken. Presented by Barbara's Conservatory of Dance Liturgical dancers and Cleargold Worship Dance. Celebrate the true reason for the Easter season with a beautiful night of music and dance sure to delight all ages

TOPEKA EASTER PARADE & FUN FAIR - Apr. 4, 9am-3:30pm, Gage Park. Topeka's second annual Easter parade will move around inside Gage Park at 10:30am. Family Fun Fair at Big Gage Shelter House will include vendor booths, children's games, egg hunts, food, face-painting, and more between 9am & 3pm. Christian bands will perform nearby. For info: info@C5Alive.org or 640-6399

REAL ENCOUNTER "THE MAIN EVENT" - Apr. 8, 6:42pm, Highland Park High School. Real Encounter uses motor-

cycle stunts and BMX Stunt Bikes in their Gospel Outreach. This group was on national TV shows 5 dif-ferent times, including Americas Got Talent. There will be a drawing for free bicycles. RealEncounter.org

ADVENTURE'S IN LEARNING- SPRING SESSION - Apr. 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 9am-12, First Baptist Church, 3033 SW MacVicar Ave. Shepherd's Center of Topeka's program for those over 55. Participants choose from four different classes on health, religion, news & current events, people & places, community, the arts, and library wisdom, offered at 9am. At 10:00 brunch is served. At 10:30, second class begins. At 11:30, participants choose between a musical performance in the sanctuary or exercise in the gym. For info: 267-0248

MS WALK 2015 — Apr. 11. 7am. Lake Shawnee.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 5K RUN/WALK AND PANCAKE FEED — Apr. 11, Crestview Community
Ctr; Shunga Trail. Registration 8-8.45, 5k at 9, Fun Run
at 9:10. \$20 Registration includes t-shirt and pancake
feed ticket. Prizes for top three runners. \$5 donation for pancake feed, 8:30-11.

BRIDGE2BRIDGE 5K — Apr. 18, 10am. \$25 pre-registration before Apr. 17, 8am. \$35 at-event registration,

BALLET MIDWEST'S CINDERELLA - Apr. 18 at 8pm & Apr. 19 at 3pm, Topeka Performing Arts Center. Two performances featuring talented, local dancers; a delightful, comedic ballet following the grace of the beautiful Cinderella and the antics of the silly stepsisters! An enchanting event for the whole family to see this charming fairytale come to life as Cinderella's dreams come true! Relive the magic and happily ever after! If the shoe fits...wear it! Tickets available through Barbara's Conservatory of Dance, TPAC Box Office, & Ticketmaster. \$10 Student, \$14 Senior, \$18 Adult, and \$50 Family Pack (2 adults & 2 students)

ANNUAL CIVIC LUNCHEON - Apr. 27, 11:30am-1pm, Downtown Ramada. The Salvation Army shares its annual report and stories of those who have been helped, and shares plans for the future. Special Guest: rnational Performing Artist Jodi Beach

FAMILY-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS

BROWN V. BOARD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE — Daily, 9am—5pm, 1515 SE Monroe. Located in the former a black Monroe School. Free admission. For info: 354-4273 or www.nps.gov/brvb/.

CEDAR CREST, official residence of the KS Governor -Mon., 1pm-3pm, with tours on the half hour, 1 SW Cedar Crest Rd. Free adm. For info: 296-3636.

COMBAT AIR MUSEUM - Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-4:30pm Sun. noon-4:30pm, Hanger 602, Forbes Field. For info: 862-3303 or combatairmusem.org.

CURTIS HOUSE MUSEUM – Every Sat., 11am-3pm; by appointment other times, 1101 SW Topeka Blvd. Former mansion of Charles Curtis, 31st Vice President of the US, and the only one of American Indian heritage. Cost \$5. For info: 357-1371 or 597-5380.

CONSTITUTION HALL - Wed -Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1-5pm, National Landmark, Kansas State Historic Site, Civil War History: Famous Lecompton Constitution, 319 Elmore, Lecompton. For info: 887-6520 or consthall@kshs.org; or kshs.org/constitutiomall.

GREAT OVERLAND STATION - Railroad museum, education center, veterans memorial and more. 701 N. Kansas Avenue. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 1-4pm. Closed on Sundays in Jan. & Feb. Adm: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors,\$2 children age 3-12. For info: 232-5533 or greatoverlandstation.com.

HISTORIC RITCHIE HOUSE — Tour the oldest remaining home in Topeka (built 1856-57). 1116 Madison.
Admission free. 10am-2pm; weaving demonstrations,

Capital City Christian Chamber of Commerce



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C5Alive POWER Luncheons - (2nd Thurs, of each month)

 Mar. 12, 11:30-1, Topeka Bible Church. Speaker: Rick Boxx, Integrity Resource

Center. RSVP to info@C5Alive.org or call 640-6399. Open to the Public!



SAVE THE DATE: Easter Parade & Fun Fair Apr. 4 at Gage

Park. Contact us for vendor space and parade entries!



For info: www.C5Alive.org or or info@C5Alive.org

HOLLEY MILITARY MUSEUM - Downtown Ramada Inn. Featuring 5 galleries, named after world leaders. Featuring World War II artifacts. Air Force One exhibit Kansas War Heroes, Space, Vietnam & more. Cost: Free. 10am-8pm daily.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM — Forbes Field. For

KANSAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m Tuesday - Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday. 6425 SW 6th Avenue. 785-272-8681, kshs.org/museum

KANSAS STATE CAPITOL - Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm, SW 10th & Jackson St. Tours provided. Dome Tours M-F 10:30am-4:15pm. Info: 296-3966 or kshs.org/capitol.

 $\label{eq:old_prairie_town} \textbf{OLD PRAIRIE TOWN} - 1 \text{st \& Clay. Open Mon.-Sat.},$ 10am-4pm; Sun. 12-4pm. Daily guided tours: M-F 10am, 12 & 2pm; Sat. & Sun. 12 & 2pm. 368-2441.

ROEBKE HOUSE MUSEUM — 216 New York, Holton. For

TERRITORIAL CAPITAL MUSEUM — Wed.-Sat., 11am-4pm; Sun., 1-5pm, National Register Site, 3 floors of Civil War and Victorian Artifacts, President Eisenhower's parents' marriage site: 640 E. Woodson Ave., Lecompton. For info: 887-6148 or lanemuseum@aol.com or lecomptonkansas.com.

TOPEKA ZOO – Gage Blvd. between 6th & 10th St. Zoo hours 9am-5nm Birthday Parties available -- choose from two separate party packages; parties last two hours. For info: 368-9180 or topekazoo.com.

MEETINGS & CLASSES

C5Alive "POWER" LUNCHEON - Mar. 12, 11:30 am-1pm, Topeka Bible Church, 11th & Mulvane. Featured Speaker: Rick Boxx, head of Integrity Resource Center in Kansas City. Boxx is an author, speaker, consultant, trainer and radio teacher.

