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## Royals teaming up with NewSong for Faith & Family Day

by **Alan Goforth** | Metro Voice

The Kansas City Royals are stepping up to the plate again this season with their annual Faith & Family Day on Saturday, July 11. The event will start soon after the 1:10 p.m. game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

"These types of events are very important," said Dayton Moore, Royals vice president and general manager. "If we can pour into people in a way that allows them to walk with Christ and have a faith, it's really, really crucial."

Rod Handley, founder of Character That Counts, agrees.

"It's a classic win-win proposition for the local church," he said. "I love the fact that this event unifies the church. We're not competing against each other, but we're really kingdom-centered."

Just as in the past, the Royals are partnering with the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association of Birmingham, Ala. Dawson will speak after several players share their testimonies, and then NewSong will perform. This contemporary Christian group has been nominated for eight Dove Awards and founded the popular WinterJam Spectacular.

"The first thing we need is prayer, and we need people to show up for counselor training," Dawson said. "And we need your presence her on that Saturday."

Although the event is a couple of  
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## 'T HOUGH T HE MOUNTAINS BE SHAKEN'



### Local students see God's faithfulness amid Nepal's earthquake

by **Ben Hawkins**

KATHMANDU, Nepal —Bethany Collier\* kept watch in an open field on an April midnight here, surrounded by five companions, huddled together nearby in their sleeping bags.

Participating in Midwestern College's Fusion missions program, she and her friends arrived in Kathmandu four months earlier to multiply disciples among the women of Nepal. They never imagined that, during their trip, a 7.8-

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**A 4-month-old baby pulled from the rubble**

## What's Your Summer Bucket List?

Don't let the dog days of summer keep you cooped up! See how many of these fun things you can check off of Visit Topeka Inc.'s Summer Bucket List!



1. Cool down with a scoop of famous brown bread ice cream at the General Store at Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historic Site. You won't be able to have just one scoop.
2. Ride the train and carousel before wandering around the Topeka Zoo in Gage Park. Afterwards, stop and smell the roses at the Reinisch Rose Garden.
3. Take your cardio to the next level by climbing 296 steps to the top of the Kansas Capitol.
4. Throw your best ringers, or simply be a spectator, at the World Horseshoe Tournament July 13 - 25.
5. Grab a burger and fries at BoBo's - a local favorite that was featured on  
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## CAN WE END SLAVERY IN OUR TIME?

### KC to host Abolition Summit to do just that

Modern-day slavery is a global epidemic. Every year, millions of women and girls are exploited in the commercial sex industry. This August, a new generation of abolitionists is being called to take a stand. At its fourth annual Abolition Summit, Exodus Cry will provide "freedom fighters" from all over the world with the training, tools, and motivation to effectively combat commercial sex trafficking and exploitation.

Based in Kansas City, Exodus Cry is a Christ-centered organization committed to the abolition of commercial sexual exploitation and the restoration of vic-

timized persons. Exodus Cry's three-day summit will take place at the Folly Theater in downtown Kansas City on August 6-8, 2015.

In addition to becoming equipped with practical tools to fight sex trafficking, attendees will be energized through a renewed focus on the hope and healing offered through Christ. This year's speakers include human rights advocates, abolitionists, and survivors whose diverse experiences offer unique insight into the tragedies of exploitation and the redemptive power of healing.

Benjamin Nolot is the founder and CEO of Exodus Cry. Nolot has a passion for storytelling and was the  
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# Court Ruling Still Leaves Questions Unanswered

by **Emily Belz**

(WNS)--The U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 legalized same-sex marriage nationwide in a sweeping, moralizing opinion written by Justice Anthony Kennedy. He delivered the ruling softly and without much expression, but outside the courtroom, huge crowds swarmed the Supreme Court plaza in celebration, singing the national anthem.

As anticipated since the high court first took up the case, the ruling was 5-4, with Kennedy joining the court's liberals: Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan. The dissenters—Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito—each penned separate dissents, an expression of profound frustration. Scalia opened his apoplectic dissent, concurring with Roberts' dissent, by saying, "I write separately to call attention to this court's threat to American democracy."

"Just who do we think we are?" Roberts asked in the courtroom. "This is a court, not a legislature."

With soaring rhetoric, Kennedy declared in his ruling that same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marriage licenses, just as opposite-sex couples do. He said marriage had evolved over time, pointing to the end of arranged marriages and coverture, where women were treated as a legal non-entity after they married.

"These new insights have strengthened, not weakened, the institution of marriage," Kennedy wrote.

Then he attempted to define what marriage is: "The nature of marriage is that, through its enduring bond, two persons together can find other freedoms, such as expression, intimacy, and spirituality." (Scalia, in his dissent, picked out such statements and called them "mummers" and "the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie.")

Kennedy emphasized several times throughout his ruling that marriage is between "two persons," likely in response to the questions during the oral arguments about whether legalizing polygamy would necessarily follow a legalization of gay marriage.

Though technical legal arguments were not central in Kennedy's opinion, the legal question before the court was whether state laws defining marriage as between one man and one woman violated the 14th Amendment, which guarantees due process (the right to liberty) and equal protection. Kennedy's ruling said the state laws violated both.

But he did not create a new "suspect class" for sexual orientation, a legal term that means he did not give sexual orientation the same protections as race or gender. He confined the ruling to say that



state marriage licensing laws violated the 14th Amendment. That means, for now, the sweeping "fundamental rights" language is limited to gay couples' interactions with the state in acquiring a marriage license.

But the language in Kennedy's ruling about state laws demeaning gay people could be used in other legal scenarios. He talked about state marriage laws that

**"These new insights have strengthened, not weakened, the institution of marriage"**

*Justice Anthony Kennedy*

"demean" the "dignity" and "nobility" of same-sex couples.

"It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy," Alito wrote in his dissent. "In the course of its opinion, the majority compares traditional marriage laws to laws that denied equal treatment for African-Americans and women. The implications of this analogy will be exploited by those who are determined to stamp out every vestige of dissent."

In referring to those who might oppose gay marriage, Kennedy never used the word "animus," which could be helpful to religious groups. He said those who oppose gay marriage could do so "based on decent and honorable religious or philosophical premises." But in the next sentence he writes that when such personal beliefs are "enacted" in public policy, that "demeans or stigmatizes those whose own liberty is then denied."

And in a later paragraph, he attempted to quell the dissenters' concerns about religious liberty.

"[I]t must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned," Kennedy wrote. "The First

Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered."

Roberts didn't buy it.

"The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to 'advocate' and 'teach' their views of marriage," Roberts wrote in his dissent. "The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to 'exercise' religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses. ... Unfortunately, people of faith can take no comfort in the treatment they receive from the majority today."

Roberts said he expects the court will soon be asked to consider cases about how religious exercise conflicts with the "new right to same-sex marriage."

Jim Campbell, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, who handles such constitutional issues, said he expects that in litigation between gay couples and religious groups, each will use different language in the Kennedy opinion. His side will point to the paragraph on religious protections, and "the other side will pull out the lofty language."

"I don't know how much we can get out of that paragraph," Campbell said, referring to Kennedy's assertion that religious organizations will still have First Amendment protections.

## newsbriefs



### Twitter: More Censorship

(WNS)--Amid the Twitter frenzy about Bruce Jenner's gender switch, people have begun receiving messages from a Twitter bot called @sh00the. The account sends an automatic reply to Twitter users who write about Jenner using a "he" pronoun. As of Wednesday morning, the account sent 2,500 tweets to users who refer to Jenner as "he" instead of "she." The July cover of Vanity Fair, featuring Jenner with the headline "Call me Caitlyn," went viral, and Jenner's Twitter account reached 1 million followers in four hours.

## Life Lessons From a Little One

### FINDING FREEDOM

by **Jessica S. Hosman**

I recently spent a week with two people who are lively, filled with joy and utterly carefree. Though they are both less than four feet tall and under the age of seven, I look up to their lives and glean much from both my son and niece. I've heard it said that as adults we can never really "be" like them. Children don't have responsibilities and the cares that come alongside them, adults do. Therefore, it's unrealistic to expect an adult to experience the freedom many children live.

I open my Bible and the words of Jesus leap off of the page and into my heart, "Unless you change and become like little children..." (Matthew 18:3). Why would He share these words if we were not to pursue them? Christ came to save us from sin and darkness but He also came to give us life in abundance (John 10:10). To me that speaks of laughter, joy and a life that is free in every sense of the word; one that is not dominated by the cares of this world, but instead has released its worries and fears into the hands of He who gives us life.

When I look at our world today, it appears dark and hedged in by much trial and uncertainty. My son and niece are not unexposed to the effects of these challenges, but both remain carefree and smiling. Is that solely because they are young, naive and not responsible for the chaos that surrounds them? While that is a part, I believe it's also because they choose not to focus on it. Instead, they

stop along this road of life to enjoy the simple pleasures of each moment. Turning ordinary moments into memorable experiences of fun, they understand how to truly live.

Nearly bored to tears during an outdoor shopping trip, I watched as they spotted a small section of grass under a tree. Rather than just pass by and complain about the walk we were on, they seized the opportunity and turned the green carpet into a stage. There they danced, laughed and turned what to them was a non-pleasurable experience into one of joy. Why as adults can we not seem to do the same? If Christ told

us to become like these little ones to fully experience Him – I believe it's something that must be attainable. "Not that I have already obtained all this... but I press on (Philippians 3:12).

I press on to set aside my intellect, fears and every other thing I can't control and place it into the hands of the One who sets me free. I press on to laugh more and worry less. In the detours of life, I will look for the field of green for which to dance and relish the moments of breath that God has blessed me to breathe. I will exhale the stress and inhale life. I will look into children's eyes after they've been told to "grow up" and tell them that's wrong. Jesus wants our hearts young. He wants our joy full. And He wants our lives free. Embrace that freedom with me today and delight in the life God wants you to live.



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## Jayhawk Theatre Getting Makeover



The Jayhawk Theatre Makeover has been in full swing lately.

Thanks to the many volunteers who pitched in over the last few weeks, much work has been completed at the theatre during the month of June. Paint, drywall, carpet and more have the old theatre showing new life. The original lobby and Kandy Nook have been

engineering study. This \$65,000 grant was made possible by the Heritage Trust Fund through the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office. The grant was awarded in 2012 but could not get the funding to move forward until now.

In April the Topeka City Council voted to provide \$100,000 to the Jayhawk State Theatre to



renovated, including new carpet, counters and neon signs replicating the original design. The Jayhawk Theatre offices, restrooms and event space are being renovated as well. This will allow us to hold more events and raise funds for the eventual full-scale restoration.

A fundraiser was held on June 12, called Act One, with catering and live entertainment, making use of the new stage lighting apparatus. In addition, 43 backers of a Kickstarter campaign raised another \$3,225 in June.

Loan papers have been signed for a line of credit to get started on the temporary re-roof and full

finance part of the restoration project targeted at helping turn it into a tourist attraction that can be open on a regular basis.

The money, which comes from the Transient Guest Tax program that is collected when out of town visitors stay in Topeka hotels, will go to replace the marquee that formerly adorned the entrance to the theater, which closed in 1976. Other pledges total \$10,000 in cash and \$15,000 in in-kind donations.

Finishing the remodel and opening a concert and movie venue in the 900-seat space would spur locals and outsiders to visit downtown.



## Chaplain's Corner Uncommon Prayers



**Fred S. Hollomon**

Chaplain Emeritus  
Kansas Senate

Heavenly Father,

July Fourth is the two hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Soon afterward George Washington became the first president of the United States of America. He is known as the Father of our Country.

He added, "So help me, God!"  
To the inaugural oath,  
No doubt hoping it would help  
Each president's spiritual growth!

No man we know is perfect,  
Including Washington,

But we need to thank You, Lord,  
For the good things he has done.

His soldiers must not gamble  
Nor get drunk or curse;  
And if they disobeyed, O God,  
Their life would get much worse!

