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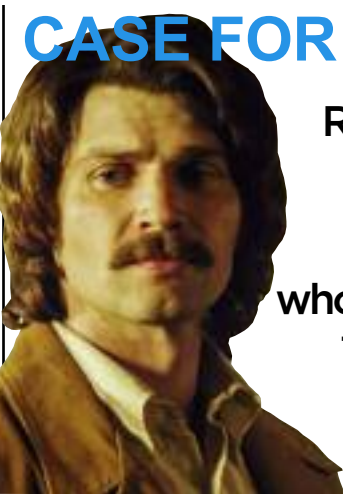
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The sky is this summer's biggest attraction

Hotels already filling up in the path of a late August, coast-to-coast solar eclipse



by **Sandy Barwick**

Eclipse chasers around the world know where they'll be on August 21, 2017.

On that day, the continental United States will experience a coast-to-coast total solar eclipse, starting in Oregon, through Wyoming, northeastern Kansas, Missouri to South Carolina. The central path runs through a dozen states, though every continental state will see at least a partial eclipse. At the point of greatest duration in rural Illinois, the total eclipse will last 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

In fact, the northern half of the Kansas City metro will be in the path—an area roughly north of I-70

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CHURCH PLAYGROUND GETS DAY IN COURT OVER EQUAL TREATMENT ISSUE

Supreme Court justices unclear on how to proceed

by **Evan Wilt**

(WNS)--Supreme Court justices on both sides of the ideological spectrum seemed concerned about the state of Missouri's decision to exclude a church from a neutral government subsidy program, a positive sign for religious liberty advocates watching oral arguments. But the justices also suggested the case might be moot due to recent state policy changes, leaving court-watchers uncertain about whether the justices will rule at all.

After more than a year delay, the high court heard arguments in *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*, a highly anticipated case that will determine whether the state of Missouri can lawfully exclude a church from a play-

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Kansas pro-life case has far-reaching ramifications

A father/daughter abortion team that filed suit to block implementation of the Kansas ban on dismemberment abortions has now been heard by the state Supreme Court. Kathy Ostrowski of Kansans for Life says most of the judges seemed more than amenable to the idea that the state constitution contains a right to abortion.

"It looked like they were salivating to create a right to abortion," she states. "Unfortunately, I'm sad to report only one justice, Caleb Stegall, probed the inconsistencies with the history of Kansas laws and our Constitution."

The Kansas Constitution, written in the mid 19th Century, contains a right to life but no right to abortion, so to establish the latter, Ostrowski says, the justices would basically have to create one out of the air. Of equal concern is the impact such a radical activist ruling would have on the Kansas pro-life movement.

"Most of our laws would probably be challenged in court," the pro-lifer says. "Our laws in Kansas, our pro-life laws, are constitutional under the *Roe v. Wade* so-

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'Bible Answer Man' booted from Bott Radio

Action came after Hanegraaff joined Orthodox Church

by **Stan Zaimov**
with additional research by Dwight Widaman

The "Bible Answer Man" radio show program with Hank Hanegraaff has been removed from Bott Radio Network (BRN) over concerns regarding biblical accuracy, following Hanegraaff's conversion into the Eastern Orthodox Church.

"We want to make sure that our listeners know that the programming that we have on Bott Radio Network is thoroughly biblical," said BRN President Rich Bott, a member of Lenexa Baptist Church and son of Bott Radio Network founder Dick and Shirley Bott.

BRN had reportedly been broadcasting the "Bible Answer Man" since the 1980s, even before Hanegraaff joined the show in 1989.

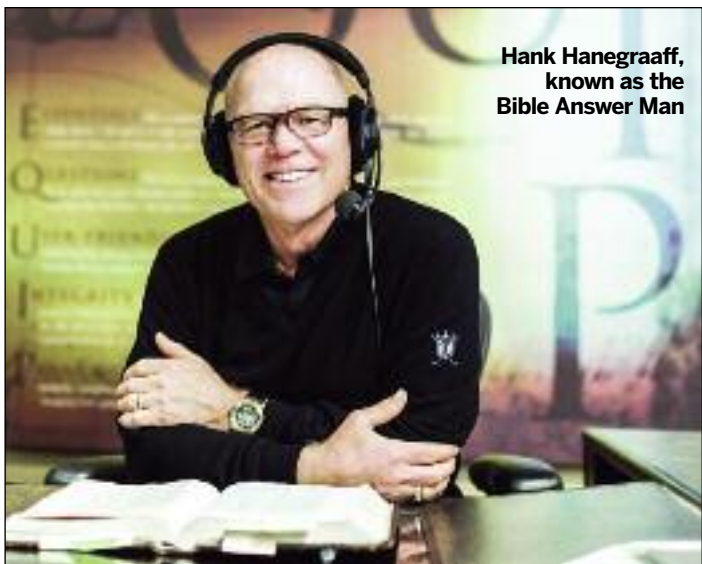
"We live in strategic times," Bott told BP.

According to an email announcement from BRN, the "Bible Answer Man" is being replaced by new late-afternoon programming featuring various evangelical pastors, such as Jack Graham of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

BRN says on its website that it operates over 100 broadcast signals with a combined coverage of 51 million people in 15 states, offering "family quality Christian programming 24 hours a day." The "Bible Answer Man" page could no longer be found on the BRN website.

It was recently confirmed that Hanegraaff,

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Boutique opens to huge crowds

NEW UPSCALE RESALE SHOP IS A "WORK OF ART"

The Grand Opening of the TRM Boutique on the Boulevard on April 22 saw huge crowds eager to experience the new venue for upscale retail.

The Boutique, 3400 SW Topeka Blvd., is the latest venture of Topeka Rescue



Mission Ministries. The Boutique has quality used clothing, furniture, jewelry, books and miscellaneous household items at affordable prices. Antiques and unique treasures are also part of the charm, and are priced at market value.

As shoppers stroll through the Boutique they will have the opportunity to read about the unique history of the building. Also, the showroom floor is a work of art, showing that "Thrifty" can look excellent.

The shop also includes displays

that tell the story of the building that houses the boutique. Those displays show the structure was the home of a dairy barn from 1874 to 1920, a country club from 1920 to 1941, a nightclub from 1943 to 1953, a furniture store from 1953 to 1988, commercial offices from 1990 to 1999, and businesses called Gallery Classic from 1999 to 2011 and "Simply Amish" from 2011 to 2016.

TRM Boutique on the Boulevard is also a job training/Intern site for several TRM ministries. These areas include Hi-Crest NET, Servants In Training and Career Readiness Education. Individuals working with these ministry areas will learn job skills



and get training that will help them as they look for jobs in the community.

All sales from the Boutique support TRM Ministries. Rene Johnson, Director of Retail Services for TRM Ministries, said that each dollar spent at the TRM Boutique on the Boulevard pays for seven meals for the homeless.

To volunteer to help with the boutique's operations, call the rescue mission's volunteer services at (785) 354-1744, extension 393, or email volunteer@trmonline.org.

All items donated help TRM Ministries care for and provide services to people in need within the community and surrounding area. Donations can be taken to the Distribution Center at 401 NW Norris, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays.

Normal hours for the Boutique are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5



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Life Lessons From a Little One

ETERNAL CELEBRATION

by **Jessica S. Hosman**

Countless prayers had been ushered up over the past several months for three loved ones battling differing forms of serious illness. Whenever an opportunity for prayer would arise, Zechariah would never cease to mention each name, always believing for miraculous turnaround and asking daily if it came. I was hesitant when the day arrived that one had lost the earthly battle. It was the first time my little one had been exposed to death and it was not a conversation I was prepared for.

I prayed for the words and asked the Lord to go before me, preparing my son's precious heart and somehow minimizing the confusion and doubt I feared would arise. After playing and replaying various scenarios of how the conversation might go, I invited my boy to snuggle up next to me on the couch so I could share the news. I don't remember the exact words I landed upon, but I'll never forget his reaction. Rather than the anticipated tears and sorrow, questioning and doubt I was instead met with elation and joy. A huge smile lit up his face as he exclaimed, "Yay! That means he's with Jesus now!" I was shocked. But he was right. While a life would be missed here on earth, that life was now spent with the One who Zechariah daily asks in prayer to return so "we can be with You forever." For him, the thought of tears and shaken faith didn't even come to mind. Instead, he was excited for the one who had obtained his final prize and was confused of why anyone would not feel the same.

It's hard not to mourn when someone dear to us goes from this life to the next. Whether the circumstances are instantaneous and filled with shock, or slow and painful, it's just never easy to say good-

bye. We hear the repetitive words intended to bring comfort telling us that our loved one is in a better place, no longer suffering and that we'll see them again. However, when faced with the reality of such an event, our ears can become deaf to the truth that lies behind those familiar phrases. Instead, we mourn and focus on our loss, often minimizing their gain. I'm by no means



Jessica Hosman



suggesting that grief should not be expressed... God gave us human hearts with strong emotions that naturally mourn and seasons of sorrow will occur. However, when our mindset is focused on Jesus, our relationship with Him, His goodness and the celebration we will one day experience as we

eternally dance in jubilation with Him, circumstances around us begin to look different. Rather than receiving the blow of loss as a means of defeat, we see it as victory and rejoice for the one who finally attained the ultimate goal we hope for throughout our lives.

Zechariah knows a goodbye on earth is not a final farewell for those loved ones walking with Jesus. Instead, he looks forward to the day when he not only embraces the warm, tender embrace of Jesus; but also the hugs and fellowship of those who arrived before him and have already been experiencing the same. I want that same mindset - to automatically first see through eyes of joy knowing there's hope which lies ahead no matter what. My natural tendency may be to look and feel down when gripped with loss, but my son is teaching me to look up, to remember the real hope which lies ahead through Jesus, and daily anticipate that great celebration I'll one day have with Him.

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Walk-in title services shifting to Kansas Vehicle Title Services Co.

Walk-in services for title processing at the Kansas Division of Vehicles is moving to the Kansas Vehicle Title Services Company starting May 1.