- Cost: \$10 for C5 members & first-time guests who RSVP, \$12 at the door
- \$15 for non-members & repeat guests.
- Please RSVP to info@C5Alive.org, so we know how

Open to the public — Put POWER in your life with great food, great speakers and great company! Invite a friend

WOMEN'S CONNECTION "PICTURE PERFECT" LUNCH-**EON** — Mar. 12, 11:30am, Public Library, 1515 SW 10th. Music: Amanda and Jeremiah Devine, parents of 20month old twins have BA degrees in music and theater from Emporia State. Feature Presentation by Paige Ross. owner of Ross Digital Expressions. Inspirational message by Sandy Moore, Independence, Ks. She will tell how she was able to rise above painful childhood circumstances. Her passion is mentoring younger women. . \$14.00 including lunch. RSVP by Mar. 9: Ann at 266-1522 or Jeanie at 233-1387.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S CONNECTION "SPRING FASHION **LUNCHEON** – Mar. 14, 11am, T&SC Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. Event Cost including meal: \$14. RSVPs: Arlene, 233-0701 or email: leidacloud@cox.net. Business Feature: New Spring Fashions from Christopher & Banks, West Ridge Mall of Topeka Speaker: Sandy Moore of Independence, KS, Sandy expresses how she was able to rise above painful childhood circumstances beyond her control.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF TOPEKA - Mar. 5. 11am. General Assembly at 5221 SW West Dr. Classic films; Brian Adams, TSNCOPL.Mar. 19: Guest Day. Highland Crest NETReach, Sally Zellars Lunch at Noon. RSVP to 273-

MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP - now meeting every Tuesday, 6:30nm at McDonald's 11th & Kansas Ave Christian

Wilson at 338-3072

DADDY'S GIRLS EMPOWERMENT MEETINGS - Weekly at various times and locations. Daddy's Girls*Inc. is a faith based non-profit organization that encourages young ladies to make wise choices by providing biblically based education and mentoring. Enjoy hanging out with other young ladies striving to reach their highest potential through the power of JESUS CHRIST! Remember: Modest is still the hottest and Virgin is still His standard! Contact us to find a meeting location near you: (785) 969-0491, daddysgirlsinc.com: daddys girlsinc@ymail.com

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ADULT SINGLES MEETING - Sunday's, 6:30 pm, Countryside United Methodist Church parlor, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd., north entrance.

TOPEKA TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB - 3rd Sun. of each month, 7pm, Papan's Landing Senior Center, 618 NW Paramore St. Family Memberships include Husband, Wife, Children and Grandchildren up to 18 yrs. This a place to meet old and new friends to discuss all aspects of Metal Detecting, club business, plus socializing and entertainment.

SURRENDERING THE SECRET - Hurting from an Abortion? God extends His love and forgiveness to all.
Studies are now forming to help people begin the process of reconciling with God, themselves and others. This completely confidential group will meet weekly for 8 weeks. The study will help you to heal by experiencing freedom from not being able to forgive yourself from guilt and shame. There is hope! There is forgiveness! If this is something you are ready to do, call Trudy at 785-817-1577 or Diane at 785-249-6416.

SONS OF THUNDER — First Thurs. 6:30-9:30pm at Crestview Shelter House, featuring an invited speaker, food and fellowship. For info: 256-0728 or go to fa cebook Northeast Kansas Sons of Thunder. Freewill

STEP UP - BUILDING THE SMART STEP-FAMILY - Every Sun. 11am, Northland Christian Church, Room 4, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. Focusing on the challenges facing step-families and blended families. Contact Thomas Munker at 249-3054 for info.

TRAIL LIFE & AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROUPS -Every Mon. 6pm, Cornerstone Community Church, 7620 SW 21st. Faith-based scouting programs are kids age 5 18. Register online at cornerstonetopeka.com. For info-

INNOVATIVE NETWORKING GROUP OF TOPEKA - every other Wed. 11:20am - 12:30pm. www.INGTopeka.com go to Event page to see future meetings, locations and register to attend. If you do not like a whole lot of rules and costs, this group is for you!

CAPITAL CITY NETWORKING GROUP - every Thur, 7:30am, Jayhawk Tower - www.ccng-online.com. Membership cost \$37.50 a quarter.

TIBA NETWORKING GROUP - 2nd Tues, 11:30a.m.-1 n m MUST RSVP: Lunch is \$10. www.topekatiba.org

ING WOMAN'S CHAPTER NETWORKING GROUP - every 2nd Sat., 11am. Bring your business cards, catalogs, a guest and join in the fun! - No fees. INGTopeka.com

DEAF WORSHIP SERVICE — 3rd Sun., 3pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 17th & Gage. Also, every Sun. 9:30am service is interpreted

ADULT SINGLES MEETING - Sunday's, 6:30 pm Countryside United Methodist Church parlor, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd north entrance

FAMILY EXPERIENCE (FX) — Every Sun., 6:01pm, Fairlawn Church of Nazarene, 730 Fairlawn Rd. A time of high intensity, action packed, skit mania, worship music free family worship event. For info: Emily Moore, 272-6322 or fxthelawn@gmail.com.

LADIES' SMALL GROUP - Every Sun., 6pm, Bethel

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Baptist Church, 4011 N. Kansas Ave. Studying the book of Esther, using the DVD series "It's Tough Being a Woman" by Beth Moore. All welcome. Info: 286-0467.

THE FORCE (Students Taking Action) $-\ 1\mathrm{st}$ Mon. $\&\ 3\mathrm{rd}$ Tile., 6:30-8pm, Safe Streets, 2209 SW 29th St. A group committed to being alcohol & drug free. Associate with like-minded peers, plan activities & get involved in the community. Youth ages 12-18 are invited.266-4606.

HEARTLAND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS – 2nd Mon... 11:45am-1pm. Promoting neighborhood well-being by mobilizing people, ideas & resources. 233-1365.

POINT MAN AND HOME FRONT OF SHAWNEE CO - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tues. of each month, 6-8pm, Topeka Bible Church, 1101 SW Mulvane, Potluck dinner begins at 6:10 PM. A Bible study and support group for military & veterans and their wives, moms and sisters. Contac or Jacque Ankenman at 249-8359 or 221-1739.

Topeka Public Library. Discussing our greatest President Abraham Lincoln, and his times. The public is welcome. For info, contact Kirk Nystrom 235-6977.

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA (CWA) - 3rd Tue., 10am-12noon, Northland Christian Church, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. 224-7126 or cwatopeka@giantcomm.net.

OUR LADY OF THE FAITHFUL — Every 1st Tues., 6:30pm Mass followed by Dinner, Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. A Catholic group for those in their 20-30s. For info: Michelle Ann 580-3071 or ourladyofthefaithful@gmail.com. All events are also posted on

SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB — Every Tue., 6:30am, Sunrise

0.W.L.S. (Older Wise Loving Saints) - meets the second Tuesday of the month. Location varies and can be found at www.faithfamilylife.com

S.W.A.G. (Spiritual Warriors Anointed by God) youth group - Wed at 7:00 p.m. 3710 NW Topeka Blvd.

AWANA - Every Wed., 6-8pm, First Southern Baptist

AWANA - Every Wed., 6:30pm, Bethel Baptist Church,

AWANA - Every Wed., 6:30-8pm, Auburn Christian

 $\textbf{MACHINE EMBROIDERY CLUB}-1 st \ \mathsf{Wed}.$ 9am–2:30pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th Street (south doors). To teach each other, enjoy fell owship & complete projects. Call Anne 271-1567.

STUDENT IMPACT - Every Wed., 6-8pm, First Southern

TGIW: "TEACHING GOD'S INFINITE WISDOM" MEN'S STUDY – Every Wed., 6:15am, Lawrence Wesleyar Church, 3705 Clinton Parkway. Affiliated with CharacterCounts.com. David Scheib. 865-5258 or

BIBLE STUDY - every Thur. 1pm-3pm in the Prayer Rm at Faith Family Life Centre, 3710 NW Topeka Blvd.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE — Every Thurs. 7—9pm, First Southern Baptist, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Worship for col-

LIFF FFST - 1st Thurs 10am-12-30nm Covenant Bant ist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Celebrate Senior Life. For info: 273-2811.

OPERATION BACKPACK — 1st Thurs., 6pm, Lyman Learning Center, Lyman and N. Kansas Ave. Volunteers gather to assemble Weekend Snack Sacks for low-

TOPEKA LINCOLN CLUB - 1st Tile of month 7nm

Facebook at "Ourladyof the Faithful."

Optimist Complex, 720 NW 50th St. Info: 246-1291.