He encouraged fasting,  
Thanksgiving and also prayers;  
And today we thank You, Lord,  
That Washington really cared!

**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

## Christians For Life, Inc. Remembers the Ibrahims

On June 6, 2015, a dedication service was held at the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn, facilitated by Christians for Life, Inc. The service was in honor of Evelyn Ibrahim, former Board Member who passed away in November 2014. Evelyn was the generous donor of the land at 1216 SE Republican Avenue for the purpose of giving a voice to the unborn through the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn.

Evelyn's grandson, August Chapas, along with his violin teacher, Dorothy Risebig, played "The Old Rugged Cross." A plaque was presented to Lisa Chapas, Evelyn's daughter. The plaque will be mounted on one of the front pillars on



the grounds. Friends remembered Evelyn as a person who lived out her Catholic faith steadfastly; but loved everyone regardless of their denomina-

tion. She was called a bridge builder between Protestants and Catholics. The Ibrahims will live on in the hearts of those left behind.

There were also several guests for the memorial service who came to honor the newly engraved names on the wall. Nancy Warren presented roses to the families that were memorializing their children or grandchildren. Ron Challacombe sang "It is Well With My Soul" and Pastor Gary Roten spoke on "What life really means."

For more information about the Memorial Wall, call Barbara Saldivar at 785-267-5777 or go to [www.heartofamericawall.org](http://www.heartofamericawall.org).

## Spotlight shines on Kansas and Maine in 'State of the States'

As we hit the middle of 2015, have you evaluated whether your governor's State of the State address at the beginning of the year is measuring up?

The American Legislative Exchange Council recently released its annual State of the States report, which looks at the fiscal outlook of all 50 states with a critical eye on



gubernatorial records. This year, Kansas and Maine were seen as the rising stars as they both project to phase out their income taxes entirely.

In Kansas, despite shouting from left-leaning editorial sites like Salon, Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's performance is actually respectable. The unemployment rate stands at 4.3 percent, the same as it was in early 2007, and yet there are more people in the labor force.

In comparison, New York State, under Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, is back to mid-2008 unemployment levels, but with 100,000 fewer people in the work force.

In Maine, Republican Gov. Paul LePage wants to go as far as making an amendment to his state's constitution in order to permanently ban the income tax. To compensate for the revenue shortfall - which also includes repealing the estate tax and lower corporate tax - LePage proposes to increase the sales tax since it's less destruc-

tive to wealth creation than the income tax. He also wants to give local governments more freedom to increase their own taxes.

But they will have to watch out since neighboring New Hampshire has neither income nor sales taxes.



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## Religious Liberty is a Freedom to Enjoy

by **John Potter | Military Chaplain**

As July the fourth approaches, I am mindful of the freedoms we have in America. Our nation was built on the ideas of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Religious freedom is a large part of the liberties we enjoy.

Certain rights were held so highly by our founders that they decided to amend the Constitution and guarantee personal freedoms. The First Amendment would protect our ability to worship. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

The Establishment Clause prohibits Congress from creating a national religion. They cannot establish one faith for the people of America. This is how England and her colonies operated prior to the Revolution. Laws were in place to fine people who attended a religious assembly other than the Church of England. It allowed magistrates and authorities to shutter the churches of outlying religious groups. Clergy outside the Church of England could be fined for preaching, expressing their religious views, or sharing the gospel. Even people who allowed a religious assembly in their own home could receive a huge fine.

People during this time had little to

no religious freedom. British law required citizens to attend worship services. Practicing your faith in a different manner or practicing a different faith, one not permitted by the government, could be grounds for your arrest, conviction, or execution. Our founders wanted to insure that America would not return to the ways of England by



establishing a state church, and punishing people for practicing their individual faith.

The Free Exercise Clause reserves the right

of Americans to accept religious beliefs and engage in their individual religious practices. The clause protects not just religious beliefs but actions made on behalf of those beliefs. In short, government should not prohibit people from practicing their faith.

As an American, I enjoy more religious freedom than a majority of people across the globe. I am a blessed man who can worship Christ. As a Christian, I have not been persecuted for my faith or forced to embrace another religion. My country protects me and my personal freedoms. Many Christians do not have the blessings of liberty that I know.

May God continue to bless the freedoms of our land and keep them in place, now and in generations to come.

## Kansas e-cig tax could e-vape-orate the industry

by **Grayson Quay | Watchdog Arena**

The Kansas tax increase that passed last week includes a tax on electronic cigarettes that may cause an emerging industry to go up in smoke.

The tax plan, which many Republican legislators voted for unwillingly in order to plug a \$400 million budget deficit before drastic cuts became necessary, will generate most of its revenue from increases to sales tax and cigarette tax and from postponements of Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's planned income tax cuts.

Near the end of the session, however, Republican state Sen. Les Donovan introduced an additional tax on electronic cigarettes.

Lawmakers expect the fifty-cent per pack increase in cigarette taxes to raise \$40.4 million dollars per year, while the tax on e-cigs, which is set to take effect in July 2016, will only bring in about \$2 million per year, around half of one percent of the budget deficit.

Donovan introduced his amendment on June 1, day 102 of a legislative session that was supposed to last 90 days but ended up lasting a record-setting 113. The tax he proposed, and which eventually passed, imposes an excise tax of 20 cents per milliliter on the liquid used to operate electronic cigarettes and vaping pens.

Since this liquid is usually sold in 30 milliliter bottles, the tax would come to six dollars per bottle in addition to the 6.5 percent sales tax consumers will already be paying. Topeka vape shop



kenVape sells several varieties of e-liquid, generally charging \$9.95 for a 30 milliliter bottle. Once all taxes had been imposed, the same bottle would cost \$16.60.

Spencer Duncan, a representative of the Kansas Vapers Association, said that the eleventh-hour introduction of the e-cigarette tax came as a surprise to him and to the industry he represents. Duncan said that most of the businesses that sell electronic cigarettes and e-liquid are small, locally owned shops that will be hit hard by the tax increase.

"Economically it's devastating," Duncan explained, pointing out that vape shops in Kansas City, Kan., will likely lose customers to similar establishments in Kansas City, Mo., where there is no such tax.

The American Lung Association has expressed skepticism toward claims that e-cigarettes can help smokers quit, pointing out that the "FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research has not approved any e-cigarette as a safe and effective method to help smokers quit." The association also argues that claims that e-cigs are healthier than traditional cigarettes are difficult to verify due to the lack of FDA oversight.

## BUCKET LIST

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Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.

6. Grab your fishing rod and try to catch a fish or two at Lake Shawnee.

7. "Check out" the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library for lots of great books, movies and activities.

8. Take part in a burger eating contest! Try to down a 3-pound burger and fries in 45 minutes or less at Speck's Bar and Grill.

9. The apple pie at Bradley's Corner Café is amazing! Stop by and order a slice, or two.

10. Go on an adventure around the capital city on Visit Topeka's Geocache tour.

11. "Fly" over to the Combat Air Museum to test out your landing skills with the flight simulator.

12. Eat, dance and play at the 82nd Annual Fiesta Mexicana July 14-18.



13. Take a look at a replica of the officer's tent from the TV show "M.A.S.H." at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard.

14. Take your picture with Dwight D. Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart at the Kansas Museum of History.

15. No bumpers allowed! See how many strikes you can get at West Ridge Lanes and Gage Bowl.

16. See what gorgeous design you get on top of your hot coffee when you stop at



PT's Coffee at College Hill.

17. Play a bit of laser tag, climb a rock-wall and bounce around at Trampolazerockball Park.

18. Order the Cup of Heaven from Lonnie Q's BBQ. Make sure to get there early!

19. Get your suit on and enjoy the lazy river at the Shawnee North Family Aquatic Center.



20. Catch dinner and a show at Topeka Civic Theatre. The Wizard of Oz is playing July 10 - August 15!

21. Pick some cherries, peaches and strawberries at Ree's fruit farm. Don't forget to pick up an apple doughnut or apple slush!

22. Load up on fresh produce and baked goods at the Downtown Topeka Farmers Market.

23. Grab a bike and ride along the bike and trike path before climbing up to the TreeTop Treehouse at the Kansas Children's Discovery Center.

24. Try not to tip! Rent a paddle boat and swim around Lake Shawnee.

25. Strap on your walking shoes and take a hike on the trails of MacLennan Park, surrounding Cedar Crest.

26. Make your own soy candle with your friends at Marion Lane Candles in the Brookwood Shopping Center.

27. Ditch the car for a day! Rent a Topeka Metro Bike to get around town.

28. Tour the former home of Charles Curtis, the only U.S. vice president of Native American descent.

29. Bring your popcorn and lawn

## Three Agencies Collaborate To Feed Kids



"Ann" has come every day in her wheelchair with her three grandchildren to feed them lunch from the mobile canteen at the Echo Ridge housing authority neighborhood. "Mary" has three teenagers at home this summer at the Pine Ridge housing authority neighborhood and she wasn't sure how she was going to be able to afford to feed them all summer. She states, "They eat like teenagers... a lot." What these two women have in common is free lunches for their children provided through the collaboration of three agencies – Topeka Public Schools Child Nutrition Services, Topeka Housing Authority and The Salvation Army. Together the Summer Mobile Feeding program is providing free lunches to children 18 years and younger at two sites – Echo Ridge & Pine Ridge – so that children won't go hungry this summer. Beverly Peterson, development director for The Salvation Army, states, "The beauty of this program is that children don't only have to live in the housing units, they just have to come to the site at the right times to get a free lunch."

While the protein-packed meals and milk are provided by the Topeka Public Schools Child Nutrition Services are free, Topeka Housing Authority representative, Arnold Downing, vice president of leasing and tenant Services, believes there are

many families not taking advantage of this unique service. He states, "The food service program is an amazing benefit for the children and families in this community. The program was implemented for our families and it would be wonderful if we could have more families and kids participating in it. The other amazing thing about this service is that although the kids are expected to stay at the playground site and eat their lunch, we are seeing more families take advantage of the wonderful new playground amenities. Families are spending quality time with their kids walking the Born Learning Trail and swinging with their kids. We need families to come out and participate in this service. It's the first time we've had the opportunity to implement a summer food service program for the entire community of Pine Ridge and it's truly an amazing thing to see." Efforts by all three agencies to provide community outreach and engagement is on-going, and the best way to let people know is communication through all media outlets and word of mouth from participants, according to Mr. Downing.

The program will continue through August 7, Mondays through Fridays, from 11:00 am – 11:30 am at Echo Ridge, 2021 SE Market; and from 11:45 am – 12:15 pm at Pine Ridge, 1100 SE Highland.

chair to enjoy The Lego Movie and Sandlot by the Capitol lawn.

30. Put on your walking shoes and attend a First Friday Artwalk at locations across Topeka.

31. Visit the final resting places of several famous Topekans at the Historic Topeka Cemetery.

32. Grab a sweet treat from Hazel Hill Chocolate in downtown Topeka. We love the truffles!

33. Stop by Truckenge to see antique trucks jutting out of the ground!

34. Grab a disc golf disc and test your skills on the course at Lake Shawnee or Crestview Park.

35. Learn about the 1954 Supreme

Court case that ruled segregation in public schools was unconstitutional by visiting the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site.

36. Explore Topeka's railroad heritage, and feel the building rattle as trains race on by at the Great Overland Station.

37. Take a peek into the past by looking at 30 rare Harley-Davidsons at Yesterday's Motorcycle Museum at Historic Harley-Davidson.

38. See for yourself how beautiful the city is by taking a tour of the city's new murals at Meadows Elementary School, Avondale East NetReach Center and the corner of Huntoon & Lane.

## Summer in Shorts Video Contest

Grab your camera and highlight your favorite things to do in the Capital City. Summer in Shorts is a creative competition that encourages people to submit short videos about their favorite events in Topeka. Make sure to tell why it's your favorite!