As part of the move, the division will no longer offer in-person service at its office in Topeka. Instead, walk-in public services such as same-day processing for ETitles and duplicate titles will be offered by KVTSC.

The company's office is located at 2127 S.W. 37th St., Topeka. The offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. KVTSC is a private company that has been handling title processing for motor vehicles dealers, auto auctions and title service companies since January 2016.

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Ugandan Kids Choir coming to Topeka

The children in the Ugandan Kids Choir are known for their musical talents and their joyful performances. They sing traditional African songs, play authentic African instruments, and dance in their colorful African attire.

The Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide, which has been devoted to empowering children in the developing world since 1981. Childcare Worldwide serves children in nine developing countries by taking care of their physical, spiritual, and educational needs.

Their story begins – There once were

10 children, ages 8-12, who were chosen to embark on a journey of epic proportions to bring African song and dance to the people of America. Equipped with nothing more than songs in their hearts and dance moves in their heads, they travel across vast seas and mountain tops to arrive at our shores.

Their journey began with about 5 months in training in Uganda before the tour starts. The tour routes rotate around to different regions of the United States. The tour is 11 months long. After the tour the children will go

back to boarding school or back to live with their family or guardians. The children all come from different backgrounds, some have lost both their parents and some are fortunate enough to still have a family. Regardless of if they have family or not these children are all selected because they are in need of a hand up in life.

The concert will be 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 2914 S E Michigan. Call the Church Office, Ph. 785-266-6555 for more information.

Barry Feaker to speak at C5-Alive Luncheon

Barry Feaker, Executive Director of Topeka Rescue Mission, will be the featured speaker at the C5-Alive "POWER" Luncheon May 11, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, at the NET Reach Center, in the former Avondale East Elementary School located at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd., just off Adams St, a few blocks south of 29th St.

Feaker will talk about the services offered by TRM Ministries, including NET Reach and the new Boutique on the Boulevard, and how Christian leadership in Topeka makes it possible to do the impossible.

NET Reach – Neighborhood Empowerment and Transformation – is a division of the Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) that was established in 2013 in the former Avondale East Elementary School located in the Hi-Crest West neighborhood. NET Reach addresses the quality of life in a challenged neighborhood where many have endured decades of high crime, high gang involvement, high percentages of domestic violence and high infant mortality rates. Many families also suffer from generational poverty, unemployment, chronic substance abuse as well as living in isolation within dilapidated former military housing. When TRM realized the growing number of families recycling into homelessness and the potential need for more space in the shelter, TRM invested resources into a neighborhood outreach division to "Bring help and hope to neighborhoods through empowerment and transformation." This was an effort to address homelessness from the ground up, and not just responding to increased needs at the end of the cycle.

NET Reach was designed to be relational in understanding the needs of the people and the Hi-Crest neighborhood in which they live. Mentors model healthy relationships and are equipped to walk alongside individuals and families to empower them to move forward toward dreams and goals.

NET Reach strengthens relationships through advocacy as their needs are identified and understood. Community collaborations and partnerships respond and are developed based on the barriers and needs of those within the NET Reach program. Community leaders, churches, city, county, social service agencies and with the love of supportive mentors, work together to help restore families to dream of a new future and a hope for tomorrow.

Feaker reminisced about how the NET Reach program has progressed:

"I remember earlier on, one dear lady who had lived in Hi-Crest for many years coming up to me with a bit of a grin on her face saying, 'You won't stay. Others like you have tried this before and they left. You all will be gone in a year. You won't stay!'"

"I was determined at that moment; we must stay and not be one more dis-

appointment to these precious neighbors of ours who had suffered so much for so long. It is with great joy in my heart I now recall the day, about one year later, the same lady came up



to me with tears in her eyes as she threw her arms around me and said, 'You stayed, you didn't leave!'"

"So now, more than four years later, we have seen the beginnings of transformation in a neighborhood once forgotten, where neighbors felt isolated from the rest of the city, as well as each other. Neighbors once afraid to come out at night, now beginning to feel safe and connected to each other and to others outside their neighborhood. A neighborhood showing the signs of hope. A neighborhood daring to dream."

NET Reach in Hi-Crest is an example of how TRM Ministries is offering what Feaker calls "a little bit of what love looks like, from Heaven to the streets... those who are making a difference, one person at a time."

The cost to attend the luncheon is \$10 for C5Alive members and first-time guests who RSVP, and \$12 at the door. Non-members and other guests pay \$15. C5 luncheons are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend, organizers said. RSVPs and inquiries can be sent to info@C5Alive.org.

C5Alive is dedicated to developing and uniting Christian Leadership in the community, involving businesses, non-profits and churches.

The June luncheon will be held June 8, featuring Gabriel O'Shea, Executive Director of FORGE, an organization dedicated to economic development and geared to recruit, retain and train young talent for Topeka. He will speak about leadership development and opportunities in Topeka.

In addition to monthly "POWER" luncheons held on the second Thursday of each month, C5 also hosts periodic business fairs and other events, including EasterFest.

The luncheons are held in different locations around the Capital City each month. C5 members may also sponsor luncheons and other events as a way to promote their organizations.

For more information about C5, go to C5Alive.org.

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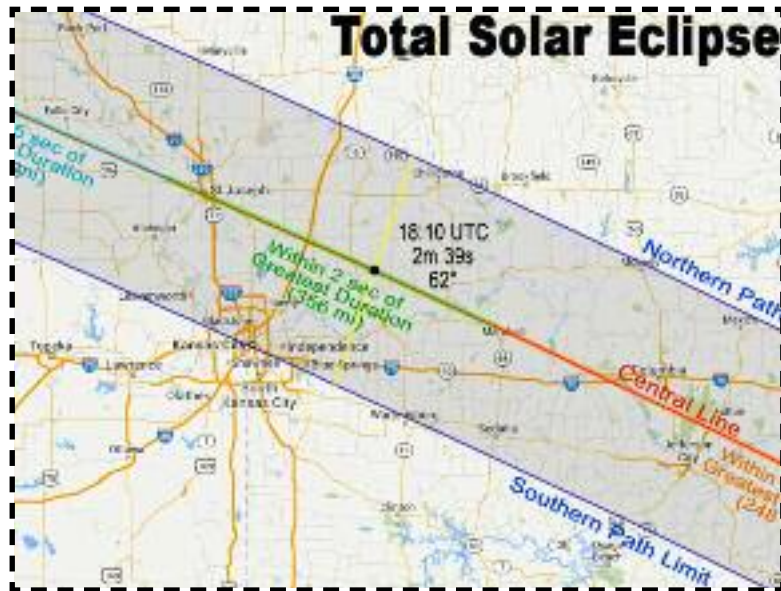
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including Gladstone, Liberty, Independence and areas north. In this area the eclipse will begin before 1 p.m.

The last coast-to-coast total solar eclipse occurred in 1918. Court Friday, the proprietor of a Madras, Ore., inn, said it has been booked solid since 2012:

Look to the skies between 12:45 & 1pm on Aug. 21

"There isn't a hotel vacancy within a three-hour radius." Kayce Telles, a hotel representative in St. Joseph, Mo., received the first room request for eclipse weekend in 2013. She has taken calls from as



far away as France, Italy, and Japan. To boost tourism, savvy city chambers of commerce located along the path are

promoting the eclipse on their websites, advertising eclipse-themed festivals and events with a countdown clock to August 21.

Sleeping under the stars is another popular—and economical—option for eclipse weekend.

Kansas City hotels are seeing increased reservations during that time but for the biggest increase in eclipse tourism you need to head out west. Casper, Wyo., a town of 60,000, is expected to swell to over 100,000 people on eclipse weekend. Morris Carter, who leads a wagon train tour, warns August tourists, "They're going to have a tough time if they don't get on it soon." Jay Ryan, a former astronomy teacher and avid sky watcher, has been anticipating this event for 47 years, since as a young boy he missed seeing the solar eclipse that skirted the eastern United States in March 1970.

He's arranged to travel eight hours to a Tennessee farm to have the best view within the narrow path of totality. While there, he will lead an educational program for a group of homeschool families.

Ryan hopes that many will come to know Christ after witnessing God's invisible power in such a visible way. "Only the Lord can stir the individual heart," he says, "but a total solar eclipse is known to be a personal, emotional event." Author James Fenimore Cooper in 1806 wrote after experiencing a total solar eclipse, "Never have I beheld any spectacle which so plainly manifested the majesty of the Creator."

Eclipse watchers should book accommodations if necessary, leave early—traffic is expected to be heavy on interstates—and don't forget protective eye-wear to prevent retina damage.

Ryan suggests, "If you're in the path, invite someone over."

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New Event Venue Provides Rustic Elegance

If you are looking for an elegant and charming Topeka event center, the Brownstone could be for you. The new venue, slated for a June 11 Grand Opening, provides premier amenities, personal coordination, ceremony packages, bridal lounges and historic architecture that is second to none. The latest additions in technology also make it a premier place for business meetings, with a glassed-in conference room and breakout rooms.



“We wanted to create a venue where people can celebrate their life events together, in a space they are proud of,” said co-owner Connie Brown. “We worked very closely with brides and businesses around the area to ensure we were creating a space that meets their needs and would be flexible enough to accommodate each unique vision.”

The Brownstone, 4020 NW 25th Street, has a rich architectural history, being originally designed by Kansas State Architecture students in 1927 as a dairy barn. The venue, which sits on five acres of land, has lived through the Topeka flood of 1951 and reinvented itself multiple times through family homes, small businesses and a bed and breakfast.

The barn was purchased in early

2016 by Connie and Steve Brown, of Topeka, with the goal to create a place of celebration for the community to enjoy. Both owners were born and raised in the Topeka area. Steve, president of Piping Contractors of Kansas Inc., drove by the property daily on his way to work, and he couldn't resist when it came up for sale. Connie and her family have attended First Christian Church of Topeka for their entire lives. Her niece just planted a church (Refuge Christian Church) in Eudora, KS and that has been inspiring to the rest of the family, she said.