Church, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 272-0443.

4011 N. Kansas Ave. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 286-0467.

Church. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 256-2515.

Baptist, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Youth games, teaching, worship, small groups. For info: 272-0443.

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income students. Sponsored by Topeka North Outreach.

iMOM - 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9-11:30am, Topeka Bible Church Fellowship Hall, 1135 SW College. For all moms, helping them to be intentional! For info: 234-5545.

SINGLES BIBLE STUDY – 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7pm Heartland Worship Center Church of God, 1401 NW Harrison. For info: 232-5503.

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESSMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 3rd Thurs., 6pm meal, 7pm meeting, Coyote Canyon, Hunto on & Wanamaker. Kirk Nystrom, 235-6977.

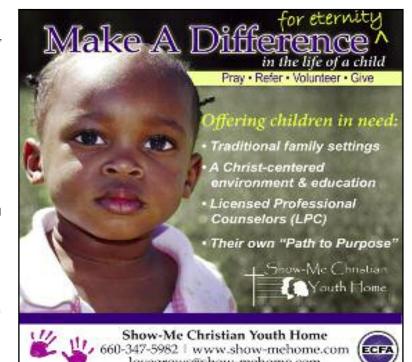
BIBLES AND BOOTS: Chapter of Cowboys for Christ Fellowship — 3rd Thurs., 7:30pm, Wamego. Call for location. All welcome, no membership dues, livestock ownership not required. Fellowship & fun! Doug Palmer, Pres.

410-9097, or Dave Boyd, V.P. 364-2779

TOPEKA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — 4th Thurs., 7pm, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th St. No program in Nov. or Dec. Promotes & stimulates the education, knowledge & interest of the membership & the public in family history, genealogical records & research. For info: 233-5762 or tgstopeka.org.

KINGDOM ADVISORS TOPEKA AREA STUDY GROUP MEETING — 3rd Thu., 11:30am, Northland Christian Church, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. Christian financial pro-fessionals: Financial Planners, Accountants, Attorney's madvisors.org or Jim Hanna, james.c.hanna@ampf.com or 357-6278 x19.

TOPEKA (Downtown) OPTIMIST CLUB — Every Fri., noon,



Christian Neighbor Center

lovegrows@show-mehome.com

(also known as Christian Street Witness, Inc.) 107 SW 14th St., Topeka, KS 66612 785-354-8763

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)

Our Mission: to witness the Good News of Jesus Christ, to feed and clothe the hungry, to teach the Bible and Christian conduct, to help mankind by establishing rehabilitation projects, and by engaging in business to support the above-mentioned goals.

The Christian Neighbor Center offers a safe place for Christians to become acquainted with "street people" and the difficulties they face. This in turn provides the opportunity for Christians to be a living witness to people in crisis.

Who we help: the down and out, abused women & children, drug addicts, alcoholics, widows & orphans, ex-convicts, etc.

How we help: Christian counseling, rehabilitation & support services to establish such individuals in a stable and productive lifestyle; help to find and maintain employment, Bible studies, telephone crisis counseling, and more.

How you can partner with us & God in this ministry:

Daily needs:

- · clean clothing items
- · non-perishable food items
- paper plates & napkins
- · coffee & filters
- · plastic utensils
- dish soap, aluminum foil
- · cleaning items, toilet paper
- 40 gallon trash bags
- stamps

Reconstruction needs:

- 30 double-pane windows
- bathroom remodel
- kitchen remodel & plumbing
- new exit doors
- new carpet for Chapel sidewalk replacement
- driveway repair
- new fumace · central air installation

TRADEBANK www.tradebank.com Top of the Tower. Serving the youth of Topeka. Anyone welcome. 272-1099 or fostern60@yahoo.com.

VIP LUNCHEON FOR SENIORS — Every Fri., Noon, North Topeka Baptist Church, 123 NW Gordon. FREE lunch with Christian fellowship, devotions & entertainmen provided by Topeka North Outreach. For Info: 286-1370.

A GOOD YARN CLUB — 2nd & 4th Sat., 9-11am, Wanamaker Rd Baptist Church, 2700 SW Wanamaker Doing Good for Others: Knitting & Crocheting for Local Charities, free yarn, needles, hooks & patterns. All are welcome. Info: Debby, 215-4889, ddhenrikson@cox.net

BIBLE OUIZZING - 1st Sat Learn God's Word & have fun with area Christian youth age 9-19. YFC/YEA style quizzing & rules. 913-593-6427; biblequizzer.org

MONTHLY SCORE MEETING - 1st Sat., 8-9:30am Washburn Tech, 5724 SW Huntoon (enter east doors facing Huntoon). No RSVP or fee. Small business owners are invited to a Breakfast Roundtable discussion with (Service Corps of Retired Executives. 234-3049.

TOPEKA LOVE AGLOW – Once a month on Sat. morning. A time of worship, prayer and encountering God. Call Tawny Barton at 785-409-0232 or Linda Williams at 785-267-0600 for details

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES — Every Sat. 9-10:30am, Central Congregational Church, 1248 SW Buchannan. For info: 235-2376.

RUSSIAN HOUSE OF PRAYER – Every Sat., 4pm, Williamstown Assembly of God, 1225 Oak St., Perry/Williamstown. For info: 597-5228.

SINGLES PLAY CARDS SR. - 1st Sat., 6-9pm, St. Peter's UMC, NW 35th & Hwy 75

SAVING DEATH ROW DOGS ADOPTION & EDUCATION BOOTH - every Sat. 11am-2pm, Petco, 1930 SW Wanamaker

UPPER ROOM COMMUNITY – second Sat., 10 am,

SUPPORT GROUPS

MIDLAND CARE GRIEF SUPPORT Groups: Building A, 200 SW Frazier Circle. Every Mon., 4-5pm: 12 Week Adult Group for Reent Loss 1st and 3rd Thu., 10:30am & 5:30pm—Ongoing Adult Group 1st and 3rd Thu., 5:30pm: Ongoing Young Adult Group (4-18 years of age) For All Groups: Call for start dates and info packet. Group and individual grief support available upon request. For info: 785-232-2044 ext.341

ABORTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUPS — A 12-step Restoring Joy recovery journey for women. Providing services for women & men who suffer from Post-Abortion Syndrome. For info: Kay Lyn, 272-6212.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS - for friends & families of alcoholics. For info: 785-409-3072 or topekaalanon.org

PURSUIT FOR SEXUAL PURITY — Men struggling with

study/accountability group uses the Pure Desire book by Ted Roberts. For info: Hunter Ruch, Topeka Bible Church, 234-5545 or hruch@topekabiblechurch.org.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUPS — Monthly support group meetings for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. For info: Alzheimer's Association, Heart of America Chapter, 271-1844 or email cindy.miller@alz.org.

"BETRAYED HEART" support group/Bible study — For women whose husbands struggle with pornography addictions or have had affairs. Videos & workbook will give you hope for your marriage & emotional healing. For info: Jane Goble, 478-9605.

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE – NE Kansas Chapter (B.A.C.A.) 3rd Sun., 4 pm American Legion, 3800 SE Michigan. Open to the public. For info: 817-5801.

FRIENDS WITH M.S. — 3rd Mon., 6:30pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th St. (Enter East door). A Multiple Sclerosis support group. Donna, 266-7383.

BOUNCE BACK SELF-HELP — 3rd Mon., 6:30pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th St. For those living with multiple sclerosis. For info: 273-0799.