Videos must be submitted to Visit Topeka Inc. by Labor Day to be considered. A selection committee will review the videos after the deadline. The top three winners will receive money for the creator AND their event. 1st Place: \$250; 2nd Place: \$150; 3rd Place: \$50

# FINANCIAL PLANNING

## Out of step with the Baby Steps

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been following your plan. We just paid cash for our new home after selling the old one, so we're out of the Baby Steps. But we've still got about \$50,000 in student loan debt hanging over our heads. We make over \$100,000 a year combined, so how would you suggest handling this?  
Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

Whoa, hang on a minute! I think you're a little confused about the steps in my plan. You're not out of the Baby Steps quite yet. You just got Baby Step 6, which is pay off your mortgage, done ahead of time.

Go back to Baby Step 2, which involves paying off all your debt except for your house, and take care of the student loans.

You guys make good money, so it shouldn't take long at all. After that, if you haven't already, move to Baby Step 3 and set aside a fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Baby Step 4 is investing 15 percent of your income for retirement, and Baby Step 5 means putting aside money for the kids' college education — if you have kids. The seventh Baby Step is building wealth and giving.

I hope that helps straighten things out. The good news is you won't have to fight through a house payment while you're paying off the student loan debt. So for now, just get into attack mode and make it disappear. Then, move on to the other steps. Other than getting the sequence a little mixed up, you guys are doing great!  
—Dave



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### Do no more damage

Dear Dave,

I'm returning to school to finish my degree this year, and I'm going to ask my girlfriend to marry me. We both have decent jobs, but I also have some previous student loans that I could put into deferment. Do you think I should pay off the debt before getting engaged?  
Colton

Dear Colton,

Congrats on finding that special someone! Now, if I were in your shoes, here's the way I line up my priorities.

First, don't do any more damage where debt is concerned. I want you to pay cash for your food, lights, water, gas for your car and housing. Obviously, you have to live, but I want you to do all this without adding any new debt. The next priority would be to pay for college, and pay cash for your tuition and stuff from this point forward. Remember, no new debt!

After that, let's save up and pay cash for a nice, inexpensive ring. The student loan debt comes last through deferment. I'd really attack it with a vengeance after I was married, out of school and had an even better job and bigger income.

You're going to be a busy guy for a while, but I'll bet this lady's worth it. Gaining control of your finances now will be a great gift for you both when you start your new life together.  
—Dave

### Stick with mutual funds

Dear Dave,

I've been following your plan, and I have my emergency fund in place and am investing in mutual funds. Recently, a financial planner recommended bonds to me. What is your opinion on this?  
Becky

Dear Becky,

I don't recommend bonds at all right now. I'm not a fan of them, and I don't own any. The bond market is almost as volatile as the stock market, and it doesn't pay nearly as much on average.

On top of all that, bond prices work at an inverse of interest rates. In other words, as interest rates rise, bond prices go down. Long-term interest rates are still really low. If you were to buy a bunch of bonds right now, and interest rates went up even one percent, you could lose a lot!

I recommend mutual funds and good growth stock mutual funds. There are always some bonds mixed in with a growth and income fund, and I'm not opposed to that to some degree, but it's not my favorite. So, if I were ever going to

buy bonds — and I'm not going to — it definitely wouldn't be right now. It doesn't take much of a move in interest rates for bond prices to go down dramatically.  
—Dave

### Budget together!

Dear Dave,

I have a question about budgeting. I give myself and my husband \$150 a month each for blow money to be used on whatever we want. I'm upset because he spends all his eating out, then he buys other things he wants that he has no money for. Am I being too stingy?  
Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,

I think you guys are handling your money poorly. You're acting like his mother instead of his wife, and he's acting like a little boy instead of a man. You don't want to give your husband an allowance and then not be happy when he spends money "he didn't have" because he went over what you dictated to him. That's a bad budget process.

The budget process, if you're the nerd in the family, should start with you writing it all out. Then he sits down with you, has an equal say in the decisions and you two okay it together. He needs to understand that this is you asking him to man-up and be part of the decision-making process, so that you can both be in agreement as to what's best for the family. In one sense, you may not like it at first, because right now you've got control of things. But in another sense, I'll bet you're pretty tired of carrying the weight of all the financial decision making and being the only adult in the household.

He doesn't even have to work on all that

much. I want you to lay it out, but I expect him to sit down and go over it all with you. You're not asking him to be an accountant with a pocket protector, but you have every right to expect him to be in on the decisions that are made about your family and your finances!  
—Dave

### Stay with the bank

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free except for our home, and we're currently putting money aside for our fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Currently, we have our emergency fund account in the same bank as our checking and savings accounts. Do you think we should move it to a different bank?  
Steve

Dear Steve,

I wouldn't worry too much about that if I were you. The only exception to that might be if you had loans that you owed to that same bank. Then, I would probably move my emergency fund out of there just in case something went wrong with the loans.

Some commercial loan documents now give the bank the right to take money out of your account to pay the loan — without your permission. If you had a car loan, for instance, with that particular bank, I wouldn't keep a bunch of money in that bank. They normally don't do that unless you're way behind on the bill — and then it gets pretty adversarial.

Sometimes there can be things like a simple clerical error, and there's no chance of that happening if the money's in another bank. But in your situation, I don't see any harm in you being there.  
—Dave





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*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream. - Amos 5:24*

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## Charleston Killer: Another lethal mind with means and motives



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viewpoint

Doctor: And where do you live  
Simon? Simon (demon within offender  
patient May Hobbes): I live in the weak  
and wounded... doc."

-Excerpt from the movie 'Session 9.'

I often reflect on the fictional entity Simon—in the movie above, Session 9, when dealing with or studying violent offenders and criminality. Simon was an evil entity that attached itself to weak and wounded individuals—eventually taking them over entirely and compelling them to kill.

Let me state for the record that as a Black man and a Christian, I believe in evil and a devil as surely as I do in Christ and angels. Let me also be clear in this regard, people don't need the help of dark forces to kill. It's already in our nature. To spiritualize everything would be a mistake and bad theology. Dylan Roof found a cause. He thought about it; embraced it and shocked the world. This craving for attention was simply manifested in the quickest way to headlines—violence. I refuse to make this solely about race.

It is true he hated Blacks. It's also true he is a terrorist and evil predator who found a cause. Dylan is just one

more case of a deviant, young lethal mind with the means and motives to carry out his mission. Their number is increasing, and this is much bigger than a race issue. Here's why.

Homicidal folks are able to tell us why they chose their course action and often do. Our current explanations don't match the diverse profiles of those who engage in these binges whether here in the states or abroad. The mentally ill Cho Seung-Hui of Virginia Tech left us his rambling reasons about the wealth and indifference of society, and former LAPD officer Christopher Dorner followed suit in a diatribe about injustice and racism. Madman Anders Breivik of Norway was calling Europe back to its racially pure heritage. Their desire did not need to be unmasked; they clearly told us why. (Although Sandy Hook perpetrator Adam Lanza gave no reason for his sadistic actions, but it is clear he wanted to leave a statement and be remembered.)

We should also remember the Santa Barbara Killer, Elliot Rodger and his

**"...deviant killers feed off public spectacles of bloodshed. They seek to engage in acts that simultaneously traumatize and mesmerize viewers — us..."**

obsession with women and his hatred toward black males. For these offenders, violence was the public vehicle to call attention to their arrival and the twisted views the publicized, hoping to imprint their image on public consciousness into the foreseeable future.



Recognize that deviant killers feed off public spectacles of bloodshed. They seek to engage in acts that simultaneously traumatize and mesmerize viewers—us, while seeking to inspire or recruit those of a similar bent mind. As it is with all scientific inquiry, we now look for repeatable observable phenomena that will yield answers to

driven approaches.

Social science already reveals some answers and we need to heed the data. There are lethal minds among us that commit these types of crimes and the majority of the participants are young, alienated, troubled males. They are "wounded and weak" on many levels. We should start there. We need honest analysis.

Often in crises it brings out our best and brightest, but it also brings out all types sycophants and their hidden agendas. We have to guard against this, or every crisis that befalls us will be hijacked by irrational solutions. My hope is common sense and research will prevail.

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## Does America Need God?



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Clay Center, Kansas – During September 1861 President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation calling for a national observance of "public humiliation, prayer and fasting." Why? Months earlier the Union troops came under fire at Fort Sumter sending the teetering nation into a bloody civil war. Lincoln discerned the days ahead would be long, dark and critical for the future of America. He urged his fellow countrymen to offer "fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these States, His blessings on their

arms, and a speedy restoration of peace." The President knew he needed power and wisdom beyond himself. He knew only the God of heaven and earth could save his divided nation.

Lincoln's approach to a national crisis is much different than the modern era. Today's leaders respond to a crisis by urging citizens to "rebuild," "not quit," promising to "bring justice" and "whatever resources are needed." It is a response that trusts in the people and government to overcome with no mention of the need for God or the problem of evil.

During these times it appears motivational and inspiring to urge people onward reminding them of the pioneering, self-reliant American spirit in our country's history. Even so, is that really our best way to respond to tragedy, natural disasters, war, crime, economic turmoil and political divides?

One army faced great odds as they lined up for battle yet they succeeded.



The reason for their success was based on who they trusted in. The Bible says "The men of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the Lord" (2 Chronicles 13:18). Almighty God is the one who raises up nations and allows them to crumble. We think too highly of ourselves if we believe America's future rests in our hands alone. It reveals a national arrogance. The Scriptures say, "For God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:6). During crises we

do not need God's opposition, rather we need His grace.

There is only one being who is powerful enough to rescue America, Almighty God. When our nation faces crises may our leaders and a humble remnant bow before the Most High with unwavering faith and seek His intervention. May God Hi

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## Same-Sex Marriage: How Did We Get Here?

by **Jim Daly** | Focus on the Family

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that there is a federal constitutional right to same-sex marriage. The Court's sweeping ruling has the net effect of legalizing same-sex marriage at the federal and state levels across the entire country. The ruling effectively negates 31 state marriage amendments plus other states' laws safeguarding man/woman marriage, and imposes a Roe v. Wade 50-state mandate, requiring every state to license and recognize same-sex marriages.

Justice Anthony Kennedy sided with the liberal wing of the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision that one-man one woman marriage laws violate the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The majority decision, written by Kennedy, held that marriage is a "fundamental right" guaranteed by the "due process" clause of the 14th and can't be denied to same-sex couples.

Justices Ginsburg, Breyer, Kagan and Sotomayor joined in the majority decision.

Justices Scalia, Roberts, Alito and Thomas each filed dissenting opinions.

### How did we get here?

Truth be told, the journey towards the redefinition of marriage started decades ago. What we see today as a legal shift in definition has its roots in steady and significant cultural change.

There was once a millennia-old, cross-cultural understanding that marriage was the lifelong union of a man and a woman. This definition helped protect children born from that union. Indeed, bringing children into this world has historically been understood to be a primary function of marriage. In that sense, marriage, sex and childbearing were linked in the minds of people, and were usually linked in practice.

And then, in the 1960s, the Sexual Revolution happened. The events that took place during this period helped break the "iron triangle" of marriage, sex, and

childbearing, which ushered in monumental changes in our nation's collective worldview and culture.

One such event happened on May 9, 1960, when the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale and use of the Pill. As my friend Dr. Al Mohler pointed out in his excellent article recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Pill, this form of birth control turned pregnancy – and thus children – into elective choices, rather than natural gifts of the marital union. But then again, the marital union was itself weakened by the Pill, because the avoidance of pregnancy facilitated adultery and other forms of non-marital sex. In some hands, the Pill became a human pesticide.

Cohabitation rates also increased during the Sexual Revolution, further weakening the institution of marriage. With easy access to birth control and nationwide access to abortion eventually arriving after the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, it was easier for couples to opt out of marriage. Many did, and cohabitation rates have skyrocketed. In fact, we have seen a 35-fold increase in the rate of cohabitation between 1960 and 2010. The devaluing of marriage in favor of merely living together has accelerated even further among the millennial generation.