“We would love to be able to rent out

Brown, is the Managing Director, and remembers growing up living only 15 minutes from the historic building, and driving by it many, many times.

“It's been part of our lives for a long time,” she said.

Extensive renovation of the barn, which was most recently known as Brickyard Barn Inn, began in summer of 2016. The new-and-improved event venue will include a limestone patio with outdoor fireplace, limestone tables and benches, TV, outdoor speakers and beautiful landscaping and decks creating the ideal setting for outdoor events and weddings.



the venue for church planters to hold services on Sunday mornings or for other events,” she said.

The Browns' daughter, Abbey

The original structure was gutted down to the original supporting beams, and will provide 2,400 square feet of open area which can hold up to 200 people for receptions, weddings, and corporate events. The original salt-glazed block silo was also retained, and



The silo is used as a circular bar

will feature a circular bar on the main floor and be used as a wine cellar on the basement floor. The first floor will include advanced technology and meeting space for corporate events, retreats and much more.

Separate rooms and a bathroom give brides and their wedding parties a two-story area to use as a place to prepare and spend time before the ceremony. The groom's quarters also has a lounge area with a restroom, shower and space for a buffet and TV.

“We're bringing in two 5-foot chandeliers for the main event space,” Abbey said. A chandelier will also hang from the top of the silo over the bar.

The grounds also allow for a modern, new catering kitchen and plenty of parking, with handicap access.

The Brownstone is already taking reservations for events. For information go to www.thebrownstonetopeka.com, or visit their Facebook page.



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What will won't work

Dear Dave,

When it comes to making a will, would it suffice to sit down and write it all out on a piece of paper, then have it notarized?

Joyce

Dear Joyce,

I would never advise someone to write their own will, unless, of course, they're an attorney in that state. Laws can vary from state to state, and some states may not look upon a document like that as being official under law. Some even require witnesses, and a notary might not be good enough.

If you're trying to save money by doing it this way, I would strongly urge you to look at involving a lawyer as an investment. In most cases, having a reputable lawyer draw up a legally correct, state-specific will doesn't cost a lot of money. At the very least, go online to USLegalForms.com. They have all kinds of state-specific legal forms, including wills.

Your last will and testament is one of the most important legal documents you'll ever be part of. Please don't try to do this yourself, Joyce. I've run into so many families who, in the midst of grieving the loss of a loved one, were handed a handwritten piece of paper that wouldn't hold up in court. That kind of thing just adds more stress to an already heartbreaking situation.

—Dave

Not ready for a house

Dear Dave,

I'm thinking about getting a secured credit card to help rebuild my credit score, because I'd like to buy a house. Do you think this is a good start toward getting my credit back on track and taking control of my finances? I make \$50,000 a year, and I have \$3,500 in debt and \$2,100 in savings.

Maria

Dear Maria,

No, getting a secured credit card is not a good idea. Let me tell you a couple of things. Number one, your income is your most powerful wealth building tool. If you don't have any payments, you have the ability to build wealth and be generous. When you have debt, all you do is send money out the door to make payments. So, being in debt is a guaranteed way to stay broke.

Number two, you can get a home mortgage with no credit score through a manual underwriting. Just make sure you have a good, long history of paying other things, like your rent and utilities on time. You would also need to have all your debts paid off completely, and the accounts closed for at least six months.

I want you to become debt-free before you buy a home, Maria. I also want you to save an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses and a down payment before you buy a home. Buying a house when you're broke and in debt is a really bad idea.

—Dave

Fighting fear

Dear Dave,

After listening to your show, I want to try to get control of my finances, but I'm afraid to open up the bills. I make about \$60,000 a year, but it's a real struggle just to keep my head above water financially. My checking account is always overdrawn, and I don't know where to start in catching up. Can you help?

Gail

Dear Gail,

Trust me, I know it can be scary. But the easiest way to attack this thing is by taking one slow, sure step at a time. Try not to let worry consume you in the process, either.

First, sit down, take a deep breath, and open all the unopened bills. Throw



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away any duplicates, and keep only the most recent statements and notices. The unknown is always scarier than the known, so facing the bills and cutting that stack in half right off the bat will help reduce a lot of your initial anxiety.

Next, let's start a debt snowball. List all the debts you owe, from smallest to largest, making one column for the payoff balance, one column for the amount you need to get current on that debt, and one column for the single payment amount when you get current. Total each column — the payoff balance, the amount to get current, and the single payment. I promise it won't be as bad as you think.

Finally, make a monthly budget. Prioritize your needs, starting with food, utilities, house payments and transportation. When it comes to your debts, pay as much as you can on the smallest one while making minimum payments on all the others.

You can do this, Gail. If you'll follow my plan, I think you'll see improvement in several areas of your life and you'll feel good about the progress you're making, too!

—Dave

Use an insurance broker

Dear Dave,

My mom is 73 years old, and she's dealing with depression and a few other mental issues. Is it too late for her to get long-term care insurance?

Julie

Dear Julie,

It wouldn't be a big problem if she were healthy. But given her age, and the other struggles you mentioned, I'd check with a good insurance broker to see what's out there for her.

In the insurance world they call this "making a market." Will they be able to find a company that will write her in that situation? I can't give you an accurate answer off the top of my head, because this is a difficult thing. It would probably depend on things like the extent of her depression, how long it's been manifested, and what it has done in her life.

That's one of the reasons I'm advising you to see an insurance broker. A broker doesn't represent just one company; they represent several companies. They can shop around in a given situation, and find someone to write something you might not get written otherwise. They can also shop around for the best possible price, and you get the efficiencies of the marketplace working for you.

God bless you both, Julie.

—Dave

Collections and creditors

Dear Dave,

We were very late on one of our credit card bills, and now it has been turned over to a collection agency. The collection company has offered us three or four different payment options. Does the original creditor accept the agreement, too, if we accept one of the collection agency's options?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

In most situations of this type, the collection agency owns the debt outright or they're directly representing the original creditor. It's pretty much standard

operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.

My advice would be to accept the deal they've offered that makes the most sense for you and your current financial situation. It'll ding your credit report, and show a settlement on the defaulted credit card, but that's not the end of the world. There's already a mark against you for it being turned over to collections.

If you want to keep things like this from happening in the future, you need to get control of your finances. Stop playing with credit cards!

—Dave

Looking for Work May Impact Your Taxes

By Peggy Beasterfield

Owner, Peggy's Tax and Accounting Service

If you are looking for a job in the same line of work, you may be able to deduct some of your job search costs. Here are some key tax facts you should know when searching for a new job:



• **Same Occupation.** Your expenses must be for a job search in your current line of work. You can't deduct expenses for a job search in a new occupation.

• **Resume Costs.** You can deduct the cost of preparing and mailing your resume.

• **Travel Expenses.** If you travel to look for a new job, you may be able to deduct the cost of the trip. To deduct the cost of the travel to and from the area, the trip must be mainly to look for a new job in order to deduct all costs.

• **Placement Agency.** You can deduct some job placement agency fees you pay to look for a job.

• **First Job.** You can't deduct job search expenses if you're looking for a job for the first time.

• **Time Between Jobs.** You can't

deduct job search expenses if there was a long break between the end of your last job and the time you began looking for a new one.

• **Reimbursed Costs.** Reimbursed expenses are not deductible.

• **Schedule A.** You normally deduct your job search expenses on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. Claim them as a miscellaneous deduction. You can deduct the total miscellaneous deductions that are more than two percent of your adjusted gross income.

• **Premium Tax Credit.** If you receive advance payments of the premium tax credit, it is important that you report changes in circumstances - such as changes in your income, a change in eligibility for other coverage, or a change of address - to your Health Insurance Marketplace. Advance payments are paid directly to your insurance company and lower the out-of-pocket cost for your health insurance premiums. Reporting changes will help you get the proper type and amount of financial assistance so you can avoid getting too much or too little in advance.

For more on job hunting refer to Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions, available at IRS.gov/forms at any time.

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The Necessity in War

War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueler it is, the sooner it will be over.
- William Tecumseh Sherman

by **George Ismael Felio**

My aim, then, was to whip the rebels, to humble their pride, to follow them to their inmost recesses, and make them fear and dread us. Fear is the beginning of wisdom.
- William Tecumseh Sherman

Lincoln finally had the generals he needed. These men knew what it took to win and were willing to do it. These men were Grant and Sherman.

For generations, the Plantation owners owned the Democrat Party; and the Democrat Party owned the schools, the pulpits, the media, and the government in the South. This war to free the enslaved could only end in victory if the North was willing to do whatever it took to break the South.

Sherman's March, the reason why fellow Southerner General Sherman was so hated in the South, was integral in that victory. The North burned everything in their path who showed resistance on their way to the sea. We called that collateral damage. There could be no other choice.

It was cruel. It was merciless. It was necessary.

Sherman understood that the only way to break the spirit and the will of the South was to make the war very real to the aver-

age citizen who supported the South. There would be no apologies for what he did, neither should he. "War is hell," General Sherman remarked.

His actions, though cruel and destructive, were necessary to end the War, free the slaves, and reunite this country. Sherman understood war at best was a necessary evil; but when fought, it must be seen to its bitter end.

History needed to be repeated. The Japanese fought the war with religious fanaticism. They were Kamikaze, "the Divine Wind."

Compassion was for the weak. Surrender was for the unworthy. Death was preferable to defeat. This was their doctrine.

Like the suicide bombers of today, the Japanese would sacrifice their lives with the hope of killing as many Americans as possible. The Pacific Front had become a war of Attrition. Which side had the most men to sacrifice before the other side surrendered?

Every step taken, every inch gained by the Allied Powers was paid for with American and Japanese blood. The Japanese were as relentless as they were cruel. The war would probably end in the genocide of one nation or the other.

The solution was the atomic bomb. The atomic bomb with two strikes obliterated the Divine Wind. It broke the spirit and the will of Japan.