INCARCERATED PERSONS & FAMILIES – 1st Mon., 6:30-7:30pm, YMCA, 421 Van Buren. 286-2329.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS BEREAVED PARENTS **GROUP** — Meets 4th Monday in Formation classroom at Most Pure Heart of Mary, 17th & Stone. Discussion starts at 7pm with fellowship & refreshments at 8:30. For info: Susan 272-4895

OVERCOMERS OUTREACH — Every Mon., 7-8:30pm, Wanamaker Woods Church, 3501 SW Wanamaker Rd. A bridge between traditional church and traditional 12 step meetings. 409-9111; wwcnovercomers@gmail.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES — Sponsored by Heartland Hospice for those dealing with death or major loss: 1st Mon., 5:30-7:30pm, Individual appointments; other times are available. Call Terry Frizzell directly at (785)230-6730. <u>3rd Thurs.</u>, 11am, Lunch After Loss, Paisano's Ristorante, Fleming Place, SW 10th & Gage Blvd Dutch treat luncheon to meet new friends who have sat where you are sitting. Reservations 271-6500.

OVEREATERS / UNDEREATERS ANONYMOUS:

MON., 7pm — Westminister Presbyterian, south door, upstairs in Library; 233-6724.

WED., 7pm — St. Francis Hospital meeting room 6, 2nd floor; 234-8020.

SAT. - 9am — St. Francis Hospital meeting room 8, 2nd

For info: 357-8774; sunflowerintergroup.oa.org.

CHRIST-CENTERED SUPPORT GROUP — "Strong Tower" 12 step recovery program — Tue., 7pm, 1331 SW Harrison. Currently discussing the book "Living Free in Christ." For info: Tony, 620-366-1427.

NAMI TOPEKA - Every 2nd Tue., 6:45pm, lower level of

Valeo, 330 SW Oakley. If door is locked, call 608-1317 to get in. The 1st hour is often a discussion of an important topic or video. The 2nd hour is usually a support talk time, w/ separate consumer & family groups.608-1317.

GRANDPARENT/RELATIVE CAREGIVER SUPPORT

GROUP — 3rd Tue., 6:30-8pm, 2nd floor meeting room, St. Francis Hosp, 1700 SW 7th. Join for support, information, etc. For info: Sharla, 286-2329; Jennie (English/Spanish) 231-0763.

THE GREATER TOPEKA MULTIPLE MYELOMA — 3rd Tue., 7-8:30pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 17th St. & Gage Blvd. Oen to Multiple Myeloma patients, their family members & friends. Share support, information,& friendship. For info: Donna, 903-918-9553.

"HEALING AFTER THE SUICIDE OF A LOVED ONE"

("HEAL")— or Survivors of Suicide" (SOS). 1st & 3rd Tue., 7-8:30pm, Pozez Education Center of Stormont Vail Hospital, 1505 SW 8th St. Serving anyone who has lost a loved one by suicide.

PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRY — Every Tue., 7-9pm Topeka Women's Prison, 815 Rice Rd. Reaching out to those who can't come in, finding freedom behind bars, inspiring inmates to seek salvation during a difficult time. Providing support & guidance through the Holy Spirit to offer strength. Director: Don Garner. 286-0489 or faithfamilylifeministries@gmail.com.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS - Every Wed, 7pm, St. Francis

JAYHAWK AREA AGENCY ON AGING — 4th Wed., 1pm, Rosehill Place Clubhouse. Monthly support group for caregivers of seniors. For info: 235-1367 ext.30.

MOMS-IN-TOUCH PRAYER GROUP — Every Wed., 2:30-3:30pm, Library at Cair Paravel-Latin School, Experience God's power through prayer as we lift our students. teachers, staff, administrators & board up to the Lord. For info- 357-0369

DIVORCECARE PROGRAMS – locations and times:

TUE. – 7-8:30pm, Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Cost \$15. Scholarships available. Also DC4K(DivorceCare for Kids) and Single & Parenting beginning May 13. For info: 273-2811

WED. - 6:30pm, Topeka Bible Church, 1101 SW Mulyane. Cost: \$15. Child care provided. For info: 379-0505 or www.divorcecare.org.

WED. -6.45 - 8.45pm, Walnut View Christian Church, 3634 SE 37th St. Cost: \$10 registration (scholarships available). Video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery top-ics, combined with support group discussion of the materials. Free child care children up to fifth grade. Info: 266-7550 or walnutviewcc@att.net. divorcecare.org.

NAMI WASHBURN - 4th Thurs., 6-8pm, Spirit Building Room, University United Methodist Church, 1621 SW College Ave. NAMI is a student-run, student-led organization that provides mental health support, education, & advocacy in the Washburn University setting. A support group is also available during this time.

 $\label{eq:prostate cancer support group-1st Thurs.} \textbf{PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP-1st Thurs.},$ 7pm. 2nd floor conf. room of the cancer unit at St Francis Hospital. For info: 266-9533.



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Barry Feaker is a lifelong Topeka resident and graduate of Topeka West High School. Following high school, he attended Coffeyville Community College and Kansas State University before graduating from Washburn University where he also received an honorary doctorate degree for public service. In addition to his current service as Executive Director of the Topeka Rescue Mission,

Barry served for seven years as the President of the Topeka/Shawnee County Safe Streets Coalition to help Topeka become one of the Safest Capital Cities in America. Barry has also been involved in the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, Topeka

City of Character, Shawnee County Department of Corrections, Heartland Visioning, Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force, Prevention and Recovery Service, and Washburn School of Nursing, and many more.

One of his newer initiatives is NET Reach (Neighborhood Empowerment and Transformation), developed to strengthen impoverished neighborhoods. He has recently released his first book, "In Darkness, a Light Still Shines," sharing stories of hope based on his experiences at the Mission. Barry is married and has two grown daughters and one grandson.



entertainment

McFARLAND, USA TAKES A FAMILIAR MOVIE FORMULA AND MAKES IT SHINE

entertainment

by **Sophie Lee**

(WNS)--It takes skill and vision to lift another predictable, feel-good sports drama like McFarland, USA beyond lazy templates and bumper sticker clichés.

Anybody who's watched Cool Runnings or Million Dollar Arm can guess the plot: A grinchy white coach raises athletes out of minority underdogs, whose earnest passion in turn enlarges his gruff heart. Switch out bobsleds for running shoes, and Indians for Chicanos, and you have the storyline for McFarland, USA—a family friendly drama (rated PG) that somehow retains enough authenticity and originality to inspire, thrill, and melt hearts.

It's 1987, and Jim White (Kevin Costner) has hit a low point. Iim has a gleaming résumé as a football coach, but his temper burned a mark so black that the only job he procures is as a low-paid P.E. and science teacher in McFarland—a Latino-heavy, economically depressed farm town in central California. Always on the lookout. Jim soon notices that some of his students run pretty darn fast. He recruits seven runners for the town's first cross-country team, despite never having had any cross-country experience. His

goal: snag some state titles, resurrect his reputation, and hightail it out of McFarland.

At least, that's the initial outsider perspective: As Jim first drives past muraled mercados, almond groves, and brownskinned pickers, his wife and two daughters gape out the window.

"Dad, please tell me you took the wrong exit," pleads his older daughter Julie (Morgan Saylor), while her sister Jamie (Elsie Fisher) wonders, "Are we in Mexico?"

Despite the fish-out-of-water moments, Jim and his family gradually, tentatively, then delightedly dive into their new community.

The more they interact with the locals. the deeper the narrative shifts inwarduntil soon, you're getting an inside-out perspective of a McFarland picker looking out wistfully at the seemingly unattainable American Dream.

At first portrayed as rural farmers, trouinstead of ladling syrup, director Niki Caro dishes the whole enchilada: teen film**411**

MCFARLAND, U.S.A.