No-fault divorce dealt another blow to marriage when California first adopted such legislation signed into law by then Governor Ronald Reagan in 1970. The ability to dissolve a marriage without having to show legal wrongdoing has been available in all 50 states since 1985.

Taken together, these developments helped reduce marriage, in the eyes of many, to simply an act of emotional love. No longer did the majority of people hold a conjugal view of marriage – that marriage is the lifelong, exclusive union of a man and woman who, in most cases, have and raise their children together.

Once that basic, historic cultural understanding of marriage was breached, it became easier for people to accept an alternate definition of marriage as the union of two men, or two women. After all, isn't love love? Isn't all love equal? That's the argument activists



have carried out as they sought to normalize homosexuality and, more recently, the idea of same-sex "marriage" and parenting.

Unfortunately, the Church, being made up of fallible and imperfect people, didn't do all it could to provide a counterbalance, an alternative to the changes happening in the culture. When we could have offered a vision of God's design and plan for marriage and family, many instead found themselves wrapped up in the cultural revolution.

When we could have encouraged young couples in love to marry, we told them to postpone marriage until after they had a college education, stable job and a healthy bank account. No longer was marriage an institution that helped shape and mature young people. Rather, it became the "cherry on top" after they had achieved a certain level of success.

When we could have offered a bright, shining example of the vitality and joy that can be found in a Christ-centered marriage, in many cases, Christian divorce rates rivaled the world's.

No wonder a homosexual activist once asked me, "Since Christians haven't done so well in the arena of marriage, why not let us try?"

What my friend doesn't understand is that the reality and wisdom of God's definition isn't any less true just because Christians as a whole have struggled in

our responsibility to champion and live out marriage as well as we could have.

Despite our shortcomings, God's design of one man and one woman marriage, committed for life, welcoming and raising children together, remains the best model of family there is.

Nothing else benefits men, women and children more than biblical marriage.

More importantly, nothing else more beautifully represents the Gospel.

They say that law is downstream from culture. In that sense, what happened on May 17, 2015, when Massachusetts became the first state in the Union to sanction same-sex marriage, was a long time coming.

But law also shapes culture. That's one reason we at Focus are committed to doing all we can to help preserve the definition of marriage in our country.

However, our commitment to God's truth goes beyond the law.

Our team here at Focus – and many others – will continue to defend and proclaim God's design for marriage. We'll continue to teach it to our children and live it out in our own lives. We'll do everything we can to support and celebrate marriages in our churches, families and communities. And we'll never stop praying that the Holy Spirit will make God's truth evident in the culture.

## Like the President and Hillary, My Views on Marriage Have Evolved

by **DAVID FRENCH** | National Review

I've evolved. In the not-so-distant past, I held a view that has since proven to be oppressive, a view of the law and culture that I now see as stifling the rights of others and damaging the fabric of our families and our democracy.

I supported same-sex marriage.

The year was 2004, and I was a partner in a large commercial law firm. Despite working mainly in commercial, contract litigation, I'd cultivated a constitutional practice and represented a number of Christian ministries. So, when the Massachusetts supreme judicial court legalized gay marriage, a number of fellow Christians asked for my thoughts. And in a January 2004 op-ed in our local newspaper, I shared them.

While I can't find the full piece online anymore, this excerpt should give you the flavor:

Unfortunately, the conservative argument against gay marriage often reeks of hypocrisy. Our society stopped viewing marriage as a sacred (God-ordained) institution long ago. Since the invention of no-fault divorce laws, divorce rates have skyrocketed. Now, almost half of all marriages end in divorce.

I continued:

For those who believe gay marriage is morally wrong for Biblical or other religious reasons, this decision changes nothing. Churches can still speak out against sexual immorality and can still choose not to perform gay weddings. The gay couple down the street in no way makes our own straight marriage more difficult or challenging, nor can any decision of any court of law change the definition of marriage in the eyes of God.

My thesis was rather simple: Since the advent of no-fault divorce, the secular defini-

tion of "marriage" had become nothing more than a voluntary arrangement less binding than a refrigerator warranty. Adding same-sex couples to that already thoroughly secular institution would be, at most, an incremental, largely irrelevant cultural and legal change.

I could not have been more wrong. Indeed, this sentence — "For those who believe gay marriage is morally wrong for Biblical or other religious reasons, this decision changes nothing" — may have been among the most inaccurate predictions in the history of punditry. As recent history decisively demonstrates, if you believe gay marriage is morally wrong, virtually everything is changing.

As I noted in a piece last week, there is a concerted legal and cultural effort to not just carve out a legal space for same-sex couples but to essentially banish orthodox Christianity from public life — to treat it with the same respect that mainstream culture treats abhorrent ideologies like white supremacy. Christians must lose their jobs, lose their businesses, and close their schools, unless they bend the knee to the sexual revolution. Bonds of friendship and loyalty are meaningless if the cultural conservative holds the wrong view on same-sex marriage, and Christian clubs are vile discriminators if they simply want to be led by Christian leaders. In the "blue" sectors of America, particularly the academy, some Christians feel that they have to live under deep cover to protect their careers.

It's important to understand that this wave of coercive intolerance is not mere aberrational excess but the natural and inevitable byproduct of grafting same-sex relationships into an institution that is a key building-block to civilization itself. Even in the face of strong sexual-revolution headwinds, our law and

culture continue to not only protect marriage and incentivize marriage, it is still seen by hundreds of millions of Americans as the ideal family relationship. In other words, by grafting same-sex relationships into marriage, activists want their relationships to enjoy all the legal and cultural protections marriage has built up through millennia of human experience. To oppose "marriage" is to oppose civilization.

But marriage did not become an "ideal" or civilizational building-block by simply being the most intense and committed form of adult relationship. In fact, at its core, marriage is not about adults — or adult happiness — at all. It has been at the heart of every enduring world culture not because these cultures share the same faith, or share the same ideals about romantic love and adult happiness, but because life has long taught us cultures thrive when children are raised in stable, two-parent, mother-father homes. Indeed, spouses from many cultures would laugh at the notion that "happiness" or "romance" has anything to do with the nature and familial bond of their marriage.

I agree with the notion that gay couples should be able to make health-care decisions for each other, write each other into wills, solemnize their relationships if they wish, and otherwise enjoy many of the same bundle of rights enjoyed by heterosexual couples, but it is easy and simple enough to write those protections into law without changing the very definition and nature of marriage.

Cultures that have sought to alter marriage from its fundamental norms do not have a happy history. Polygamy has hardly proven conducive to enduring cultural strength, and when segments of the young American nation changed thousands of years of mar-

riage traditions by injecting white supremacy into what was once a color-blind institution, it commandeered marriage into the unsustainable and ultimately ruinous practice of race-based chattel slavery and race-based economic, cultural, and legal discrimination.

But now we're racing off on our own cultural experiment, one that began two generations ago when Baby Boomers decided they needed to shed their spouses at will, and continues now with the equally radical step of redefining who a "spouse" can be and re-ordering marriage to center completely and totally on adult emotional contentment. And we're racing on despite the clear record that families who maintain the traditional bonds do far better — in aggregate — emotionally, socially, and economically than families who shun tradition to carve out their own definitions of "ideal."

In 2004, I was wrong and Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were right. The definition

of marriage should not change. In fact, Ms. Clinton was so right, that I'll close by quoting her:

I believe that marriage is not just a bond but a sacred bond between a man and a woman. [It's a] fundamental bedrock principle that exists between a man and a woman, going back into the mists of history as one of the founding, foundational institutions of history and humanity and civilization, and that its primary, principal role during those millennia has been the raising and socializing of children for the society into which they are to become adults.

Exactly right, Hillary. As I said once before when discussing my own intellectual journey, the tides of history and opinion are not irreversible. It's not inevitable that everyone will follow the Obama/Clinton path to transform the very nature of this "foundational institution." People can, in fact, move back towards time-tested tradition. I'm living proof.

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## Save Money on Summer Camp for the Kids

Now's the time when parents are busy checking out summer camps for their kids to attend once school is out. There are camps focused on camping and hiking, and others focused on music, science, pre-college programs and more. The list is endless. No matter where you live, the price tag for summer camp can be steep, especially if you need it to cover the majority of the summer. But there may be ways to save. Here are a few things to consider as you research.

### Get an Education

Summer camp can cost a pretty penny. If you're looking to save, now's the time to comparison shop. You might want to consider options other than a private camp. If you're a member of the YMCA, for instance, look into the fee for summer camp there. Often, their programs are much more affordable than those at a private camp. If you're not a member, chances are you can have your kids attend the camp for a slightly higher fee. Then again, it may be worthwhile to join.

The church or temple you attend might offer summer camp programs, at least for a few weeks. Boy Scout and Girl Scout camps are another great option that could save you money. For most Scout camps, your child doesn't have to be a scout to attend.

Also, contact your city's Parks and Recreation office to see if they run, or are



aware of, summer camps in the community.

### Understanding Tax Breaks

Depending on your income and your circumstances, the cost of summer day camp expenses might qualify you for a tax credit. You'll need to be working or looking for work, of course, in order to qualify for the credit. The credit applies for the care of children who are under 13 years of age, and only day camp expenses count. The cost for overnight camps and summer tutoring programs are not considered for tax purposes.

If you use a sitter at home when you work, that does qualify. When you file your taxes, you'll need the Social Security

number of the babysitter or the employer identification number for the camp.

Check with the IRS and your tax adviser for additional information and specifics related to summer day camp expenses and whether or not you can take the tax credit.

### Look to Specialty Camps

There may be other ways to save on summer camp, especially if you can find a specific program to address your child's needs or talents. Depending on the state where you live, you might find a specialty camp that offers merit-based or need-based scholarships. The first place to start is to ask your child's guidance counselor at school for any information he or she may have.

It doesn't hurt to ask. Do a little online digging, too. Tap into the resources at your local university or college, and find out

what they offer. Most of the summer programs are for a fee, but there might be some -- like camps centered around science, technology, the arts or that cater to special needs children -- that do not charge fees or that offer a limited number of scholarships.

If your child has special needs, such as learning, emotional or physical disability, it pays to ask at your area school for information on any summer camp options for your child.

### Pool Your Resources

If you don't have access to a good summer camp nearby or if you don't have one in your price range, you may want to consider hiring a babysitter for the summer. Get together with a friend or two and consider splitting the cost.

While you'll need to do the proper vetting to find a trustworthy person, the beauty of having someone work for you is that he or she can respond to your child's specific needs and interests. If you have a child who would prefer to head off to a museum rather than hanging out at the park all day, then a babysitter can make sure that happens. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to find a reliable babysitter. So start now and ask around

### Ways to Vet a Summer Camp

Before sending your child off to summer camp, you'll want to make sure the

camp is a safe, fun, and nurturing place to be. If your child is enrolled in a specialized camp, such as for arts or technology, you'll need to know that the camp really does know how to teach the subject matter. Here are a few ways to appropriately vet a camp.

### A Look at the Basics

The safety of your child is paramount. Ask the camp director how the camp trains staff on issues of safety and security. Counselors should be certified in first aid and CPR.

If there's a lake or pool at the camp, make sure they have certified lifeguards on duty. Find out if they perform background and criminal checks on the people that work there. Visit the space where the camp will be housed. Ask around among the parents in your area to see if you can get some firsthand opinions based on experience with a camp you are considering.

### Checking Out the Programs

Find out about the credentials, background and work experience of the camp counselors. Are they equipped and skilled enough to teach the subject matter? Look at the number of years in operation and what the camper-to-counselor ratio is. Check online for reviews from customers. Also try to talk to someone directly who knows how the camp operates and whether kids like being there.

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## New mural appears in NOTO

There's a new mural in the NOTO Arts District!

A new art display has shown up on the back of a building once scheduled for demolition. Don Snethen, who owns 905 N. Kansas with his wife Edie, said the idea for a mosaic and mural on the rear wall of the building came from a workshop given by Philadelphia-based artist Isaiah Zagar.

The mural started with objects cemented to the wall, including old type-

pieces of mirrors.