They unconditionally surrendered. The war ended. The Allies won.

Some would cry that the bomb was too extreme a measure. The cost was too great. We should never had dropped it.

The bomb saved Japan from obliteration. The bomb saved millions of



American lives. The bomb ended the war. The cost was worth it.

Time passed. An old fanaticism returned from the ashes of a fallen enemy. This time the enemy was the terrorism born of Islam. The Jihad was against all those who refused to surrender, convert, or be enslaved by the tenants of a madman long gone.

Again our Nation faced a fanatical sect who would do anything to take control of every aspect of our lives. At first, we responded correctly with war. We were winning the war.

A complicit media along with a band of power hungry politicians betrayed us as they sought to undermine not only the morale of our troops but our nation. They drove home the number of casualties we gained with each day of battle never revealing how little a price was paid compared to past generations at war. They sought every avenue to shed our actions in the darkest of light for political gain and favor.

In 2008, we traded a President who had long ago lost the nerve and stomach to finish the task for one who saw the enemy as

ourselves and not those who attacked us. Since the fall of Saddam Hussein, our leaders have sought to talk with our enemies which has not led to their defeat or peace, but an emboldening and strengthening of our enemies while weakening our strength. Despite warning that an early exit from Iraq would lead to a vacuum where our enemies can step back in, we left. ISIS came in.

They conquer. They enslave. They murder. They rape. They mutilate. They glory in all the above and take sick pleasure in killing any who do not capitulate to their beliefs. Our lack of will to wage war properly has allowed all this suffering to occur.

So the MOAB strike occurred. The first response by too many is decry the horror of all those who suffered from its impact. Many of these same people said little to nothing at the atrocities caused by ISIS. The sad fact is if such a strike happened when ISIS was making its first moves, ISIS would be no more.

The argument has been made that it will be used as a recruiting tool. ISIS terrorized Iraq for many years torturing and

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CLINT DECKER

President and Evangelist with Great Awakenings, Inc.

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This month millions of students will be graduating from high school and college. The majority of these graduates will be teenagers and twenty-somethings. They will have achieved a worthy and important milestone for themselves. If I had a chance to speak at their graduations here are some life lessons I would love to pass along.

Rejoice and celebrate your achievement. So far you have invested 12 years, maybe 16 or even more to this point. Do not let it slide by without enjoying the moment. Celebrate!

Recall the people that helped you

make it. No man or woman is an island to him or herself. Thank your parents. Take time to understand the emotions they are experiencing, as their little boy or girl will soon be leaving home. Thank your teachers and professors for their hard work. Thank the friends who were always there.

Release the heartache connected with the journey. Your celebration may be bittersweet. Perhaps there is conflict within your family. Maybe you have not fit in well with other students or carry a broken heart. Whatever it is, you can choose to hold onto the pain or release it. Vow to let go of the past when you receive your diploma and embrace a new future.

Resolve to never give up. There were challenges in reaching this day and there will be challenges tomorrow. Researchers say that this year's high school graduating class should be much higher because close to one-third of the students did not graduate. And the college graduating class should be much higher because near-



ly 50 percent of those who started, never finished. But, you did! You overcame!

Remember the Creator. A wise old King once said, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). It is very easy to forget God or to no longer believe He exists in the days of youth. A sense of adventure, a desire to question, being at the peak of energy and strength, liv-

ing for the moment and a feeling of independence can all lead there. There are many benefits with youth, but some drawbacks too. In the zeal for life, the tendency to live for self and forget God is a major one. Yet, He has a way of keeping us in-check. God has said there will be a day of reckoning, where we must stand before Him and give an account for how we have lived.

With diploma in hand, consider there is one final commencement for us all. Someday we will face Life's Graduation and pass from earth into eternity. Age is no indicator of when that graduation will come. Each day prepares us for it. Make the most of today, tomorrow and your future by becoming a follower of God's only Son, Jesus. Turn from your ways and seek.

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Lessons from Kansas tax reform

By Bob Weeks | WichitaLiberty.org

What can the rest of the nation learn from our experience in Kansas? Come to think of it, why haven't we learned much?

Economists from American Legislative Exchange Council have looked at Kansas and derived some lessons from our state's struggle with tax reform. The document is titled *Lessons from Kansas: A Behind the Scenes Look at America's Most Discussed Tax Reform Effort*. A few remarks and quotations:

It may be difficult for us in Kansas to see how the rest of the country views our state. But it's all about the struggle between those who want more government, and those who want more private

sector activity: "... it is clear to most observers of state policy at this point Kansas was, and continues to be, a flash-point in debates about state tax policy. That flashpoint has served as something of a proxy war between big government advocates and those who would prefer to shrink the size and scope of state government."

While taxes were cut, the state failed to make the other needed reform: "Spending reductions necessary to implement the plan were eschewed in favor of other tax increases, making any honest judgement of the original plan's success or failure impossible."

On the 2012 plan, was it all for business pass-throughs, or for everyone? "Enacted an estimated \$4.5 billion in tax relief over five years, about 80 percent of which was for individuals and 20 percent for business pass-through income."

We have to remember the failure of the legislative process in 2012 and the next year: "It is important to note at this point that the revenue increasing offsets included in the 2013 tax plan were nowhere near as comprehensive as the revenue raising offsets in Governor Brownback's original 2012 tax reform proposal. It was this discrepancy in revenue raising offsets and

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killing many. Many joined them just because they don't want to be their victims.

The Middle East is not America. There, strength dictates what is lawful not morality. In the Middle East, those who want to talk things out are weak and deserving of destruction (Israel). If you give them what they ask for, their response is to ask for more. If you give them more than what they ask for, they will simply walk away and use it for propaganda against us (ex. Palestine).

Others argue that it is not the Christian thing to do. As Christians we are to love our enemies as ourselves. We did that with Japan after we defeated them. We helped make Japan a prosperous nation. We can only do that with all these nations after we have won but not before.

In the war, the Bible is quite ruthless. God commanded Israel to conquer and destroy their enemies in Palestine. Israel disobeyed, and God judged them with the nations that Israel did not destroy.

God commanded Saul to utterly obliterate Agag. "To obey is better than sacrifice." Saul's failure would lead to the Agagites nearly exterminating the Jews during the Persian Empire.

God's final battle plan is found in Revelation. All his enemies will be cast into the lake of fire forever. That doesn't sound very merciful. As much as God is love, too many people deny that God is Holy and God is Just. God will not suffer unrighteousness forever. One day, Christ will go to war and win. He's already struck the winning blow at Calvary.

General Sherman understood what it took to win a war. It may not be politically correct. It may not be pleasant to think about, but it is the truth. Negotiation and compromise with evil only leads to the conquest and slaughter of the innocent. It's how and why the Holocaust happened.

The path to victory in the Middle East is simple. War is already there. War has been in the Middle East for centuries. War existed there before America was born. At our nation's birth, they declared war on us.

People are dying. The problem is good men have done nothing to stop it. They have not truly declared war.

War is necessary as long as evil goes unchecked. Remember Sherman's words. "War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over."



DEAR EDITOR,

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Paul Livingston

DEAR EDITOR,

Two separate events show's how unbelieving of God's Word, Mankind has become. Both used the-time-figure 165 million years.

The first showed NASA's gold plated satellite dish that supposedly will go into space and be able to go back some 165 million years into the evolution of the universe. At least, that's "Man's" foolish goal!

The second was a newspaper announcement of a coming circus event "where you can experience firsthand the giants of

today's world" (elephants) "and enormous creatures from the past" (dinosaurs). That supposedly takes you back 165 million years to the Mesozoic Era, when they say dinosaurs roamed the earth.

Problem with that Mesozoic Era time period, and others, is that a human being assigned each layer of rock the time they were formed, and completely ignored the Creator who was there and formed it. God, the Creator, spoke it into being, out of invisible particles, called atoms, and held together by His Word.

According to "The Word of God," time started only a few thousand years ago. God declared the first earthly day after He lit up the Sun, creating night and day, because of the earth's 24-hour rotation. God invented time.

At that time Earth was uninhabitable, fully covered by water, and THERE WAS NO LIFE!

On the subsequent five days God caused land to rise, creating dry land, created all forms of vegetation, trees, and other things to sustain life. From the dust of the earth He formed all animals and Man and gave them life, including the infamous dinosaurs (probably the behemoth referred to by God in Job 40:15-19).

God made Dinosaurs and Man on the 6th day of creation. Now Man questions the existence of God, with "words without knowledge" (Job 38:2). The truth is in God's Word, not Man.

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.

essentials of the historic Christian faith as I have ever been," he argued in an April 10 broadcast.

Hanegraaff, who believes many Christians today are consumeristic and go to church to see what they can get out of it, explained that he was inspired to attend an Orthodox Church over two years ago after he saw how deeply in love Christians in China were with the Lord.

"While truth matters, life matters more," a man told him. He realized that it was not just about knowing Jesus

Christ, but also experiencing the resurrected Jesus Christ and he is now more in love with Jesus than ever before.

"People are posting this notion that somehow or other I've walked away from the faith and am no longer a Christian," he said in the following day's broadcast. "Look, my views have been codified in 20 books, and my views have not changed."

Philip Roberts, director for international theological education with the Global Ministries Foundation in Tennessee, suggested that the conversion of the "Bible Answer Man" has raised questions in the evangelical world, however.

"Of course, the roots of Eastern Orthodox theology go back centuries -- even to the ancient creeds, councils and church theologians," Roberts said.

"The problem is what has happened since then in terms of revisions and interpretations in Eastern Orthodox thinking by eastern mystical thinkers" involving "the biblical doctrines of God, Adam, humankind, sin and salvation."

Roberts challenged Orthodoxy's claim to be the "early church" and to represent "the faith of Peter and Paul," and said that while it has roots in the ancient church, its ceremonies and theology have developed gradually throughout the centuries.

Yet Stetzer says many denominations attempt to link their current traditions to antiquity.