STARS: Kevin Costner, Ramiro Rodriguez, Carlos Pratts, Johnny Ortiz, Rafael Martinez, Hector Duran, Sergio Avelar, Michael Aguero, Diana Maria **DIRECTOR:** Nick Caro RATED: PG

pregnancies, in-and-out-of-jail uncles, street violence, and kids resigned to a future of fruit-picking. What most moved Jim should move the audience too: Many of his students beat the rooster every morning to pick cabbages and oranges before school-and never miss a day of training while running on five hours of sleep (true story).

Part of Costner's magic is that he shines without seeming to try, as if he was born to play the tough-on-the-crust, gooeycheese-inside mentor. He's awkward yet kind when his star runner Thomas (outstanding performance by Carlos Pratts) weeps and totters over a bridge, militant yet jocose during practice as he rides alongside his team, barking orders on his daughter's Barbie bike.

Yet Costner never outshines his young supporting cast, several of them first-time

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blemaking teenagers, and lowrider-chasing gangbangers, McFarland takes shape as fierce-loving mothers and fathers toiling the fields to make ends meet, sons and daughters torn between duty and dream, and close-knit, proud neighbors and friends who help throw a surprise quinceanera for Jim's daughter. But

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actors recruited straight from McFarland. These novices are so lovable that you're biting your nails for them during races, even if you've already predicted a happy ending.

The movie has two flaws: Jim's wife Cheryl (Maria Bello) is woefully underused and forgettable, the only major complaint the real Jim White said he has about the film. Second: White's Christian faith, which he said was a "big, major contributor" to his work, barely scores a mention, except for one scene in which after a close race, all seven McFarland runners kneel to pray and thank God in Spanish. As White always told his students—sometimes using the story of David and Goliath-attitude and gratitude can change the whole game.

Intentionally or not, by developing its story around humanized individuals. McFarland, USA provokes empathy for illegal immigration without pounding political or moral statements. Hollywood is infamous for attempting to sway public opinion on major issues of the day. Its characters are no Cesar Chavez, but their stories are effective in stirring public reaction whether one regards it as propaganda or just a feel-good movie.

TV SPOTLIGHT

Jesus a hot commodity

Networks vie for Christian viewers during Holy Days

Jesus is a hot commodity. At least three networks — CNN, National Geographic and NBC — are banking on Christians tuning in during the holy season of Lent and on Easter Sunday to watch their varied presentations on the Son of God.

"FINDING IESUS"

First on deck is CNN's original series, "Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact, Forgery," scheduled to air Sunday, March 1 at 8 p.m. Central.

As explained by CNN: Loved and worshipped by billions, Jesus of Nazareth is, unquestionably, the most famous person of the last 2,000 years. His influence on culture, politics, education and literature continues to this day. But he left no physical trace. Or did he? That's the question at the forefront of "Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact, Forgery."

The series features the latest scientific and archaeological research along with a first-class panel of contributors who will provide expert commentary and investigate the authenticity of six objects which could shed new light on Jesus.

What are those six objects the CNN program promises to explore? According to the book behind the series, Finding Jesus: Faith. Fact. Forgery.: Six Holy Objects That Tell the Remarkable Story of the Gospels, those key items include the supposed remains of John the Baptist. The baptizer's remains were reportedly found amid the ruins of a Bulgarian church in 2010.

Another item to be explored, judging by the contents of the book Finding Jesus, is the burial box that would have allegedly contained the bones of one of



(Clockwise) Jesus (Adam Bond), Jesus (Juan Pablo Di Pace), and Jesus (Haaz Sleiman).

Jesus' siblings. On one side of the ossuary, revealed in 2002 to be in the possession of an Israeli man, is the inscription "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus."

"Finding Jesus" in February for Orthodox Christians, and the multipart series will air six one-hour episodes through Easter Sunday, April 5.

"KILLING JESUS"

Up next, on March 29 (Palm Sunday), is National Geographic Channel's "Killing Jesus." The production is based on the bestselling book written by Fox News' Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. National Geographic has found successes in television adaptations of O'Reilly and Dugard's two other books, Killing Kennedy and Killing Lincoln. Those projects were the two most-watched programs in National Geographic Channel's history.

The network says of "Killing Jesus:' It's a story nearly the whole world knows, with more than 2.2 billion people around the globe following the teachings and principles of Jesus of Nazareth. But the intimate historical details of his life and the political collusions that led to his brutal demise bring intriguing context to the familiar story.

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Out in the COUNTRY

by **Scott Perkins**



In a column last spring, I wrote this: Can God use an unwanted baby? Can He really create something beautiful out of something that others would throw away?

I then went on to tell about Mary James, the 2013 Inspirational Country Music Female Vocalist, and her album Strong. In the title song, Strong, she reminds the listener that through Christ they are strong because He is.

In another song on the album, Nothing Can, James sings in her vintage voice, "I have questioned how could God love me still." The question is resolved when she realizes that nothing can separate her from the love of Christ found at Calvary. This is a perfect song for the Easter season. Christ went to the cross because of His love for us.

Strong and Nothing Can are songs that Mary James lives. Her life is a living testimony of what Christ can do when you allow Him to make you a new person. James was born to an unwed teenager. This new mom did not want the baby and did not want to have an abortion. She gave her baby up for adoption, but James' story goes from bad to worse when she grows up feeling unwanted. Her

adopted mother was an alcoholic and died when James was 13 years old. Her minister father was too involved with his congregation to be there for his family. Mary James was going down the wrong

It is amazing to watch how God has used James over the years. Her story of

unloved, or abora perfect role model for you.

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path, but Christ changed her life!

redemption is inspiring. She is being used

by God on a national level to spread His love through music. If you struggle with issues of feeling unwanted, feeling tion, Mary James is

We are now that James will be coming to Topeka April 10 & 11 this year! We have put together a ladies' conference called "Cherish Life," to be held at First Assembly Church, 500, SW 27th. Tickets are available at First Assembly, FarmHouse Family, Mission Hill, and Heritage Country churches,

Spring Sprouts Great Concerts!

March blows in like a lion when Chris Tomlin comes to Kansas City with the Love Ran Red Tour, featuring Tenth Avenue North and the Rend Collective. Love Ran Red is scheduled for March 27, 7 p.m. at the Independence Events Center.

The highly anticipated night of worship will feature new songs from Tomlin's new release, Love Ran Red album along with an array of hits from the past. With nine albums, 12 No. 1 radio singles, a GRAMMY Award and eight additional nominations, three Billboard Music Awards, 21 Dove Awards, a platinum and four gold albums to his credit, Chris Tomlin is among the most well-known and influential artists in contemporary Christian music. Referred to by Time magazine as "most likely the most often sung artist anywhere," Tomlin also has 15 of the Top 100 CCLI songs, with 4 of them being in the top 10.

April showers will bring to Kansas City the Gaither Vocal Band on April 11 at First Baptist of Raytown. April 16 finds four-time GRAMMY Award-winner Third Day in Kansas City on his Soul On Fire Tour. April 16, Third Day



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will be joining Kansas City audiences at the Kansas City Music Hall. Just a short month after the release of their newest album, Lead Us Back, the tour includes special guests Ellie Holcomb (2014 Dove Award Winning New Artist of the Year) and Peter Furler (remember him?) at some dates. As of press time, there were no confirmations who would be performing with Third Day in Kansas

Soul on Fire is also the first single from their newest worship album. Lead Us Back is the first worship album in over a decade, following Offerings II (2003). Bassist Tai Anderson says the new album is more than just a call for fans to worship.

"LEAD US BACK is a call to worship, not just for our audience but for the





band as well," Anderson said, "We're ready to feel God's spirit fall afresh on all of us again. We have a twofold hope in sharing [the songs]. First, that this music will help lead us as a group back to our original fire and desire to worship and second, that it will do the same for



our fans who are on the spiritual journey as well."

The tour will also feature Dove Award Winning New Artist Ellie Holcomb.