Volunteers paid \$50 for the opportunity to add colored grout and paint lines to emphasize the shapes. Some of them hope to use the left over pieces to start the process all over again on another building.

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NOTO Arts District also features First Friday Art Walk on July 10 this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Visitors can enjoy arts, antiques, fine crafts, and flea market items.

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# Christian life coach talks pastoring stars, creating the Hollywood Bible Study

by **Brittany Youst**

California Pastor Tim Storey has been called a life coach to the stars with a ministry that has led him to speak into the lives of countless celebrities including rapper Kanye West and actor Charlie Sheen, who had a highly controversial breakdown in 2011.

Storey, 54, is the pioneer of a spiritual meeting known as the Hollywood Bible Study that began in 1992 with 12 people that has grown to over 2000, but dealing with entertainers was not his original vision for his life while he was a student at South Eastern University in Florida.

"My dream was to reach all people and so when I first started [in ministry], I went on a lot of missions trips to third world countries," said Storey to The Christian Post. "And I would do motivational speaking in places like South Africa, Nigeria and some of the tougher parts of the Philippines."

Storey continued ministering in these countries well into his 20s and in 1992 he was propositioned to take on a different mission helping entertainers when actress Dyan Cannon asked him to do a Bible study in her house. From that point on, his ministry started reaching well known movie stars.

"I didn't realize that it was opening up a door to me that some 25 years later I

would continue to walk through," said Storey.

Cannon's house was located in Beverly Hills and the study began with 12 people. Seven of them were well known entertainers. Although Storey did not want to disclose who those seven were, he has said in the past that some of the people he worked with early on included actor Charlton Heston and businessman Vidal Sassoon.

Shortly after these Bible studies began, agents of prominent entertainers started to contact Storey when their clients were struggling in their lives. By the end of the 1990s Storey had worked with actors Charlie Sheen and Robert Downey Jr. who have both struggled with drug abuse.

More recently, Storey said he's had "great conversations" with rapper and music producer Kanye West who is a professing Christian married to reality star Kim Kardashian. Storey said West has a persona most in the public have not seen.

"There's a side of Kanye that a lot of people don't know that I do," said Storey. "How kind he is to people. What a strong woman of God his mother was, Donda



California pastor Tim Storey is known as a life coach to the stars and opened a new church in Yorba Linda, California in May 2015.

West. And so I would say I hope in the future that more people will get to know that side [of him]."

He also discussed his relationship with Charlie Sheen who had a very public breakdown after leaving his hit show "Two and a Half Men" in 2011.

"He is trying to learn about himself, he's trying to work through his own challenges, and we have amazing talks about God," said Storey. "Just like a parent or a mentor, sometimes we wish our children or our students would make different choices. And even at a faster pace. I've obviously wished that for Charlie. I'm still

very hopeful that he will continue to make better choices."

Aside from one on one encounters, Storey hosts a slew of entertainers at his Hollywood Bible study which he describes as a "hybrid of motivational speaking and traditional Bible study."

The gathering includes people from all faiths and is held in the homes of different stars.

"We're reaching out to all types of faiths, from Jewish people, to Muslims, to people who come from a New Age background," said Storey, who says he still includes Christ in the conversation regardless of who he is preaching to.

"I talk about a certain message and I'll say you may see things differently, but let me show you the way Christ presents this in the Bible. Because this may be a way that makes sense to you."

He says a lot of people that attend the study end up becoming Christian months after they meet him and thank him for "giving them a chance to decide on their own."

The busy pastor recently had some high profile speaking engagements including being on Oprah Winfrey's Super Soul Sunday and an upcoming appearance at the Dalai Lama's 80th Birthday Celebration Summit in July, where he plans to share the story of the "God of Beyond" with those in attendance.

"The reason I would speak at the Dalai Lama's 80th birthday, I see it similar to the Apostle Paul speaking on Mars Hill," he said. "I'm going to talk about the God of Beyond. I'm going to talk about Jehovah. He thinks beyond. He dreams beyond. He creates beyond. And just like I do in the Hollywood Bible Study, I will tell them about a Jesus of Beyond."

He also spoke about Oprah inviting him to be a guest on Super Soul Sunday on her OWN channel and described the experience as something "amazing."

"As much as I have been on Christian television and speaking in the largest conventions in the world. It was amazing how much positive feedback I got from being on one hour of Super Soul Sunday," continued Storey.

He revealed that after the appearance on Oprah's OWN channel, many people who he spoke with who do not attend church thanked him for explaining how he serves God in a way that they understood.

Since then, the father of two has showed no signs of slowing down. The Hollywood Bible Study has spread to different cities all over the U.S. including

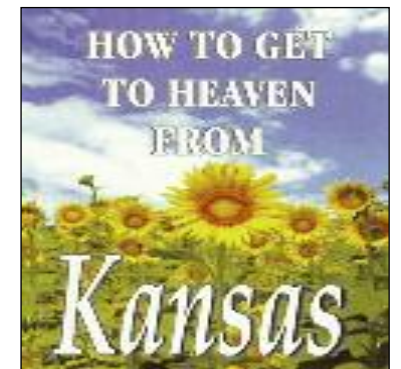
South Beach, Miami and Atlanta. He has also planted a new church in Yorba Linda, California that is open to the general public.

"The reason for Yorba Linda is, I had been raised in my teenage years not too far from there. So to me it was coming back full circle. After traveling the globe so many times, I wanted to find a place where I could create an oasis for people to come and learn about Jesus," said Storey.

Yorba Linda opened last month and kicked off with a special event featuring singer Smokey Robinson and R&B group All-4-One.

Storey is thankful for the opportunities he has had working with artists such as Robinson for over 25 years and understands that his path is unique and "not for everyone."

"I do believe this is the assignment for me. I'm thankful for other people that have their places in the body of Christ that I respect. I'm just utilizing the gifts and experiences that God has allowed me to walk through," ended Storey.



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.

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### Consider the Curb Appeal

First impressions are everything. Superficial improvements might seem insignificant. But when you sell your home, prospective buyers will often get a positive or negative vibe about the

property even before they walk inside. Prune back overgrown shrubs and periodically trim trees and overhanging branches. Take the time to weed and feed the lawn. Set a timer on the sprinkler and keep the grass green, especially when you put the property on the market.

Add some bright and colorful flowers in the front and backyards. In the back, be sure to put flowers along the fence line where prospective buyers will see them from the house. Updated landscaping is a quick, easy and relatively inexpensive way to add value to the property.

If you can, consider resurfacing the driveway. Or, if the driveway is badly damaged, you might need to add a new

one. Repaint shutters and clean your light fixtures.

### Don't Forget the Gutters

Small improvements along the way can help avoid major problems that decrease your property value later on. One area that's frequently neglected by homeowners is the gutter system. Fix gutters and downspouts in early spring, early fall and probably again just before the onset of winter. Once winter hits, if there's dirt and leaf debris left in the gutters, ice dams can cause them to break off the house. Check all of the downspouts and gutters, clean them out and replace the broken ones.

Neglected gutters or improperly placed downspouts can lead to water pooling near your home. Not only will this destroy plants and shrubbery close to the house, but the foundation also may be at risk. Over the long term, the pooling problems can result in a damp basement. Even if the gutter system is working well, you could still have drainage issues. If so, you might consider regrading the property, especially if you end up with a damp yard. Adding shrubs can also help when there's excess water.

### Do Some Upkeep

A little care and attention can go a long way to preserve and improve the value of your home. Maintenance is the key. That is, staying on top of issues as they occur - not just after. Remember to do a periodic treatment for pests, such as termites, carpenter bees and ants. While you'll need to shell out a little cash for the exterminator, the long-term damage that pests might cause to the home can be major.

If you've been meaning to trash the old wall-to-wall carpeting, now's the time to do it. You might find there are hardwood floors underneath, and, assuming they are in reasonably good condition, they could add value to your home. You may be able to fix minor damage. Or it may be worthwhile to hire professionals for bigger jobs.

Watch the leaky pipes on sinks in the kitchen and bathrooms as well as the toilets. Slow small leaks, if ignored, can result in water damage to floors, but they are often relatively easy to fix. Also, be aware that mold is a problem that has become more prevalent, especially in energy-efficient homes, say some experts. This is because energy-efficient



homes are tight, restricting air movement and inadvertently encouraging mold growth. There are many steps you can take to control moisture in your home before mold becomes a problem. One simple way is to open doors and windows when practical to increase ventilation. If you suspect you have a mold problem talk to a mold

remediation professional.

Even if you're not particularly handy, a good home repair book or video may be all you need to stay on top of minor repairs. Or ask for advice at your local home improvement store. In the long run, you'll preserve the value of your property for years to come.

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**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**MIDLAND CARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS:** Building A, 200 SW Frazier Circle. Every Mon., 4-5pm: 12 Week Adult Group for Recent 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

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

**PURSUIT FOR SEXUAL PURITY** – Men struggling with pornography & sexual addiction. This bible study/accountability group uses the Pure Desire book by Ted Roberts. For info: Hunter Ruch, Topeka Bible Church, 234-5545 or hruch@topekabiblechurch.org.

**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; www.overcomers@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. 3rd Thurs., 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 – Westminster 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 floor; 862-2326.

For info: 357-8774; sunflowerintergroup.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. & 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. Open 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 faithfamilyministries@gmail.com.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** – Every Wed, 7pm, St. Francis Hospital, meeting room #8.

**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 Mulvane. 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 topics, 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.

**PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** – 1st Thurs., 7pm, 2nd floor conf. room of the cancer unit at St Francis Hospital. For info: 266-9533.

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS** – Every Fri., 6:30pm, Town & Country Christian Church Renaissance Room, 4925 SW 29th St., use west door cross red foot bridge. A fellowship of men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. No fees. 402-321-486; Laboomaha@att.net.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** – Every Fri., 6pm, 1912 Gage Blvd. A Christ centered program, based on 8 principles found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Applying these Biblical principles, become free from addictive & dysfunctional behaviors. 220-0017 or crtopeka.org.

**TOPEKA NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP** – For families & friends who are affected by someone else's narcotic addiction. Every Sat. – 1005 SW 10th, next to Oxford House, noon-1:15 pm. www.naranonmidwest.org

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**Female Kurdish Defenders**

**Kurdish Win Major Battle With ISIS**

(WNS)--Kurdish forces in Syria celebrated a major victory over Islamic State (ISIS) militants, reclaiming the strategic town of Tal Abyad on the Turkish border. Tal Abyad has served as a major supply route for ISIS, and analysts say its loss could cripple the militant group. It's also been a gateway for fighters joining the group to travel freely from Turkey into ISIS-controlled areas in Syria. Reclaiming the territory will allow Kurdish fighters to connect several of the territories it controls, giving the group a contiguous power base. The Kurds, considered a terrorist group itself in Turkey, have been fighting for independence for decades. Despite mixed support for their fighters in the West and the Middle East, the Kurds have shows the best ability to take on ISIS.

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## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS MOVIE FOCUSES ON VIETNAM WAR HEALING

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by **Rusty Wright**

What was/is the Vietnam War for you? For many, it's a history book chapter. For me it was a controversial conflict that divided our nation and set university campuses aflame. For my classmates, it was variously cause for debate, protest, a call to serve, or motivation to relocate to Canada.

To my current barber – a former mayor in South Vietnam – it meant fleeing home and establishing a new life.

For many, it meant tragic injury, death, bereavement, perhaps decades of stress, broken relationships, shattered dreams. Over 58,000 Americans died there.

As this nation commemorates the war's 50th anniversary, a touching new film traces its impact on two families. Faith of our Fathers tells a moving (fictional) story of two men who, in 1997, embark on a journey to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, to discover the fathers they never knew. Guided by wartime letters from their dads – combat companions who died in Vietnam – John Paul George and Wayne Adams meet their fathers and themselves.