"It is a common thing for denominations to trace themselves back to the earliest models of church," says Stetzer. "Baptists did this through the trail of blood and baptismal practices. The Restoration Movement (which includes Churches of Christ) values restoring the New Testament church. Some Anglicans and Lutherans attempt to trace their roots through apostolic succession. The Eastern Orthodox Church traces their Patriarch of Constantinople to the Apostle Andrew."

The reality he says is that, "No one has it completely right and all such attempts have issues."

The "Bible Answer Man" broadcast is still available at equip.org.

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who is also the president and chairman of the Christian Research Institute, celebrated confirmation on Palm Sunday at Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Some, such as Rod Dreher, an Orthodox Christian and author of the New York Times best-selling book *The Benedict Option*, says that the news of Hanegraaff joining the Orthodox Church is "astounding."

"Many evangelicals seek the early church; well here it is, in Orthodoxy," Dreher said.

"I am sure some will be scandalized by Hanegraaff's conversion, but I hope at least some will wonder how someone as knowledgeable about the Bible as Hank could convert to Orthodoxy, and go to a divine liturgy to taste and see what it's like."

Others, such as Ken Ham and his Answers in Genesis ministry, warned about the points on which Eastern Orthodoxy differs from evangelicalism.

"Many years of missionary work in Eastern Europe and Russia have led me to conclude that the gospel is not often proclaimed in the Orthodox Church. Church services are ritualistic exercises that focus on the icons and the sacraments," Dr. D. Trent Hyatt wrote in a chapter for *Answers in Genesis' World Religions and Cults* book series.

"It is all too easy to trust in those sacraments to save one and on the icons to sanctify one rather than in the finished work of Christ on the Cross in our behalf," he argued.

Others point out that even in American Evangelicalism the proclamation of the Gospel often takes a back seat to political expression or programming that seeks to serve the cultural needs of communities rather than the spiritual.

Ed Stetzer, executive director of LifeWay Research, writing for *Christianity Today* said, "I think there are other factors at work, including the reality that many evangelicals struggle with the simplicity of evangelicalism, its lack of historic rooting, and more."

Answers in Genesis explained that it published the excerpt in response to "a number of questions" it received in regard to Hanegraaff becoming a member of an Orthodox Church.

Hanegraaff insisted on his radio show that his teachings remain unchanged and faithful to Scripture.

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How to plan a Christian youth camp: Activities and games

Finding the right balance of “up time” and “down time” for teenagers can be exceptionally difficult, particularly in a culture where kids are regularly bombarded with stimulation. So, while you want your camp attendees to be engaged, I recommend banning electronics (cell-phones, MP3 players, laptops, etc) to allow your attendees to focus on why they are there, specifically on strengthening their relationship with the Lord. Another important thing to consider is the unique rest needs of the average teenager. The average teen needs roughly nine hours of sleep a night, but their bodies don't start to signal that it's time to go to sleep until around 11 pm because of the hormonal changes their bodies are going through.

Because of this unique combination of physical needs, glow-in-the dark night games are a great way to engage your



camp attendees. They provide the opportunity for teens to fellowship with one another while still addressing the unique needs their bodies have. In addition to the night games activities linked above a more traditional camp fire, singalong, and/or s'mores event is another fun activ-

ity for youth! As with all food, make sure that the snacks you serve are something everyone can enjoy.

Having a late night (especially for the adult youth leaders) game night would ideally mean having morning to sleep in under normal circumstances, but at

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Practice being away from home. If your child has never spent a night away, now is the time to try. If they do well, they're probably ready for sleepaway camp.

Talk it out. Have an open conversation about camp. What are they worried about? Address their fears while encouraging them that camp is a welcoming place.

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Trust your instincts. Parents know their children best. If you still have concerns about a full week of camp, try one of the following options.

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youth camp, this isn't always the case!

Having activities that keep your teens active and engaged throughout the day may also make those nights slightly less late. Tying your activities into your theme is also a great way for your attendees to learn more about the Gospel, particularly that the message of Jesus Christ is good news and it's okay to have fun with it at the same time! Some other activities you can use to engage teens in the retreat include service projects, talent shows, or arts and crafts.

As you plan your activities, you may also want to consider how you want to

conduct them. Are you breaking your attendees into teams somehow? You can divide people by age group, congregation, or if you are having a multi-year event you could divide your attendees into “first year” “second year” and so forth. Dividing up your campers into teams could also facilitate unique ideas that will really engage your attendees on the spot.

Overall, the most important thing to remember when planning activities for your youth camp is to keep it fun, stay within your theme, and help your attendees draw closer to Christ.




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At Rock Springs, we believe young people today should feel empowered to be true leaders-- young people with confidence, the ability to work well with others, endure through challenges and stick with a job until it is done. Leadership Unlocked will help participants unlock their leadership potential as they learn skills and techniques that will take them to the next level. Camp Director Ron Alexander, faculty chair of the Kansas Leadership Center, has worked with organizations that embrace the KLC principles and competencies and work to build those skills in young people. All instructors are well-versed in the Kansas Leadership Center's leadership principles and competencies. Kansas colleges and universities teach this curriculum in their leadership studies programs, so participants will have an edge as they think about preparation for higher education.

This leadership adventure will be a full camp experience, complete with lodging in Rock Springs' beautiful limestone cottages, home-cooked meals and traditional camp activities like rock wall climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding and archery. In addition, the masters of Manhattan's 'Locked' have built in an escape room experience throughout the event. Participants will look for clues to unlock the leadership within while learning in workshops

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4 Reasons VBS Is Important to the Local Church

Every year, more than 25,000 churches host VBS and more than 3 million people experience it. Here are four reasons why so many people participate in VBS every year.

What images pop into your head when you hear the words Vacation Bible School?

If VBS has been a great experience for you as a child or adult (or both!), you are probably smiling. Some may think of VBS as "old school" or not an event for your style of ministry. You might think VBS is OK, but you feel pressure because you need an event that sets your church apart from others in your area.

If you are not sure VBS is for you, here are a few things to consider.

1. VBS is a dependable ongoing ministry.

For 90 years, LifeWay has provided trusted VBS resources to churches, reaching more than 25,000 churches and 3 million people annually.

VBS can be a short-term event with long-term results.

With a typical five-day time frame, VBS offers a chance to pull out all the stops and create an unforgettable experience. Research shows connections made during VBS result in salvations, discovery of church prospects and potential workers for other ongoing children's programs. Also, it is not uncommon for a leader to volunteer to help for "just one week of VBS," and feel God's tug on his or her heart to work with kids permanently.

2. VBS creates lasting memories.

VBS is a special event that creates

we connect with kids through this ministry, the biblical truths that permeate all aspects of VBS also connect with their hearts and minds.

3. VBS is an opportunity to share the gospel.

VBS is an intentional evangelistic opportunity.

The biblical content built into the curriculum lays foundational truths that help kids understand who Jesus is and why they need a personal Savior. The relationships you develop with kids and their families can provide many opportunities to not only show the love of Jesus, but to share the truth of the gospel.

4. VBS is an event that you can customize.

VBS is what you make it.

Whether you provide an on-campus experience that encourages your church kids to bring their friends or an off-campus, community-centered Backyard Kids Club, the purpose of sharing the good news about Jesus is the same. Some churches are finding that it's worth the effort to do both. After a great on-campus experience, you can take those resources to backyards and community rooms, or on mission trips.

VBS is the resource. The name you choose can be your own! You can call it VBS, Kids' Week, Fun Zone or any event name of your choice. Kids will come to love and talk about the events that excite them, engage them, and help them know that God and the people at your church really care about them.

VBS is an opportunity to ignite the imagination of your church, involve volunteers for a specific "doable" commitment and connect with the kids in your church and community.

The methods you use will create memories. The message you share will change lives.



memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime. Birthday parties and other special events have themes that use creativity to evoke feelings of excitement. Games, food, decorations and fun all link together in a total package. VBS does the same thing. When

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ground mulch program.

Trinity lost its petition at the district and appellate levels and hoped a Supreme Court ruling would bring clarity to the balance between First Amendment rights and the principle of church-state separation. But recent developments raised new questions about how the case should proceed—or if it even can.

The Missouri church operates a licensed preschool and daycare program and wanted to upgrade its playground surface in 2012. The state's Department of Natural Resources offered a competitive grant program for nonprofits to get reimbursed for the purchase and installation costs for a rubber surface made from recycled tire scraps. Trinity initially qualified for a \$20,000 grant, but the state later denied the church, citing a state law blocking government benefits for religious organizations.

But Missouri's new Republican administration made a policy change that ends discrimination against religious groups in evaluating grant applications for programs like the tire scraps grant.

"Why isn't this case moot?" Justice Stephen Breyer asked, suggesting the court no longer needs to issue an opinion.

Alliance Defending Freedom's David Cortman argued on behalf of Trinity and James Layton, special assistant attorney general for Missouri, argued on behalf of the state. Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, a Republican, and Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley both support Trinity's position.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor expressed thanks to Layton, who worked for the previous Missouri administration, for taking on the case so it could proceed, but she couldn't get over the obvious conflict in the arrangement.

"There seems to be no more adversity in this case," she said. "The position you are arguing does not appear to be the position of the state anymore."

That is exactly why the court needs to issue an opinion, Cortman said after the arguments.

"We're not sure where the state is going to go next—that's why we need a ruling," he said. "If the court doesn't reach an

opinion on this, it's going to come back in the future."

Cortman told the justices there is no assurance the state will retain its new policy after Greitens leaves office. He said this new policy, which Greitens announced on Facebook, can just as easily be switched back when the political winds shift. Since the Missouri Supreme Court already ruled against Trinity, someone is sure to challenge the new policy, he added.

Despite the complicating wrinkle, the justices asked hard questions on both sides about the merits of the case.

Justice Elena Kagan asked how to define "church" and asked Cortman about the playground's connection to the church. Would it make a difference if the playground had a more explicit religious function?