With zero dollars spent on promotion, they both hit No. 1 on the iTunes Christian/Gospel charts. As Sure as the Sun (Full Heart Music) received rave reviews for the talented singer-songwriter, who also collaborates with her husband Drew as part of his band, Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors. Find out more at www.ellieholcomb.com.

A special VIP package will be avail-



able for SOUL ON FIRE TOUR ticket buyers, including a premium-seat concert ticket and an after-show VIP experience with THIRD DAY.

JESUS

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This spring, National Geographic Channel's KILLING JESUS ... dives deep inside the historical story of how Jesus' message and preachings led to his persecution and execution by a group of conspirators who saw him as a threat to their power.

The "three-hour television event" airs at 7 p.m. Central in the U.S., and will be accessible to viewers in 171 countries and in 45 languages. "Killing Jesus" will also air in Spanish on Nat Geo Mundo.

There are numerous notable names attached to the project, including Kelsey Grammer (King Herod the Great), Stephen Moyer (Pontius Pilate), Rufus Sewell (Caiaphas), and Executive Producers Ridley Scott and David W.

"A.D.: THE BIBLE CONTINUES"

Rounding out the trio of upcoming Jesus productions is "A.D.: The Bible Continues," the latest project from executive producers and husband and wife Mark Burnett and Roma Downey. "A.D." picks up where 2013's multi-part blockbuster TV production "The Bible" left off.

From NBC: The immediate aftermath of Christ's death had a massive impact on his disciples, his mother, Mary, and key political and religious leaders of the era,

completely altering the entire world in an instant. Beginning at that fateful moment of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. A.D. The Bible Continues" will focus on the disciples who had to go forward and spread the teachings of Christ to a world dominated by political unrest, and the start of a whole new religion that would dramatically reshape the history of the

"A.D." premieres April 5, Easter Sunday at 8 p.m. Central.

BANKING ON JESUS

Christian viewers have shown in recent years that they are more than willing to tune in, and shell out cash at movie theaters, for projects based on the Bible.

History (previously The History Channel) found that out in 2013 when the cable network ran "The Bible" series. The five-part miniseries brought the network record ratings (more than 100 million viewers tuned in), was a top-seller across Blu-Ray, DVD and Digital HD formats, and was nominated for three Primetime Emmy Awards.

Perhaps CNN, National Geographic Channel and NBC will have similar successes. But with so many Jesus-related projects premiering in such a short period of time and on some of their biggest holy days, some Christians might simply choose to tune out - or turn to any of the classic Bible-inspired movies that reliably air at this time of the year ("The Ten Commandments," "King of Kings," "The Greatest Story Ever Told").

book**review**

Guardians of Havenshire III: Rebel

By Rob Mooney

After their town of Riverway is destroyed, the Guardians lead the people in search of the legendary Haven, a place where they will be free and able to live out their lives in peace - or will

Guardians of Havenshire III: Rebel, the third book in the Guardians of Havenshire series by Topeka Christian author George Ismael Feliu, Jr, picks up right where the second book left off as the search for Haven continues.

Three lifelong friends, one of which is the son of King Leonidas, the promised one who can bring about an end to the Dark One's reign of terror, are all fighting the Dark One in their own way.

Horace, the young warrior who acts first then thinks about the consequences, is captured and is working in the mines of the Mountains of Muldoom. A natural leader, Horace finds himself putting together a slave rebellion to defeat the slave masters and free himself from the clutches of evil. However, when he is part of a group of slaves that must travel to visit the Dark One in person, Horace finds himself torn between the girl he loves and the freedom he so desires. His faithfulness to his friends is put to the test as the Dark One manipulates his mind. He must fight the hatred from within before he can become the man he needs to be.

Tobias is leading the search for Haven. Thrust into a leadership role, he must put the needs of others before himself. After a dangerous trip overcoming several obstacles which claimed the lives of several refugees, he finally leads them to Haven, where the danger has just begun. Tobias must unite the different factions of the refugees into a single group that can

withstand what awaits in Haven. But maybe not all is lost as they find an unexpected ally among the inhabitants of Haven, a place they believed was deserted.

Then there is Marcus, who is on his own mission to unite the people of the land under one banner in order to defeat the Dark One. His only companions are Ravens Heart, the Dark One's daughter and her personal guard. They set out in search of the famed Swords of the Sun, a nomadic warrior race that dwells in the desert. What they find will not only forever change the people they seek, but themselves as well.

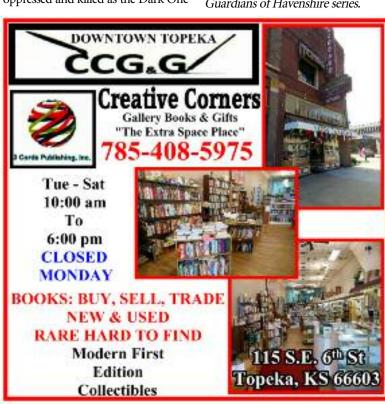
Danger lurks around every corner. People across the land are being oppressed and killed as the Dark One

pushes towards total victory. Can these three friends succeed in the face of insurmountable odds? Can they stay the course and attain freedom or are they destined to live out their lives under the evil that is encompassing their land? All three must grow up faster than they wanted to. All three must become the leaders they were meant to be, and all three must continue to fight to the end if there is any chance of defeating the Dark One.

The Dark One comes.

George Ismael Feliu Jr. is a local Christian author from Topeka who has a deep love for his God, his family and his friends. He loves to write and has been involved in many local book events. He will be at Hastings in Lawrence, KS on Saturday, March 14, 2015 between 1-3 pm to greet fans and sign his books. He will also have the newly released book, Triumph and Tragedy; Book four of the Guardians of Havenshire series.







LIFE CAN BE A PLAYGROUND

By Julie Schmanke, Wellness Specialist at Brewster Place

Life can be a great BIG playground – that is, if you are lucky. Or perhaps, it's not really luck. In my thirty-plus years of teaching fitness classes, I find those who let themselves have fun (like we did on the playground as children) seem more able to stick to a workout program and often get better results.

Last Christmas season, I choreographed a "chair ballet" for one of my classes. Yes, that's right; we danced to the Sugar Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker – while sitting in chairs! We practiced during our regular workout class. It was a change in routine, some-

thing new, and perhaps, possibly something old -- a fond memory for one of my 75-90 year old clients from a ballet class in their younger years. They looked forward to practicing and took pride in memorizing the dance. We were all surprised how winded we got doing the arm and leg movements while seated. I told them it was going to be videotaped and we would post it on the Brewster Place Facebook page

(www.facebook.com/brewsterplace.org). To date, the Facebook video has gone global with 247 shares -- many in Brazil. Can you believe that?

My point is that playing can keep you fit and spry. Here are a few ideas to keep exercise more playful and fun. If you love walking, every three minutes try to skip or gallop for 30 seconds. Your heart rate will increase and it will help torch extra calories. Were you a hula hoop aficionado? They now make weighted hula hoops that are fun and challenging. And if you really want to think back to your childhood days, try strapping on a pair of skates (I sometimes do this in my basement). I also ride my bike often. It reminds me so much of the little bit of freedom we had as kids when we



were allowed to ride to the store and spend our weekly allowance.

Don't allow your fitness program to become stale. Remember this quote from

George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." Now go out there and PLAY!

Making Winter Warmer

The holidays are over and the "deep dark days of winter" are upon us. For some this is a great time of year, setting by a fire reading a good book on a long winter evening, walking/playing out in the snow, getting to wear those favorite sweaters, or not having to mow the lawn and have every tick and chigger in a ten mile radius claim your body as "the hill to be won!" For some, this is not their favorite time of year; as a matter of fact it is the worst. Seasonal Affective Disorder is a very real condition for many, and even though many may not officially fall in the category of SAD, they will say that this time of year is a difficult time for them.