### ODD-COUPLE ODYSSEY

Stephen Baldwin, Kevin Downes, David A.R. White, Candace Cameron Bure, Rebecca St. James and Si Robertson

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The film weaves 1969 combat drama into this odd-couple odyssey from the California burbs to rural Mississippi and beyond. John Paul (Downes) is a suburban Christian; Wayne (White) a reclusive country boy soured on religion. John Paul wonders how his father died. Wayne's letters shed clues, but he'd prefer parts of his past remain buried.

We see humor and angst as the men squabble, adjust, and learn of their fathers' love for them. Like the sons, the fathers began divided on faith – John Paul's dad devout, Wayne's cynical. Friendship and combat's grim realities focused both on things eternal.

Baldwin plays their army sergeant. Bure plays John Paul's fiancée. Singer Rebecca St. James plays a sweet, "innocent" hitchhiker. Si Robertson – Duck Dynasty's "Uncle Si" – plays, well, himself.

### DUCK DYNASTY WISDOM

Please forgive me, but I'm one of the few in the civilized world who just don't get Duck Dynasty.



I will concede this: in this movie, the man can push beef jerky. And as both a person of faith and a Vietnam vet, Robertson contributes a personal touch to the film's cause:

"So many young men...left families behind who never got to know those great guys. This story is about...Vietnam, but it happens in all wars, and I'm proud to be part of a film that helps bring peace to people."

### BRINGING PEACE

Bringing peace to troubled hearts is a film objective. Producers dedicated the film "to military service men and women and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice." They cite Jesus: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

As illustrative examples, Downes tells of a veteran and a surviving family member whom the film helped to process war-related memories.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY?

A history refresher for folks like me who might be puzzled that the war's 50th anniversary would be happening in 2015, since US participation preceded 1965: A 2012 presidential proclamation declared a 13-year commemoration of the 50th anniversary.

US Vietnam military involvement evolved in the 1950s and 1960s from advice and support to direct combat. A 2012 US Department of Defense Information Paper argues it's impossible to fix a precise US start date, but that a July 28, 1965, LBJ press conference ("We will not surrender and we will not retreat") "is probably the strongest contender..." if one had to choose.

The war ended in April 1975 when America pulled out, Saigon fell, and South Vietnam surrendered to the North. Alas, it still hasn't ended for many survivors and families. Maybe Faith of our Fathers can



help more move toward closure.

Rusty Wright is an author and lecturer who has spoken on six continents. He

holds Bachelor of Science (psychology) and Master of Theology degrees from Duke and Oxford universities, respectively. [www.RustyWright.com](http://www.RustyWright.com)

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# KC rapper making waves for Jesus in music industry

Dre Tee has been performing and writing music since his early teens. Originally focused on breaking into the bigtime, the Lord had different plans for him. Metro Voice recently got a chance to visit with this up-and-coming rap artist. Catching up at the great Lufti's Fish and Soul Food, Dre Tee filled us in on his goals and some history.

"Grandpa [was] a preacher," Dre Tee says, "[I] grew up in that type of environment."

However, even with a strong Christian background, he says starting out as a young artist he was attracted to the industry staples of the time.

"[I] sang about girls, sex and money," he continues, noting there wasn't a whole lot of music he knew, at the time, speaking to his generation. His attitude, and life, changed, however. Running into a number of various life altering issues, Dre Tee realized there was more to his life and career plans that simply following a musical trend.

"Recently, I was car-jacked at gunpoint," he says, recalling offering a ride to a few people he thought were friends, "I realized I need to live by His Word; be what He wants me to be."



**D.C. Jeanes**  
Metro Voice Music Critic

"I love music, but I love God more and wanted to share that with the people. I want them to see Christ in a different way," he says. He sees what's going on in St. Louis, Baltimore, and other places around the country and laments the racial tension. "I want people to live their life the right way."

"Dre Tee could be the Gospel rapper in Kansas City," says Rio Bravo, Dre Tee's manager, "he's that committed to what he's doing. Dre did a few secular songs then decided to go gospel."

Along with producer Neostar, as well as producer and engineer Nave, Dre Tee has continued putting out quality music for free download. He is currently working on his mixtape series titled "One Way 2 God". His first release, "Dre Tee one way 2 God" as well as "Volume 2" are available

now for free download on datpiff.com. Currently, he is also working on a debut EP "Use Me or Destroy Me."

"I've been getting a lot of good response," Tee says, "some constructive criticism." Even some materiel he initially thought wasn't up to his standards have become popular among listeners. "Some songs I've recorded I didn't like, but friends would be responding real positively."

While his music is important, he is committed to "totally shar[ing] my testimony." And his story is gaining momentum. Coast2Coast Mix Tapes, one of the most downloaded releases online has recently picked up Dre Tee's "Understand It" (produced by Neostar) to be released on an upcoming volume.

Just a note: Coast2Coast Mix Tapes are not a Christian organization, so be sure to be cautious checking out what else is being offered if sensitive to non-Christian (even potentially offensive) material. Also, we've had a chance to share Dre Tee's music with friends who are not Believers, but enjoy R & B and rap music. They have given him very good reviews!

For more information and booking, follow manager Rio Bravo on Twitter,



# Not too late to find a good read for the summer

by **Dr. James Emery White**

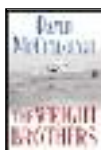
Every year, I usually give ten titles as a suggested summer reading list. These are books that either I have read, or plan to. Most are brand new. A few, here and there, may be a year or two older. Either way, they are on the top of my recommended summer reading list.

So in no particular order ...

■ David McCullough, *The Wright Brothers*. McCullough should probably

be called America's favorite historian. Before him, for me, it was Daniel Boorstin. I read everything McCullough writes. In my humble opinion, so should you.

■ C.J. Sansom, *Lamentation*. If you haven't become a fan of Sansom's "Matthew Shardlake" novels, then you are in for a treat as you feast on each and



every one. For those already on board, you won't want to miss this, his latest. I know - I've already devoured it. But don't start with this one if you're new to the series - go back to the very start and begin with *Dissolution*.

■ Conn Iggulden, *War of the Roses: Stormbird*. Historical fiction is a weakness of mine - meaning, I love it in almost

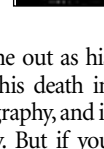


every form. And Iggulden is a master. I tore through his series on Genghis Khan, then ripped through his series on Caesar. Now he takes on the War of the Roses. I'm so there. Actually, was there. Already read the first installment like devouring dessert.

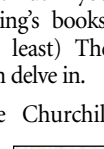
■ Brennan Manning, *All Is Grace: A Ragamuffin Memoir*. Every now and then I tell my soul that I need a good stiff dose of Manning to counteract the toxic elements of my (often) graceless thinking. Though it came out as his last book (in 2011) before his death in 2013, I just read this autobiography, and it was another helpful journey. But if you haven't read any of Manning's books, don't start here. Read (at least) *The Ragamuffin Gospel* first, then delve in.



■ Boris Johnson, *The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History*. Okay, I have more biographies on Churchill in my library than almost anyone else. I'm not only a closet anglophile, but a Churchillian. So why read yet another? Johnson himself is an intriguing figure, but more than anything, I like the "Great Man" approach to history. And since Churchill is, in my estimation, the great man of the 20th century, I'm all in for this one.



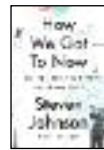
■ Joseph J. Ellis, *The Quartet: Orchestrating the American Revolution, 1783-1789*. Ellis has produced some of the best work on early American history to date. Period. This should prove to be a worthy addition.



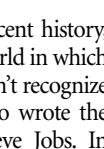
■ Steven Johnson, *How We Got To Now: Six Innovations that Made the Modern World*. Just read the title - how

could you resist? He was also the author of *The Invention of Air* (another worthy read). I can even give you the six innovations, as it won't do anything but whet your appetite: glass, cold, sound, clean, time and light. Now how can you not read it?

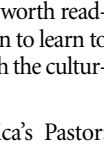
■ Walter Isaacson, *The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution*. If you don't understand this aspect of recent history, you won't understand the world in which you live. And in case you didn't recognize the author, he's the one who wrote the bestselling biography of Steve Jobs. In other words, you'll be in good hands.



■ Kevin M. Kruse, *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America*. Hmm...worth a read to see what he says. And if it's informed. I think it will be an angle worth noting, but not an angle worth enshrining. But there's no doubt his premise has some merit, and worth reading, if for no other reason than to learn to pick our way carefully through the cultural minefields.



■ Grant Wacker, *America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation*. I respect Wacker's work, and the cultural tie-in makes it even more intriguing. It may not be the definitive biography of Billy (so far, to my thinking, that goes to William C. Martin's *A Prophet with Honor*), but I'll see after I read it. I suspect I'll really, really like it.



Ten books. An entire summer. Enjoy.

## "Two Keys" film speaks peace to Israel and hope to teens

What if the worldview of two teens, one Israeli and one Palestinian, collided after a horrific suicide bomb blast in Jerusalem. "Two Keys" is a short film project with local roots that sets to explore that possibility and how both lives are changed. Written by Kansas City screenwriter Laura Woodworth, the film will shoot late this summer in Kansas City and Israel if it meets an Indiegogo campaign of \$75,000.

The award winning screenplay promotes the concept of "one new man." Adi, the Israeli teen, is a Messianic Jew growing up in Jerusalem. When her life becomes intertwined with a young Palestinian Muslim, she is challenged to see if her faith can bring peace. Can Jew and Gentile really become one?

"Two Keys brings a different message



than the popular *Hunger Games* and *Divergent* films which encourage young people to look inside themselves for strength," says Woodworth. "Faith in God can make you strong. Your faith can help you overcome impossible situations."

Once the film's budget is met, a nationwide casting call will be posted for talent and crew opportunities. The project has already attracted Hollywood attention.

Woodworth will direct and produce the film with her husband and co-producer, S. Alan Woodworth. Katina Zinner, daughter of Academy Award-winning editor Peter Zinner, of "The Godfather" will edit the film.

Brad Wilson, manager of Academy Award-winner Robert Duvall's production company for 11 years, is the executive producer, along with Casey Bond, known for his acting in "Moneyball" with Brad Pitt. Additionally, actor Stelio Savante, Screen Actors Guild Award nominee for his role in "Ugly Betty" and winner of the American Movie Award, will portray a Palestinian separatist.



David Woodworth, known for his work on the Kansas City-produced "3 Blind Saints" and award winning television show, "The Steve and Kathy Show" is cinematographer. Most recently announced is Integrity Music artist, musician and worship leader Dustin Smith who is composer for the film.

"Two Keys" offers a message of hope to young people living in Israel as well as in Ferguson or in Baltimore. Your life matters, no matter how impossible the situation.

**more information**  
For more information or to donate, visit Indiegogo at <http://igg.me/at/twokeysmovie>.



## Social Isolation

By Dennis Grindel

Social isolation occurs when an individual has limited contact with others and perceives that level of contact is inadequate. Social isolation can be compared/contrasted to loneliness, but it is much more broadly defined than simply feeling lonely, which can sometimes happen when an individual is with a large group of people! Social isolation often occurs in aging adults following retirement, loss of a spouse, health-related issues, and many other factors. Social isolation is linked to depression as both a risk factor and a result of depression.

So how do we combat social isolation as we Age In Place? Purpose appears to be a key aspect of battling social isolation. Aging adults should be keenly intent on clearly defining their purpose in life in the post-retirement years. Part of that awareness

includes honestly answering some basic questions:

**What gets me up in the morning?**

**What energizes me?**

**What brings purpose to my life?**

For many aging adults, activities such as volunteering bring a wonderful purpose to life, as a way of giving back to society, while connecting with people as a way of remaining active and engaged. Many opportunities exist in various fields which rely heavily on a group of dedicated volunteers to support the work of the organization.

Working part-time can also be a wonderful way of staying connected to and engaged with the world outside your home. And the positive

result of earning some extra income can assist those who may need to supplement their fixed incomes - an additional benefit.