Cortman said that would be a different case because the playground serves a secular function for children at the daycare and for the community after school hours and on weekends.

Sotomayor seemed to have a problem with Cortman's claim that Missouri violated Trinity's right to free exercise of religion. She said the state is not taking anything away: The church will not close its doors and the playground will remain, even without the state-subsidized tire scraps. The state just doesn't want to participate in the improvements, she said.

Layton agreed and told the court Missouri does not want to be in the position of selecting which churches to benefit. This isn't just a secular health-and-safety subsidy to install a more protective play surface, he said, it's making a physical and visible improvement to a religious center. The state has no way to monitor how the church will use the playground—it could host worship services there and the state would, in essence, have endorsed the activity because it paid for the facility, Layton said.

He added it also could be a draw for others to join the church since Trinity could talk to the community about the state-funded improvements.

"Couldn't they say they're delighted to have fire protection?" Justice Anthony Kennedy quipped.

Breyer jumped on this point and asked Layton in what situation would it be OK for the state to discriminate against religious groups.

"Can it provide fire protection to everyone, but let the church burn down?" Breyer asked.

Layton declined to take a position on the hypothetical but said the new playground surface clearly would benefit the church as a whole.

Kagan said cases involving church-state separation are always fraught and no state is 100 percent certain it has struck the right balance. The Constitution does not say a state needs to subsidize religion, just that it can't interfere with it, she said.

This marked Justice Neil Gorsuch's third round of oral arguments. He sat listening quietly for most of the hour-long session but asked Layton a few questions toward the end.

Both Layton and Cortman hope the court doesn't decide the case is moot. If the justices issue an opinion, it will come down by the end of June.

"I honestly would be shocked if they said the case was moot because the case law is so clear," Cortman told me. "Can the state reinstate the old policy? The answer is not only can they, but it is likely."

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Hot for Summer: Create a Perfect Outdoor Escape

(StatePoint) If there's anything better than heating up the grill and chilling drinks with close friends late into a summer evening, it's decorating the space in which it all takes place. As with all things summer, refreshing your outdoor space calls for a simple, relaxed approach. Here are a few ideas for making a quick splash.

Less is More, Sometimes

As fun as it is to design for new things, subtraction is often where the real opportunity is hiding. Make a tired space feel new again by donating, repurposing or storing items



that simply don't serve a purpose or add anything visually.

Rethinking Arrangements

There's more to design than placing chairs around a table or fire pit. Striking the right balance takes some intentionality and thought. Incorporating strong elements of symmetry and repetition can do as much toward establishing a relaxing, inviting tone as an eclectic playlist or perfectly plated appetizers.

Identifying the focal point is a key early step. Often in backyard settings, it's a permanent feature, such as a particular view, landscape design or fire pit. When this isn't an option, or if the area serves a specific purpose such as dining, furniture can be used to create the same conversational effect.

Color and Pattern

Most permanent fixtures and large outdoor furniture pieces trend traditional. Adding flourishes with vibrant contrasting seat cushions and boldly patterned throw pillows is a quick way to express personality.

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Lighten Up

One of the easiest ways to dramatically enhance an outdoor setting is often overlooked -- lighting. Good lighting boosts safety and security. After all, summer is the season for tripping over pavers in the dark. And a thoughtful approach can be transformative -- from illuminating paths through the backyard to setting a relaxing tone for a patio. Many solu-

tions, such as higher-voltage lighting systems, call for a contractor's expertise. Even some lower-voltage systems will require some additional equipment for proper energy control.

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SENIORS RIDE FREE MONTH OF MAY - Topeka Metro will offer free rides to seniors (65 and older) on the fixed routes EVERY day that we are open for business during the month of May. Passengers may be required to present their ID upon boarding. Vouchers or tickets are not required to board.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - May 4, Local Observances at Noon in the Capitol Rotunda, (For info: Dave DePue 785-249-7604, or dave.depue@capitol.com); and at 6:30 pm at Avondale East NET Center (For info: David Epps at 785-221-2788 or depps@billygraham.org)

CITY-WIDE WORSHIP AND MARCH FOR JESUS - May 4,

Community
Harvey House Luncheon
 June 8

"Havana Nights!"
 June 16
14th Annual Gala

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 701 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66608 785-232-5533

Sat., June 3, 5 - 11 pm • Sun., June 4, 10 am - 5 pm

A benefit for Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Parish, supporting Holy Family Catholic School and Hayden High

Guardian of Lost Animals are Welcome

Germanfest

Event Offerings

Saturday, June 3
 4 pm Mass - outdoors
 5 pm - German Food Lines, Beer Garden Open
 Children's Inflatables & Mini-Train
 Silent Auction, Bazaar, Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 4
 8 am - Mass - indoors
 10 am - German Food Lines, Beer Garden Open
 Carnival, Games, Bazaar, Bingo 12-2
 Chardon Polka Band - 10:30 - 1:30
 2 pm - Oral Auction, Drawings (2016 Corolla)

Saturday & Sunday
 Authentic German Food, Silent Auction, Basket Booth, Fancy Booth, Country Store, Jewelry Booth, T-shirts

Car - \$10 donation/ticket
 • 2016 Toyota Corolla S
 • 15000 miles
 • Automatic, remote entry, more

Electronics - \$1 donation/ticket
 • 50" LG 4K UHD Smart LED TV
 • 2-in-1 HP Pavilion Laptop
 • BEATS Solo3 Wireless Headphones
 • Amazon Echo Dot

Entertainment - \$1 donation/ticket
 • Kansas City Royals Baseball Package (10 Hy-Vee Level & 10 Gen. Admission)
 • (12) \$200 Hollywood 14 Theater GR Card (good for movies and concessions)

Handmade Quilts - \$1 donation/ticket
 Three beautiful handmade quilts donated by St. Anthony's Guild

JUNE 3, 8:00 am: BRAT TROT - 5K Run/Walk. \$25 registration includes t-shirt & post-race snacks. Begin and end at Sacred Heart parking lot.
 Register at: tinyurl.com/BratTrot2017

Sacred Heart Church, 312 NE Freeman, Topeka KS • 234-3338
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May 11, 11:30-1 - "POWER Luncheon" at NET Reach Center, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd
 Featured Speaker: **Barry Feaker**
 RSVP to info@C5Alive.org or 785-640-6399

• Jun. 8 - 11:30-1, Power Luncheon, Featuring Gabriel O'Shea of "FORGE" on leadership opportunity
 • Jul. 13, 11:30-1, Power Luncheon, Details TBA

Save the Dates!

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FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

SHEPHERDS CENTER PICKLEBALL GROUP - plays Mondays & Wednesdays. Mondays at Countryside UMC, 32nd & Burlingame, from 3-5. Park on the NORTH side & use the furthest WEST door. Follow the hallway to gym. On Wednesdays at First Baptist, 30th & MacVicar, from 1-3. Park on the WEST side. Gym is right inside the doors.

MONDAY MARKET AT THE LIBRARY - Mondays, May 15-Oct. 9, 8-11:30am, 1515 SW 10th.

SILVER LAKE FARMERS MARKET - Tuesdays 6-8pm, Jun. 6 - Sep. 5, Silver Lake Public Library, 203 Railroad St, Silver Lake

EAST TOPEKA FARMERS MARKET - Tuesdays 3-7pm, begins May 23, 2010 SE California - Topeka Housing Authority. tgeorge@tha.gov

CAPITOL MIDWEEK FARMERS MARKET - Every Wed., May 10 thru Oct. 18, 7:30am - 12pm, Corner of 10th & Jackson on the South side of the Capitol Lawn

SAFE STREETS COALITION MEETING - First Wed. of the month, 11:45am-1pm. Great Overland Station. For info: 266-4606 or jwilson@safestreets.org

SHAWNEE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE LESSONS - Wednesday's, 7pm, Croco Hall, 6115 SE Highway 40, Tecumseh. Call Don at 785-966-2765

COUNTRY AND BALLROOM DANCING - Thursdays 6-9pm. Croco Hall. Info: Edwina 379-9538 or 478-4760.

SHEPHERDS CENTER LINE DANCING GROUP - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2-4 at First UMC, 6th & Topeka. Park on the WEST side & use the WEST door. Immediately inside, turn left & walk the ramp to the library, then left to the elevator. Push [B] for the fellowship hall.

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 2001 SW Fairlawn • Topeka, KS 66606

6:30-9pm. South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St., Lawrence. For info: 393-2112

COTTAGES OF TOPEKA ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES — May 5-7, 8-11am. 620 NW Lyman Rd

WASHBURN TECH CAR SHOW — May 5, 10-2pm. 5724 SW Hunton St. Churn of the Century will also be there serving Homemade Ice Cream

FRIDAY NIGHT RIDE ON THE LAWRENCE RIVER TRAIL — May 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30-8:30pm. Open to all mountain bikers. Meet at the trailhead parking lot. For info: aking1313@gmail.com

190TH AIR REFUELING WING 50-60-70 CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE — May 6, 3pm. Topeka Regional Airport. Music, food trucks, fireworks, kid's activities etc. Free. For info: 861-4951 or celebrate506070@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE JUMBOTRON — May 6, 7pm. Yager Stadium, 1700 SW College Ave. Movie will be Beauty & The Beast (1991). Free, but registration is required. Lawn chairs, food and drink are not allowed on the field or track surface. Blankets are allowed. Concession stands will be open. You may bring your own food & non-alcoholic beverages.

2017 KANSAS FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL — May 6, 4-10pm. Warehouse Arts District, Lawrence. Event will feature roughly 30 food trucks, beer garden, street performers, face-painting, live music, and more.