If you find yourself feeling more "blue" at this time of year than at others, here are some things you can do. First, you must remember that God the creator has made this season also to show His glory. Take time to see the beauty of the snow, (yes, and even ICE), his power that is quietly displayed in the coldness of the air, and the way that creation itself has to obey our God's command that there be seasons. Second, anticipate the spring, knowing it won't be long and the power of God will be displayed in the buds on the trees that defy the cold, and the small delicate flowers that overcome the heaviness of the snow and ice, and push through as though God Himself were reaching down and pulling them up. Studies have shown that we can

endure much pain ¬if we have control of when we can stop the pain; well God has given us a pretty good control (next to stopping it this very instant) and that is the calendar. Because of God's faithfulness, we know that sometime in March the "reprieve" will come, spring will

show up, and all we have to do is

wait with anticipation.

Here are a few more basic helps to ward off the "winter blues". Have a light in your home and at work if you can that has a halogen bulb, preferably one that will flood it's light onto the ceiling, this kind of light feels

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more like when warm sunlight is filling a room, or actually purchase "full spectrum" light bulbs. Plan special events to have or go to, like a "we defy winter beach party" where everyone comes in beach or Hawaiian type clothing, and you can see how the theme could be built on with the food, music, and activities. Take a short get away to a hotel that has one of those all enclosed pool/play areas. Of course, if you can go to Cancun, do it! Exercise will help release those positive endorfins in the brain.

Lastly, but more importantly, use the extra inside time to read

in God's word. We should always be keeping steady diet of the Word, and winter offers more opportunity to do that. These as well as many other things can help you to enjoy the winter season more, and even anticipate for the special things and times it has to offer us.





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SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

My spouse and I have been married for over 30 years and we are about to retire. Will there be any reduction in benefits because we are married?

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spouse's Social Security benefit amount, and couples aren't penalized because they are married. When both spouses meet all other eligibility requirements to receive Social Security retirement benefits, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse. Learn more about earn-



ing Social Security credits by reading our publication, How You Earn Credits, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY **INCOME**

Question: I have a relative who gets Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for a disability. She is now legally blind and wants to receive information from Social Security in an alternative format. How do I help them?

Answer: Security is dedicated to providing vital information in the most effective way for every individual. There are several ways to receive information from us if you are blind or have a visual impairment.

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Question: I have a neighbor who is disabled and has been receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for quite some time. Recently, he's been trying to find employment. Is there any way I can help?

Answer: Yes. You can help by letting him know about Social Security's free Ticket to Work program. When people take part in the program, they can get help finding a job, vocational rehabilitation, or other assistance. Employment networks -- organizations that help you find and keep a job while supplying other employment resources at no cost -- provide these services. Ticket to Work gives people the opportunity to work with a variety of employment networks. If you or someone you know is interested in using the Ticket to Work program, visit www.choosework.net and click "Find Help" or call the Ticket Helpline at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY 1-866-833-

Ouestion:

I'm gathering everything I'll need to file my taxes this month. Do I have to pay taxes on Social Security benefits? Also, where can I get a replacement 1099?

Answer:

Some people who get Social Security must pay federal income taxes on their benefits. Still, no one pays taxes on more than 85 percent of their Social Security benefits.

You must pay taxes on some portion of your benefits if you file an individual federal tax return and your combined income exceeds \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you must pay taxes if you and your spouse have combined income of more than \$32,000. If you are married and file a separate return, you probably will have to pay taxes on your benefits. You can read more about tax preparation in relation to Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm. Social Security benefits include monthly retirement, survivor, and disability benefits. They don't include Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

payments, which are not taxable. You can also get a replacement 1099 or 1042S when you open your own personal my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.





senior news briefs

BINGO - Feb. 7, 3pm, Fairlawn Heights Assisted Living, 5400 SW 7th.0272-

LIFEFEST - Mar. 5, 10am-12:30pm, Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Seniors ministering to seniors – celebrating with fellowship, fun, food, learning & entertainment. Members of the local chapter, "Heaven On Wheels", will present the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Potluck luncheon at noon. If transportation is needed, call 354-4994 or 478-1729

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ADVENTURE'S IN LEARNING-SPRING SESSION - Apr. 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 9am-12, First Baptist Church, 3033 SW MacVicar Ave. Shepherd's Center of Topeka's program for those over 55. Participants choose from four different classes on health, religion, news & current events, people & places, community, the arts, and library wisdom, offered at 9am. At 10:00 brunch is served. At 10:30, second class begins. At 11:30, participants choose between a musical performance in the sanctuary or exercise in the gym. For info: 267-0248

GRANDPARENT/RELATIVE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – 3rd Tue., 6:30-8pm, 2nd floor meeting room, St. Francis Hosp, 1700 SW 7th. Join for support, information, etc. For info: Sharla, 286-2329; Jennie (English/Spanish) 231-0763

MEDICARE MONDAYS – First Monday of every month starting July 7, 1-3pm. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (Menninger Room 206), 1515 SW 10th. Senior health insurance counseling. For info: 580-4545 or nhonl@tscpl.org



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Kansas Koyotes: Change Is Good

This is the thirteenth spring the Kansas Koyotes are preparing for a season of Indoor Professional Football. But something is different this year. Something has changed. Every other season the Koyotes were preparing to enter league play with either the APFL (American Professional Football League) or more recently, the CPIFL (Champions Professional Indoor Football League). This year for the first time in Koyotes history the team is going to play an independent schedule. This year the Kansas Koyotes are the Notre Dame of Indoor Professional Football.

The Koyotes left the CPIFL after last season for a number of reasons including: 1) the competition was not on a level playing field. The CPIFL had rules in place that set limits on player salary and benefits. While the Koyotes followed the rules accordingly, other franchises were found to have brought in players at way above league level salaries and provided them with prohibited benefits.

2) The CPIFL charged excessive League fees and did not deliver on the promises made with regard to corporate sponsors or other services to be provided to their member franchises.

And, 3) the league started play too early in the year, which caused major scheduling conflicts with other events being held at the Kansas Expocentre. The schedule forced the Koyotes to make changes throughout the season $\,$ to accommodate other tenants. This caused disruption and loss of atten-

This may sound like sour grapes for the Koyotes, but the management felt



that a change was needed to turn around the fortunes of this once great indoor football franchise.

"I feel like I may have tried to run before I could walk," admitted Nick Baumgartner, owner of the Kansas Koyotes. "The decision to play an independent schedule is based upon the long-term good of this franchise for Topeka."

The team is set to kickoff their home schedule here in Topeka at the Kansas Expocentre on Saturday, April 11th. The first opponent will be a team from Chicago, Illinois called the Windy City Ravens. The season will run through July with the last game on the 11th versus the Kansas City Monsters.

"In searching for a new league to play in for 2015 I found quite a few other teams that were as disillusioned playing in their former leagues as I was," said Baumgartner. "We decided to play independently this year with the hopes of forming our own league in

By playing autonomously the Koyotes have been able to schedule more games to be played here in

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Rob Mooney

The Kentucky Wildcats are in pursuit of perfection this season. Currently sitting at 27-0 and ranked #1 for most of the season, John Calipari's team has a legitimate chance to run the table this year. Of course, they are helped by the fact that they play in the SEC, which is not a very competitive conference, at least in basket-

As a matter of fact, after the Wildcats, the next ranked SEC team is Arkansas, which comes in at #18. They are followed by Texas A&M which is listed among the others to receive votes, and not very high in that list, I might add.