The aspect of nurturing is a powerful force in preventing social isolation. Caring for pets, plants and kids is always a healthy endeavor which can bring much happiness and gratification.

The important thing is to find what you are passionate about and begin feeding that passion, whatever it may be. And it is never too late to start doing just that! So find your purpose in life, no matter what age, and live that authentic version of your life - indeed your own life, starting today!

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## The Best Ways to Survive a Stroke

By Beth Levine

On Feb. 13, 2011, CBS-TV reporter Serene Branson shocked Grammy Award viewers when she appeared to experience a stroke (the interruption of blood flow to the brain) on air. After Branson began to speak gibberish, paramedics on the scene checked her out and released her. She had a colleague drive her home.

Fortunately, it reportedly turned out to be a complex migraine - because if it had been a stroke, "she did exactly the wrong thing by waiting and then going home. She should have gone straight to a hospital. Time saved is brain saved," says Dr. Larry B. Goldstein, spokesperson for the American Stroke Association (ASA) and director of Duke Stroke Center, Durham, N.C. He adds that even though the paramedics "cleared her," she still should have gone to the hospital immediately. (To be fair, the paramedics may have recommended that, but they can't force someone.)

Stroke is the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States, according to the ASA. There are two kinds of strokes: ischemic, which accounts for 87 percent and happens when a blood clot stops up a brain blood vessel or artery to the brain, and hemorrhagic, which is caused when a brain blood vessel breaks and results in bleeding inside or over the brain.

### Major symptoms of a stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, or trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no

known cause

### Less frequent symptoms (but occur often in women):

- Sudden onset of nausea, and vomiting
- Brief loss of consciousness or fainting, confusion or convulsions
- Sudden hiccups
- Sudden face and limb pain
- Sudden shortness of breath and chest pain

### 3 easy tests to assess symptoms:

- Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- Ask the person to raise his arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- Ask the person to say a simple sentence. Watch for garbled words and

slurred speech.

### If you think you or someone with you is having a stroke, here's what to do:

- Call 9-1-1 right away. Do not "wait and see" if the symptoms subside. The sooner the patient gets medical attention, the better the outcome. "If you have a choice, wait for the paramedics rather than driving the patient yourself. Patients who are transported by EMS are evaluated much quicker than people who are driven in," Goldstein says. (And, of course, do not drive if you are the one with the possible stroke!)
- Call even if symptoms disappear. In a transient ischemic attack, symptoms usually only last a few minutes but it is

a warning that a major stroke may be coming. "The best way to treat a stroke is to never have it to begin with. This is an opportunity to try to prevent one," Goldstein says.

• Note the time when symptoms appeared and let the paramedics know. There are time frames after which certain drugs can't be used.

• Do not give the patient aspirin. "A stroke is a brain event, not a heart attack," Goldstein explains. "You can't tell what kind of stroke the person is having. If it's hemorrhagic, aspirin will make the brain bleed worse."



There's an app for that. Download the ASA's free Spot a Stroke FAST app to your iPhone or iPad - it lists stroke symptoms and locates appropriate hospitals. It's good to have around as a reminder in a crisis. (Android version coming soon.)



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- Part A (hospital insurance): Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care, and hospice care.

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- Part C (Medicare Advantage plans): If you have Medicare Parts A and B, you can join a Medicare Advantage plan. Private companies offer Medicare Advantage plans which are approved by Medicare. These plans generally help you pay the medical costs not covered by Medicare Part A and B.

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### Question:

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, who is eligible for survivors benefits?

### Answer:

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- Widows or widowers—unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- Disabled widows or widowers—as early as age 50;

- Widows or widowers at any age if they take care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled and receiving Social Security benefits;
- Unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending secondary school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren and grandchildren;
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and

- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## RETIREMENT

### Question:

What is a Social Security "credit"?

### Answer:

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### Question:

I've heard you can apply online for retirement benefits. But isn't it easier just to go into an office?

### Answer:

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### Question:

What is the earliest age that I can begin receiving retirement benefits?

### Answer:

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### Question:

How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

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# sports

## Safe At Home: A Partner for the Gospel



**SCOTT DAWSON**  
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### mythoughts

II Corinthians 5:18 tell us "...And God has given us the task of reconciling people to Him". The Lord has placed us, as His followers, in strategic circles of relationships at home, work, school and neighborhoods we are His ambassadors. Sharing the Gospel in today's culture can be a scary challenge but can also be a great adventure.

For the past 15 years, we have found a unique partnership of sharing the Gospel with professional sporting events. Around the country I have had the privilege of sharing the greatest story ever told with America's favorite pastime and seeing lives changed for eternity.

three years with the Royals, we have seen tens of thousands hear how Christ loves them and wants to walk with them through life and thankfully hundreds have responded. In talking with these individuals, we find that they all have unique faith stories.

At a recent Safe At Home with the Royals one pastor wrote and told us about one of his stories. "Bryan was baptized this past Sunday. Bryan was able to share his testimony with over 60 kids at an outreach event that our church had. Bryan told the story of how he accepted Christ at the Safe At Home. His story impacted all the kids in attendance. Thank you for your service to the Kingdom. Bryan's life is forever changed." We love this type testimony because it shows how the ministry at the ballpark can be multiplied into other lives and outreach events.

Safe At Home gives churches a chance to grow both numerically and spiritually. We work to see that individuals who make a commitment at the event are referred to a local church for long-term follow up. This helps



The secret in the effectiveness of this kind of outreach is not in the game or even the event itself but with individuals praying for friends and inviting them to the game and event. Without individuals taking advantage of this ministry outreach by inviting their friends, Safe At Home will be a fun night of baseball and Christian entertainment but will fall short of people beginning or renewing their relationship with Christ. Many times we have friends that would not be as open to accepting our invitation to a more normal church service but would be willing to come to a baseball game with the event to follow.

Our goal is to see as many individuals challenged with having a personal relationship with Christ and giving them a chance to respond. In the last

the church grow. Individuals have grown spiritually because they have seen their prayers answered by their friends who responded to Christ.

When I have a chance to go fishing, I want to know there are fish in the water before I go fishing. As an evangelist, I am called to be a "fisher of men" and before presenting the Gospel at an event like Safe At Home, I want to know there are fish in the pond. Please join me in prayerfully considering how to use Safe At Home as a tool to reach your family and friends for Christ. We are grateful to the Royals organization for making this event possible and for local churches embracing this kind of outreach in a serious way. Together we can have a great impact on our community for the Kingdom of Christ.

## FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Rob Mooney



Last week the Kansas City Royals had seven players who were leading their position in All-Star voting. This week, four days before the voting ends, the Royals have five who are still in the lead. Kendrys Morales was passed by Nelson Cruz at DH and Mike Moustakas was overcome by Josh Donaldson, who, by the way, is having a great year.

That leaves Salvador Perez at catcher, Omar Infante at second, Alcides Escobar at short, Alex Gordon in left and Lorenzo Cain in center. Of the five, I truly believe that all of them, with the exception of Infante, deserve to be an All-Star. Now don't start throwing rocks at me until you hear me out. If you were to look at stats alone, (pretty good way to determine one's worthiness for the All-Star game), then you would see that Houston second base-

man Jose Altuve is leading Infante in batting average, (.292 vs. .237), RBI's (30 vs. 23) and stolen bases (21 vs. 1). In addition, Altuve leads in home runs (7 vs. 0), hits (83 vs. 57) and on base percentage (.336 vs. .239). Sure, the fan in me would love to see all of the Royals get voted into the All-Star game, but there is no one who can convince me that Infante is more deserving than Altuve. I use Altuve's name because at this point he is only trailing Infante by 230,000 votes.

A lot of national media and sports fans in general have bashed Royals fans for voting for the entire team as many times as MLB.com allows. I don't understand that at all. It seems to me that ANY team in ANY sport would love to have passionate fans who cared for their teams. Royal's fans have nothing to be embarrassed about nor do they need to apologize. They worked the system and it almost backfired for Major League

Baseball. I can only guess at the type of changes that would occur if the Royals did manage to get eight or nine starters in the game. Either way, it appears as though interest for the All-Star game is at an all-time high.

Switching gears for a moment, can someone explain to me how LeBron James did not win the MVP of the NBA Finals? Don't tell me that he didn't win because he played for the losing team. He was the best player on the court in EVERY game. He averaged 35.8 points per game, 13 rebounds and 8.8 assists in the Finals. I read that Andre Iguodala, who won the MVP for Golden State, received it for the "stellar" defense he played on James. Yeah, I believe that one. James almost averaged a triple double while missing Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love.

Speaking of James, everyone loves to draw comparisons with him and Michael Jordan as to who was/is the better player. Now, someone else has thrown their hat in the ring to get people to talk about him again. Scottie Pippen, (remember Jordan's sidekick), has said that if anyone should be compared to James it's him. He said they play similar styles. Well, one thing for certain, Pippen's ploy worked.....we are talking about him



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# TOURNEYS AND TIDBITS

## 'For This Purpose I Have Come Into the World'

By Rosson Anderson  
College Golf Fellowship

One day I did a keyword search on Amazon for books pertaining to "golf." The search returned over 29,000 results. In those results, 519 pertained to coaching. Without examining each one of the coaching books individually, I assumed they all said something a little different: "hold your hands here," "move your hips like this," "follow through like so." No doubt, the author and reader of these books had one thing in mind: to explore the truths of the perfect golf swing.

Unfortunately, my faith can look a little like the pursuit of a perfect method to swing a club. I read, listen, and debate various sources of inspiration with the hope to find a "religion" that fits the worldview that I feel most confident expressing. No doubt, this trend comes from a current world-

view called post-modernism that screams there are no "real" truths. In it, we are free to make our own decisions to the topic of "truth."

I was reminded recently of Jesus' dialogue with Pontius Pilate in John 18. Jesus says, "...For this purpose I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the

truth listens to my voice." Even when I am pulled to more socially favorable beliefs, I can be comforted that real truth exists, and it is found in the redemption story that Jesus came to be a witness for.

### Adversity and Response

If any of you are competitors in any kind of sport, then you know there will always be adversities involved in the competition. When it comes to golf, there are two different kinds of obstacles golfers might face: outside obstacles (weather, hazards, etc.) and inside obstacles (your mental approach to the game).

This is very similar to life. There are things in life that you cannot control, but there are things you can control. The outside adversities that we cannot control are things like sickness, deaths, other people, etc. However, what we can control is how we respond to these things. We will have inner struggles and obstacles, namely our sin.

How are we to respond to these hardships and obstacles (outside and inside)? Where do we find the contentment Paul speaks of in Philippians 4:12? Find it in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who lived a perfect life (that you and I couldn't live) and died a death and resurrected (that both me and you couldn't do), so that you and I can be counted as righteous before our Heavenly Father.

### Finishing Strong

When everything is on the line, when everyone is watching, when you or your



team are counting on you for the next shot or the next play, this is the situation that true competitors always dream of and want to participate in. As a golfer, I dream of sinking a slick, downhill, 20-foot putt on the 18th hole at Augusta National to win the Masters Tournament by a shot. No matter the sport, we all want to finish strong. We want to always be able to look back in time and say that we did our best and put it all on the line in certain situations.

These same principles stand in life and faith. Remember what Paul said in Philippians: "He who began a good work in you will bring it completion at the day of Jesus Christ." We must always keep this in mind, especially in hard times. God does not give up on us; however, He does allow us to go through hard times and He does discipline us, as a father disciplines His son. Don't lose heart. God is sovereign and in control!

Always remember Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

### \*\*\*\*\* New Identity, New Acceptance

By Mike Blodgett  
College Golf Fellowship

As a former professional and collegiate golfer, I loved hearing someone introduce me and my accolades as I stood on the first tee. I craved the "first-tee jitters" because, for at least one moment during the day, the world stopped and all eyes were on me. I loved the thrill of trying to pull off a golf shot and receiving the applause afterwards.