EAGLE 99.3 CRUISE NIGHT 2014 — May 6, 3-8pm, Downtown on 700-900 blocks of Kansas Ave. and Quincy St. Classic cars, music, vendors, food trucks. 270-0820

SHAREFEST - May 6. Churches working together, reaching out to the community. Register at sharefest-topeka.com

KANSAS KIDSFEST + FOOD TRUCKS - May 6th Event Time 10am — 6pm, West Ridge Mall. Variety of activity stations, live performances, interactive exhibitors, laser tag, bubble soccer, special appearances, inflatables, contests/door prizes, face-painting, balloon art, food trucks, & more. General adm. is free. Buy \$10 unlimited play wristbands at www.kansaskidsfest.com and the Street Corner store in West Ridge Mall. Info: 785-560-4386, kidsfest@carivalguy.com

HEART WALK IN HIGH SCHOOL - May 6, 1-5pm, Hummer Sports Park. Students from Topeka West and Topeka High will fundraise and walk to raise awareness of the No. 1 and No. 5 leading cause of death, cardiovascular diseases and stroke. www.heart.org/hseartwalktopeka

KS SECRETARY OF STATE'S 7TH ANNUAL AD ASTRA ARCHERY TOURNEY — May 6, 10am, MacLennan Park (Just off I-70, south of Cedar Crest). Giving Kansas kids a fun day to compete with one another and enjoy other family activities in a lovely outdoor setting. www.kssos.org/archery/main.html#information

VELOTEK GRAND PRIX - May 6 & 7. An annual bicycling event that takes place over two days in and around Lawrence. A time-based stage race consisting of three stages: Stage 1: A 0.70-mile climb at Wells Overlook Park; Stage 2: A 0.83-mile loop at Clinton State Park; Stage 3: A 29-mile loop at Lake Perry; velotekgrandprix.com

2017 KANSAS SAMPLER FESTIVAL - May 6 & 7, Wamego City Park, 406 4th St, Wamego. Attractions from all over the state help you discover day trip possibilities, hiking trails, historic sites, natural landmarks, unique restaurants, off-the-beaten track eateries, architectural gems, hole-in-wall performing centers, artists-at-work, specialty shops, and more. Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm

CAPITOL CLASSIC - May 7. A showcase for the very best in Topeka area cycling. Great SAG food with fresh fruit and snacks. Starts and finishes at the Kansas Judicial center parking lot. Four route options: 20, 42, 72 and a 35-mile gravel ride. Kaw Valley Bicycle Club; kvbc.org

BRIDAL FAIR — May 7, 11-2pm. Dillon House at 9th & Harrison. Visit with some of Topeka's and Kansas City's top wedding specialists

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PLANNING MEETING, May 9, 6:30pm, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th. Registration is open to any neighborhood in Shawnee County. Call 266.4606 or email jwilson@safeststreets.org for info.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION WALK - May 12, 6pm, Midland Care's campus at 200 SW Frazier Circle. The Celebration Walk is held one evening each year to honor loved ones who have been lost. Hundreds of local families attend annually to participate in free children's activities, enjoy live music and release butterflies in memory of loved ones. The event is known for the thousands of luminaries lit at dusk across Midland Care's 22-acre campus

AUBURN LIONS CLUB'S FLOWER & VEGETABLE SAGE — May 13, 9am-noon. Auburn Civic Center.

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K 2017 - May 13, 9am, YWCA, 225 SW 12th St. A non-competitive event. 785-233-1750

TWO BLOCK CHALK WALK — May 13, 10am-8pm, 800-900 block of N. Kansas Ave. NOTO Arts District is getting out the sidewalk chalk and attempting to cover each square of concrete sidewalk within two blocks with art. There will be a box of chalk in front of each building for community use. Special guest artists will be featured on designated areas. 851-8101

36TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC - May 15, Lake Quivira Country Club, 100 Crescent Blvd, Lake Quivira. 10am: Private golf clinic with PGA pro Tom Aikmuss; 11am:

Lunch & Registration; Noon: Shotgun Start. Celebration & Dinner immediately following play (Sponsors, spouses & guests invited). Benefitting Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. 913.433.2046. catholiccharitiesks.org/special-events/golf-classic/registration

EVANS UNITED SHOWS CARNIVAL - May 18-28, Expocentre

THIRD THURSDAY — May 18, 8pm. Heritage Hall. Live music, food, and drinks. Free. Proceeds will benefit local charity.

NHRA KANSAS NATIONALS - May 19-21, 10am, Heartland Park Topeka, 7530 SW Topeka Blvd. The 29th annual event is at one of the quickest and fastest drag strips in the world. The 330-mph speed and excitement of the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series returns to Kansas' capital city. For tickets & info: nhra.com/tickets or 800-884-6472

GOLF TOURNAMENT - May 19, 11:30am Reg. & lunch, 12:30 shotgun, Shawnee Country Club (Great Life Golf Course). Fellowship Bible Church is hosting. \$75 per person or \$300 per 4-person team (includes lunch, cart and 18 holes of golf). Click on events at fbtopeka.com

SOLE REASON'S FIRST ANNUAL BOWL FOR SNEAKERS THON - May 20, 3:30-6pm, Gage Bowl. Bowlers and business or individual sponsors needed. All proceeds go towards local children in need as Sole Reason expands to other communities, "Putting sneakers on their feet and smiles on their faces." Also a raffle for K State, KU, Royals and Chiefs items & gift certificates to local restaurants. Tickets are \$10 and include 2 games of bowling & shoes. Call Jerry at (785) 338-2965 or solereason@yahoo.net

RMHC Charity Golf Classic — May 22, 8:30am shotgun, Lake Shawnee Golf Course. 4-person scramble; \$440 per team and includes cart, green fees, mulligans, long-drive hole, food (after golf), goody bags, prizes & silent auction. Deadline is May 1. 785-235-6852 www.rmhcneks.org/event/rmhc-golf-tournament; mindee@rmhcneks.org

SUMMERFEST - May 25, 3-11pm, Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th St. Carnival games, bake sale, raffle, food & entertainment and more. For info: 554-7308

MEET IN THE MIDDLE — May 27, 11am. Shawnee Lake. All kayakers, canoers, or paddle boaters are welcome.

KRANSTON'S 5K WALK/RUN — May 27, 7:30-10:30am. Lake Shawnee, 3137 SE 29th St. Memorial run for Kranston Haehn. Any donations will go 100% towards his medical and recovery bills.

CYCLOVIA CHESNEY PARK — May 28, 1-4pm. Free. 234-1030

VETERAN'S TRIBUTE - May 29, 12:30pm to 3pm, Great Overland Station, 701 N Kansas. On Memorial Day the Topeka Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars and Topeka's Grace Hospice, in conjunction with other organizations, hosts the annual Veterans Lunch and Topeka Area Massing of Colors ceremony to promote patriotism, citizenship and honor our Nation's Veterans. The lunch, free to Veterans, begins at 12:30 and the Massing of Colors Ceremony is conducted, beginning, at 2pm. Sante Fe Band will perform. For info: 228-0400

JOEL DAVID BARTA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — June 2, 9am. GreatLife Golf & Fitness, 913 SE 29th St.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS THE TRAIN — Jun. 2-4, 9-11, Baldwin City. Midland Railway will be welcoming Thomas the Tank Engine back with his best friend Percy joining in on the fun. 913-721-1211, www.midlandrailway.org

15TH ANNUAL ROD ROGERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — Jun. 2. Dub's Dread Golf Course, KC, KS. 1pm shotgun. \$500 per team includes lunch, range balls, refreshments on almost every hole, and Famous Dave's dinner. Lots of fun and prizes! Benefitting KU Cancer Center & Cancer Action. For info: 913-461-8527 or gagak@sbcglobal.net

KEVIN BRENNAN GOLF BENEFIT FOR THE FIRST TEE SHAWNEE - Jun 02, 12pm, Lake Shawnee Golf Course. Fundraiser to support the youth of The First Tee of Shawnee County

CAPITOL CITY FAMILY & FOOD FESTIVAL — June 3, 11-5pm. Kansas State Capitol, 300 W 10th. Free.

GERMANFEST - June 3, 5-11pm & June 4, 10-5, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 312 NE Freeman. German food, carnival, entertainment, auction, vendor booths & more. SacredHeartStJosephCatholic.org

SACRED HEART-ST. JOSEPH 5TH ANNUAL BRAT TROT - June 3, 8am, Sacred Heart parking lot, 312 NE Freeman. Brat Trot 5K Run/Walk loops through 3.1 miles of Oakland and returns to Sacred Heart. \$25 registration at tinyurl.com/BratTrot2017; includes t-shirt & snacks.

COMMUNITY HARVEY HOUSE LUNCHEON - June 8, Great Overland Station. 785-232-5533

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S — June 10, Hummer Park, 2751 SW East Circle Dr. Registration at 8am; Ceremony at 9am; Walk at 9:15am. Register at act.alz.org or Scott Bradley at 913-831-3888 or sbradley@alz.org

RMHC PULL A PLANE CHALLENGE — Jun. 10, 10:30am, American Flight Museum, Hangar 612, Forbes. Second annual ultimate tug-of-war competition for grown-ups benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities. Teams of 10 pullers compete to see who can pull an 80,000 pound vintage airplane 50 feet in the fastest time. Gates open at 10:30am, first team's pull at 11:5am.

Also car show, laser tag, bouncy house for kids, food vendors, live music, more, 785-235-6852 <http://www.rmhcneks.org/event/pull-a-plane-challenge/> mindee@rmhcneks.org

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL KS STATE RALLY — June 15, 6pm-10pm; & 16, 9am-10pm; & 17, 9am-4pm. Ramada Topeka Downtown Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6th. For info: 620-249-5878

13TH ANNUAL GALA - June 16, Great Overland Station. 785-232-5533

CAMPOUT WITH DAD — June 17 & 18, Topeka Zoo. For info: wguffey@topeka.org

MEETINGS & CLASSES

C5Alive "POWER" LUNCHEON — May 11, 11:30-1, NET Reach Center, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd. Featured Speaker: Barry Feaker.

- Cost: \$10 for C5 members & first-time guests who RSVP, \$12 at the door
- \$15 for non-members & repeat guests.

- Please RSVP to info@c5alive.org, so we know how much food is needed!