But to be fair, the Wildcats can't help the fact that they are in a terrible conference. All anyone can do is play the schedule that is put in front of them. It's funny, because I have a friend that was ripping UK the other day, complaining about their "soft" schedule. Of course, he was one of the drivers of Wichita State's bandwagon during their run at perfection last season, and their conference is worse than this year's SEC. Can the Wildcats achieve SPALDING.

perfection? I think they can and I believe that they will. However, I don't think it will happen much more after this. The parity in college athletics is incredible right now. There are so many good players that are opting to go to smaller Division I schools to get immediate playing time instead of attending the so-called "blue bloods" of Division I and having to sit and learn for a year or so.

I realize that there are a lot of freshman starting for a lot of the elite programs in the nation, but most of those will be receiving a paycheck next season in the NBA. The interesting thing about Kentucky is the fact that they always have the top high school recruiting class. But instead of losing a lot of the players off of last year's team to the NBA, most of them decided to stay in college. Take that and merge them with a group of very talented freshmen, and that gives you the makings for something special.

You might hate Kentucky. You might even loathe Calipari, but one thing

you have to admit is the fact that there doesn't seem to be a team capable of beating them. Sure, a few teams have hung with them and made their games close, but Kentucky seems to have a switch

they can flip and take their game to the next level.

I'll fill my brackets out this year but I guarantee you that I will pick Kentucky to win it all. I'm not a fan, but I think it would be fun to watch.

The schedule has been expanded to eight home games for



2015. The opposing teams will be from Nebraska, Illinois, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

Each game will be a specifically craft-

ed event for the entertainment of the fans. There will be live music performed by local bands at several of the games. And, as of the date of ning contests totaling over \$30,000 in

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Five Top Home Improvements that Raise Your House's Resale Value

(StatePoint) Before you decide on a home improvement project, it's a good idea to learn which ones will help raise your house's value and recoup the most money when you decide to sell.

From replacing your front door to adding a deck, there are many midrange improvements that won't cost a bundle but will deliver great bang for your buck. It's not about spending the most money; it's about improvements that best hold their value.

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The experts at "Remodeling" magazine recently released their 28th annual Cost vs. Value Report, comparing construction costs with resale value for 36 of the most popular home improvement projects. When it came to midrange projects, the report found homeowners recouped the highest percentage of costs on these five improvements: steel entry door replacement, installation of manufactured stone veneer on home exteriors, garage door

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replacements, vinyl siding replacement, and wooden deck additions.

"Making your home stand out from others on your block and others on the market is achievable if you plan wisely when it comes to remodeling projects," says Phil Wengerd, Vice President of Market Strategies at ProVia, a leading building products manufacturer. "This year's statistics indicate that moderately priced exterior projects can significantly enhance home resale values."

This year's analysis of top midrange home improvement projects provided definite direction for homeowners:

• Steel Entry Door Replacement: The 20-Gauge Steel Entry Door has consistently delivered the best return on investment for resale, holding the top spot in the midrange product category since its debut in this report in 2009/2010. The steel entry door is the only project that, on a national basis, more than pays back its investment, typically recouping 101.8 percent. At ProVia, for example, the company's Legacy Steel Entry Doors are a consistent top sales performer.

· Manufactured Stone Veneer: A new

project on this year's report is the installation of manufactured stone veneer on home exteriors. This category zoomed to the top of the midrange list, grabbing second place with a 92.2 percent cost-value return. Increased proddemand Heritage Stone is a reflection of this trend, observed by Wengerd and others.

Garage Door Replacement: The installation of new foursection garage doors on galvanized steel tracks proved to be a valuable project with homeowners recouping 88.4 percent of their costs.

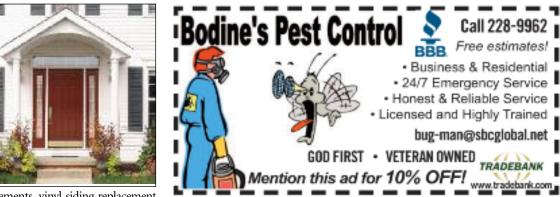
Vinyl Siding Replacement: Replacing a home's vinyl siding was one of a handful of projects that jumped up the list for recouping improvement costs. So not only can new vinyl siding beautify a home. it can keep it weatherproof and enhance its resale value.

· Deck Addition: Adding a wooden deck can do more than provide a place to enjoy the great outdoors. When it comes time to sell, you should be able to pocket more than 80 percent of the cost for this improvement.

More resources on home improve-

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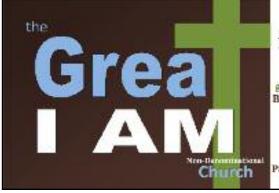
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ART PLAY - Child/Parent Art Experience (Older Siblings are Welcome)! \$6.00 per person. March 7. Jennifer Glenn, Instructor, sets up stations to explore different really unique art techniques with your child using items you might have at home, but haven't thought of using them in an art experience! Each session is completely different with delightful project stations. You and your child might do car painting or sock drop painting (you just have to experience it!), delightful sculptures, or other kid friendly experiences Jennifer has created...all in this friendly, lively setting...culminating in a creative story time. You can be messy here...and we clean everything up!

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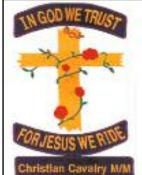
- Ages 5-11) - \$30. March 21. A class for

parents and kids to create handmade musical instruments and participate in music making fun. One enrollment will pay for one adult and child. This class is part of the Creative Wellness Series. The Creative Wellness Series is presented through a partnership between the NOTO Arts Center and the expressive therapies program at Valeo BHC. The Creative Wellness classes will focus on the power of the arts for personal wellbeing. Instructor: Amanda Turnbull

BLACK & WHITE MEDIA - \$25 (for Adults) - \$25. March 2. Learn basic drawing and shading techniques using water soluble graphite pencils, black and white oil pastels and blenders, and black and white charcoal pencils. Create a 9" x 12" or 11" x 14" artwork from black and white reference materials--(storm clouds and tornados make good reference). This class is for any skill level. Instructor: Barb Reser

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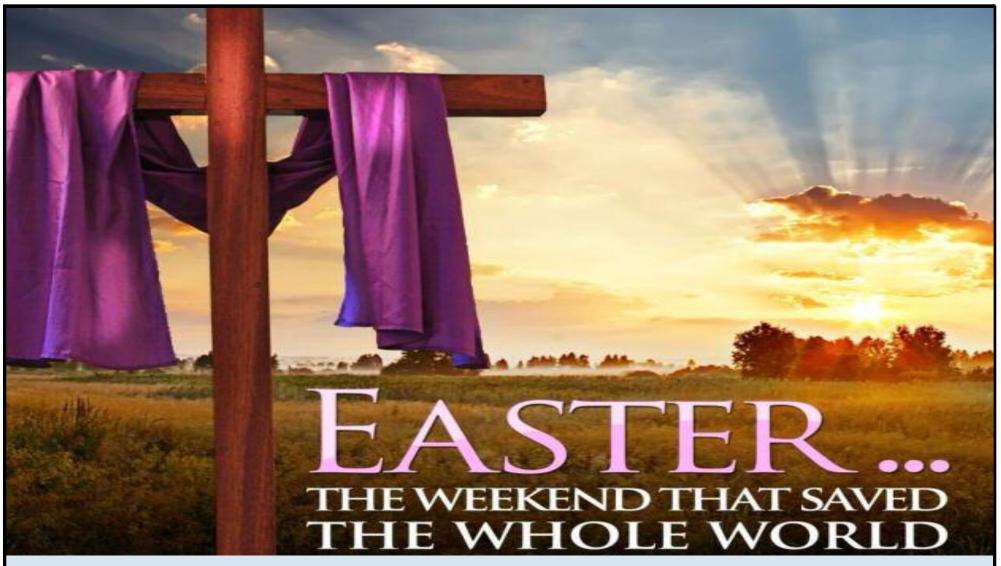
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