In my self-absorbed, pride-filled world, my identity was encapsulated by the name on the scoreboard and the scores next to it. When I began to grasp who God was and what my position before Him was, both before and after I accepted His Son into my heart, I realized that the idol of pride ruled in my heart.

When God is put in His proper place

in our lives, our hearts no longer seek admiration from others because we already know that no greater affirmation can be had than the love of God through His Son Jesus Christ. As Jesus Christ transformed my heart, I no longer needed to strive for acceptance from others and seek admiration based off of my golf performance or how many "good" shots I hit that day.

I was accepted by God. Done. Finished. All because of Jesus dying on the cross.

It was both humbling and freeing.

### Stories Are Meant to be Told

When I played golf for the University of Pennsylvania, our team would play roughly four tournaments in the fall and five in the spring. Each season presented its own challenges, but nothing was more dynamic than the weather in the northeast. Every tournament required adequate preparation for the weather conditions.

Our life is built around meetings, events, business plans, and to-do lists — tasks that cannot be completed if we lack the tools or knowledge to execute the task in a given environment. For a golfer, the outdoors introduces a unique playing environment that we must plan for in advance.

As a Christian, we must be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have in Christ, regardless of the circumstances or weather. The framework to communicate how your life has been changed by Jesus Christ is this: 1) Your story before knowing Christ; 2) Your story when you had an encounter with Christ and when you placed your faith in Him; 3) Your story with Christ. Are you prepared to share with others how Jesus Christ has given you a new heart? Consider writing out your story using these three "chapters" as your guide.

Source: Sports Spectrum

**Lake Shawnee's Fourth of July Golf Tournament** - July 4th. 4-Person Scramble. 8am Shotgun & 1:30pm Shotgun, \$35 per person / \$140 per team (DUE AT SIGN-UP). Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Lunch and Prizes. Entry Forms are available online or at the golf shop. For information: 785-267-2295

**Topeka Youth Project Golf Classic** - Jul. 17, Village Greens. 8:30am shotgun. 7:45 registration, donuts, juice. Lunch follows tourney. Cash prizes! Two \$500 closest to pin prizes! Call 273-4141 to register.

**GreatLife Players Open** - July 5, 1:30pm, Lake Perry. 4 person scramble. \$50 member, \$60 non-member. 785-484-2339

**Natalie Gibson Memorial Tourney** - July 18, 9am shotgun. \$45 per person, 4-person scramble.

**Ritecare Charity Golf Tourney** - Aug. 7, 12:30 Shotgun, Shawnee CC, 913 SE 29th St. 2-person scramble. \$75 each. Dinner, auction follow at 5:30. For info: 266-3191

**Mater Dei Irish Fest Half-Way to St. Patty's Day Golf Tournament** - Sept. 13, Lake Shawnee. For details call 232-7744 or email materdeirishfest@gmail.com

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## EARTHQUAKE

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magnitude earthquake would shake the Himalayas, shatter cities and kill more than 4,000 people.

Yet the earthquake struck on April 25, forcing Collier and her friends to sleep outdoors and take turns keeping watch that night. During her watch, Collier, a student at Midwestern, reflected on the previous day and prayed.

"That really was one of the sweetest times of prayer that I've ever had," she said, "just believing in the truth that God is our refuge more than I ever had before. Even when the earth isn't trustworthy, God is trustworthy, always."

Like her colleagues, Collier's feet were firmly planted amid disaster not only because of Fusion's intensive training, but more importantly because of her confidence that "though the mountains be shaken," God remains faithful (Isaiah 54:10).

## MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

These student missionaries with the Fusion program witnessed the faithfulness of God soon after they landed in Nepal in January and began teaching Nepalese Christian women how to make disciples. According to Katlyn Reese\*, a Midwestern College student and the Fusion advocate leading the group of girls, the team's success hinged upon these women sharing their faith.

At one of the first villages they visited, nearly 12 hours from Kathmandu, Reese doubted whether any of the women understood what they were teaching. But they returned a month later to find a surprising harvest.

"It turns out that many of the women had shared with hundreds of people," Reese said.

According to Collier, a 17-year-old believer faithfully shared the gospel with her friends and family, and she brought three or four new believers to the training.

"About a month after we left that village, a whole new church had been planted," Collier said.

## WEATHERING A DISASTER

On the mid-morning of April 25, Collier and her friends sat around a table in their Kathmandu apartment, chatting and passing the time. Some of their teammates had just returned the previous evening from villages where they trained other Nepalese women to share their faith. So the six of them were together that morning when an alarm sounded and when their second-story apartment began to shake, with cups on the table rattling and doors slamming.

Immediately, Collier grabbed the table, looked up at Reese and her other team members and cried out, "Earthquake!"

"We didn't expect that," Collier said. "So when I said, 'Earthquake,' everything we had been told to do in an earthquake went out the window, out of our minds, because it was so sudden and so scary. ... Finally, we all collapsed in the hallway with our arms over one another, and we all began praying aloud.

"It was very, very loud," she added. "It sounded like a freight train or thunder, because of all the buildings shaking. And the earth was moving."

According to Reese, the thunder of the earthquake continued, it seemed, for a long time. Eventually, she alone was speaking, confessing in her prayers that God was in control.

"In that moment, I was pretty sure that the apartment building was going to collapse on us because we were told that that would probably happen in an earthquake,"



Reese said. "I was terrified. My voice was trembling as I was speaking, but it was a precious thing because I thought, 'I will be with Jesus and the Father soon because of what He has already done.' And that was a great thing."

When the shaking finally stopped, the girls stood up, grabbed their go-bags—containing passports, cash, food and other supplies—and went to a hotel parking lot. They encouraged and prayed with some Nepalese women, sharing how they could find hope amid the disaster. But they also planned, deciding how they should proceed until they heard from their host missionary.

That night, they slept in an open field. Reese took the shift from 3:30 – 5:00 a.m.

"We were the only foreigners there, six young white women in a field. Everybody thought it would be pretty unwise just to go to sleep in the middle of that field... so we just all lay down together with sleeping bags and ground pads and had about an hour-and-a-half shifts with each person.

"At one point, it started raining," she added. Fortunately for them, tents were set

up throughout the field for a Hindu festival. So they were able to take cover under the tents with a crowd of Nepalese who were sleeping outdoors that night.

Reese took watch from 3:30 – 5:00 a.m., after the rain had passed.

"I was just waiting for it to end so I could go back to sleep," she said. "I was really tired. But I was very, very thankful that we were keeping watch, because there were some strange characters walking around."

For the next few nights, the girls set up camp in their apartment parking lot. But unable to contribute to the recovery process—both because the Nepalese government wouldn't allow citizens to do so and because Baptist Global Relief had not completed their assessment of the disaster—they soon returned to the United States a week earlier than they had expected.

## RETURNING HOME

Looking back on their experiences, both Collier and Reese thanked God for the training they received through the Fusion

program.

"The goal of Fusion is to turn Christian adolescents into biblical adults," Reese said. "Christian adolescents are told what to do. They are told how to act and things like that. But biblical adults live according to the Word and abide deeply with Jesus. ... It is out of the joy that we have in Jesus that we are able to do good things and to bear good fruit."

She added that, because of Fusion's training for emergency situations like the Nepal earthquake, the team was able to make wise decisions even amid the chaos of the situation.

"Overall, the thing that helped us the most was being able to think clearly and think well even though we were stressed out during this time," she said. "The training that we did in Fusion during the (fall 2014 semester) prepared us a lot for that. It really helped."

At the end of May, Reese, Collier and their teammates celebrated with other Fusion participants who traveled the globe to share the gospel. The ceremony was solemn. Members of each fusion team wore the native dress of the country where they had worked, and first-time Fusion participants received a sword—reminding them to base their lives on God's Word and the Spirit's guidance.

During a formal dinner after the ceremony, the Fusion teams shared stories about what God had done during the previous four months, stories of God's faithfulness in redeeming men and women around the globe.

"It was really, really wonderful," Collier said. "He is indeed drawing people to Himself all over the world."

**EDITOR'S NOTE: \* denotes name changed.**

—Ben Hawkins writes for the Missouri Pathway.

## ABOLITION SUMMIT

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director/producer/writer of the award-winning documentary, *Nefarious: Merchant of Souls*. At this year's summit, he will talk about a society that is becoming desensitized to the needs of our fellow human beings and the ways that Christ teaches us to overcome this trend by living our lives with empathy.

"Jesus is deeply in touch with Himself and others. He is the embodiment and personification of empathy," Nolot says. "This is the essence of Christianity. To be a presence in the world that brings freedom to the oppressed and healing to the broken."

Front-lines abolitionist Don Brewster will also be providing expert insight into the fight against exploitation. A decade ago, he and his wife quit their jobs, sold their home, and moved

to Cambodia to combat the evils of child sex trafficking. Together, they have launched restoration homes for many rescued girls through Agape International Missions. Through a variety of programs, their organization currently impacts over 10,000 people a year and has been featured in *Nefarious* and *The CNN Freedom Project*.

Another featured speaker will be

Christina Rangel, the founder and director of Extreme Love Anti-trafficking at Bethel Church in Redding, CA. Rangel and her team assist law enforcement officials with direct intervention operations in major West Coast cities and provide support to girls who have been trafficked. As a survivor of sex trafficking, Christina is passionate about the restoration of those who have suffered exploitation. "I love them right where they are at. I believe that love never fails, and it is transforming their lives," said Rangel.

Additional speakers include Richie Cruz, a former sex buyer and the founder of Porn Scar, an organization dedicated to educating the public about the harms of pornography

and equipping individuals with solutions that bring lasting freedom; Melissa Farley, Ph.D., a renowned research and clinical psychologist who has published extensive works on prostitution, trafficking, and the global sex industry; Andrew Comiskey, the founder of Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministries, an outreach that ministers to the sexually and relationally broken; and Kezia Hatfield, a licensed clinical therapist with years of experience working with sexually exploited women, who has pioneered Exodus Cry's restoration program.

Guests will also have opportunities to network with fellow abolitionists and to attend breakout sessions designed to provide practical equipping for shifting the culture, reaching the exploited, and bringing restoration.

In addition, the event will feature worship artists such as Misty Edwards, Laura Hackett Park, Jaye Thomas, Jonas Park, and Jason Upton whose inspiring works celebrate restoration and encourage audiences to keep the faith in the fight for justice.

The summit will also offer attendees the opportunity to experience a unique photo exhibition presented by Rebecca Bender and Girls Education and Mentoring Service (GEMS). The "More Than A Survivor: More Than A Story" campaign features a series of stunning portraits of female survivor leaders. This traveling exhibit is designed to break down the stereotype that sexually exploited and trafficked victims are forever limited by their past abuse. Their stories inspire a sense of hope for the future for all victims.

To learn more about Exodus Cry's mission and its commitment to abolishing commercial sexual exploitation, visit [exoduscry.com](http://exoduscry.com).

## more information

To learn more about the fourth annual Exodus Cry Abolition Summit or to register for the event,

## FAITH AND FAMILY

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months away, now is the time for churches and groups to make plans. The first thing they can do is sign up for training to be counselors at the event.

"If you have people in your church who love to share Christ, who love being able to pray with people, they will get a ticket to the game as a thank you from us," Handley said.

Two training sessions are scheduled:

- Thursday July 9, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Antioch Church, 5201 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

- Friday, July 10, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 8701 Leeds Road in Kansas City.

The second way to prepare is to purchase tickets. Prices range from \$11 to \$35 and include both the game and post-game events. Group sales are available for 20 or more people.

Moore has received numerous accolades since the Royals won the American League pennant last season, but success has not changed his priorities.

"There is no way I could do this job, no way I could be a husband and father, and no way I could take care of my team at home unless I had a faith walk," he said. "That's why this is so important to me. The Glass family (CEO David and President Dan) is extremely supportive of Faith & Family Day. We are very blessed to have an owner who understands that."

He has one more motivation for the event.

"The bottom line is that we have a winning record on Faith & Family Day," Moore said, "so when they came to us again this year, I said, 'absolutely.'"

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