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

SAVE THE DATE: Jun. 8, 11:30-1, C5Alive "POWER" Luncheon, featuring Gabriel O'Shea, Executive Director of FORGE, an organization dedicated to economic development and geared to recruit, retain and train young talent for Topeka. He will speak about leadership development and opportunities in Topeka

TOPEKA WOMEN'S CONNECTION "Purse-N-ality" LUNCHEON — May 11, 11am, T&S Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. Prepaid luncheon reservations are \$14 and are due by May 5, by calling (785) 554-3617. No charge to attend the program only. Louise Simmons, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a Native Dutch Indonesian, will share her story of fleeing a war-troubled country and finally finding true freedom. Louise will also entertain with her guitar and songs. **FEATURE:** "Purse-N-ality" Bring a purse to get a purse! Bring a like new purse to play the fun and exciting game.

WOMEN'S DINNER CONNECTION "Girls Love to Shop" — May 13, 6:30-8pm, T&S Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. \$14 for lunch, no charge for program. Open to all women. RSVPs to Arlene, 233-0701 or Leidacloud@cox.net. Louise Simmons, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a Native Dutch Indonesian, will share her story of fleeing a war-troubled country and finally finding true freedom. Louise will also entertain with her guitar and songs. Cindy Hopper & Dan Brungardt work together on their businesses in Fairlawn Mall. Cindy will present what each business has to offer: Kitchen Gallery, Sweet! Baking & Candy making supplies, & Home at Last furniture store.

DADDY'S GIRLS EMPOWERMENT MEETINGS - Do you want MORE... Come Join us for our More Luncheons where Real Women get together: share, learn and grow to return to our homes, families workplace, churches & other places of influence restored and rejuvenated to pursue God's MORE...at Topeka Public Library, 12 noon, every 3rd Wednesday. Sponsored by Daddy's Girls Inc. Please to RSVP make lunch reservations: daddysgirlsin@gmail.com or 785-969-0491

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA MEETING - Join other concerned individuals to pray and unite in action for Shawnee County and our Nation. For info about monthly meetings: 785-260-5659 or go to ks.cwfa.org.

THE HEAT - Free fitness classes; learn and build healthy social & eating habits. Held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st St. Sun. - 4-5pm Yoga; Mon. - 12-12:45pm Zumba; 5:30-6:15pm Kickboxing; 6:15-7pm Pilates Fusion; Tue. - 12-12:45pm Yoga; 5:30-6:15pm Zumba; 6:15-7pm Cardio Interval; Wed. - 12-12:45pm Kickboxing; Thu. - 12-12:45pm Pilates; 5:30-6:15pm Cardio Interval - Low intensity; 6:15-7:00pm Cardio Interval - Moderate intensity; Fri. - 12-12:45pm Kickboxing; Sat. - 8-8:45am Kickboxing

TOPEKA TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB - 3rd Sun. of each month, 7pm. Papan's Landing Senior Center, 618 NW Paramore St. Family Memberships include children & grandchildren up to 18 yrs. A place to meet friends to discuss all aspects of Metal Detecting, club business, plus socializing & entertainment.

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

BOYS TRAIL LIFE & AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROUPS - Every Mon. 6pm, Cornerstone Comm. Ch., 7620 SW 21st. Faith-based scouting programs, age 5-18. Register at cornerstonetopeka.com. 478-2929.

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

FAMILY EXPERIENCE (FX) — Every Sun., 6:01pm, Fairlawn Church of Nazarene, 730 Fairlawn Rd. A time of high intensity, action packed, skit mania, worship music all centered around the word of God for 45 minutes. A free family worship event. For info: Emily Moore, 272-6322 or fxthelawn@gmail.com.

LADIES' SMALL GROUP — Every Sun., 6pm, Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N. Kansas Ave. Studying the book of Esther, using the DVD series "It's Tough Being

a Woman" by Beth Moore. All welcome. 286-0467.

THE FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH PROGRAM — Mon., 6:30pm or Sat., 8am, Topeka First Assembly, 500 SW 27th St. This program points members to God's strength & creates a compassionate support group that helps members stay accountable in a positive environment & delivers faith-based health & weight management instruction. To join or start a new group, contact Jan Norris, 972-0582 or norris.jan@sbcglobal.net or visit firstplace4health.com.

THE FORCE (Students Taking Action) — 1st Mon. & 3rd Tue., 6:30-8pm, Safe Streets, 2209 SW 29th St. Committed to being alcohol & drug free. Associate with like-minded peers, plan activities & get involved in the community. Youth 12-18 invited. 266-4606.

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

TIBA NETWORKING GROUP - 2nd Tues, 11:30a.m.-1 p.m. MUST RSVP: taradimick@gmail.com. Lunch is \$10. www.topekaticba.org

TOPEKA LINCOLN CLUB — 1st Tue. of month, 7pm, Topeka Public Library. Discussing our greatest President, Abraham Lincoln, and his times. The public is welcome. For info, contact Kirk Nystrom 235-6977.

OUR LADY OF THE FAITHFUL — Every 1st Tues., 6:30pm Mass followed by Dinner, Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. A Catholic group for those in their 20-30s. For info: Michelle Ann 580-3071 or ourladyofthefaithful@gmail.com. Facebook: "Our Lady of the Faithful."

SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB — Every Tue., 6:30am, Sunrise Optimist Complex, 720 NW 50th St. 246-1291.

MENNINGER BIBLE CLASSES - Tuesdays Noon -1pm. Amerus Room, YWCA, 225 West 12th. A new study group for Year One of Flo Menninger's course on Four Years through the Bible. Read and discuss Genesis through First Kings. Nominal charge for materials. For info call the YWCA at 233-1750 or Clara Gamache at 785-408-5433.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES Aerie 4319: First & Third Tue. 7pm; Auxiliary: Third & Fourth Tue. month 6pm, 2941 SE Fremont Street. The Fraternal Order of



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

INNOVATIVE NETWORKING GROUP OF TOPEKA - every other Wed. 11:20am - 12:30pm. www.INGTopeka.com - go to Event page to see times, locations & register

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

AWANA — Every Wed., 6-8pm, First Southern Baptist Church, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 272-0443.

AWANA — Every Wed., 6:30pm, Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N. Kansas Ave. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 286-0467.

AWANA — Every Wed., 6:30-8pm, Auburn Christian Church. Bible based program for children & youth ages 3-HS. For info: 256-2515.

MACHINE EMBROIDERY CLUB — 1st Wed., 9am-3pm,



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SAFE STREETS MEETING – 1st Wed., 11-45am, Golf Park Blvd, 2 blocks west of Adams. 266-4606.

STUDENT IMPACT – Every Wed., 6-8pm, First Southern Baptist, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Youth games, teaching, worship, small groups. For info: 272-0443.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE – Every Thurs. 7-9pm, First Southern Baptist, 1912 SW Gage Blvd. Worship for college students.

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

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

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL EDUCATION EVENTS - Blue Moose Bar & Grill, 11:30 AM on the third Thu & Fri each month. Free, but RSVP required. On Thu Brian discusses family wealth strategies. On Fri. Amy discusses wealth strategies that apply to women. 785-271-2536 Jennifer.Ward@wellsfargoadvisors.com

LIFE FEST – 1st Thurs., 10am-12:30pm, Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Celebrate Senior Life. For info: 273-2811.

OPERATION BACKPACK – 1st Thurs., 6pm, Lyman Learning Center, Lyman and N. Kansas Ave. Volunteers gather to assemble Weekend Snack Sacks for low-income students. Sponsored by Topeka North Outreach. For info: 286-1370.

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

KINGDOM ADVISORS TOPEKA AREA STUDY GROUP – 3rd Thu., 11:30am, Northland Christian Church, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. Christian financial professionals: financial planners, accountants, attorney's & insurance agents invited. For info: kingdomadvisors.org or Jim Hanna, james.c.hanna@ampf.com or 357-6278 x19.

TOPEKA (Downtown) OPTIMIST CLUB – Every Fri., noon, Top of the Tower. Serving the youth of Topeka. Anyone welcome. For info: 272-1099 or fostern60@yahoo.com.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) – Every Fri. 8:30 to 10:00 am at 3221 SW Burlingame Road. 800-932-8677. Support for your weight loss journey. tops.org

VIP LUNCHEON FOR SENIORS – Every Fri., Noon, North Topeka Baptist Church, 123 NW Gordon. FREE lunch with Christian fellowship, devotions & entertainment provided by Topeka North Outreach. Free blood pressure checks the last Friday of every month, and birthday celebrations the 4th Friday. For Info: 286-1370.

A GOOD YARN CLUB – 2nd & 4th Sat., 9-11am, Wanamaker Rd Baptist Church, 2700 SW Wanamaker. Doing Good for Others: Knitting & Crocheting for Local Charities, free yarn, needles, hooks & patterns. All are welcome. Info: Anne, 272-9249 or kittens812@att.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPPER ROOM COMMUNITY – second Sat., 10 am, Capitol Building

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

ABORTION RECOVERY SUPPORT – Providing services for women & men who suffer from Post-Abortion Syndrome... we can help mend a broken heart! For info: Kay Lyn at KLCarlson20@cox.net

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: 249-9509. All inquiries confidential.

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.

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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.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS/BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP – Meets 4th Mon. in Formation classroom at Most Pure Heart of Mary, 17th & Stone. Discussion starts 7pm; fellowship & refreshments 8:30. 272-4895

GRIEF SUPPORT – 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 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. For reservations or info: 785-271-6500.

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.ia.org.

NAMI TOPEKA – Every 2nd Tue., 6:45pm, lower level of Valeo, 330 SW Oakley. If door is locked, call 608-1317 to get in. 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.

KC TRAUMA AND PTSD SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tue. 10am and Thu. 6:30pm. Call Denise at 816-885-9530.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS: a 12 step program for those suffering with emotional instability such as depression, anxiety, grief, etc. Meets at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, weekly, Tuesdays, Noon-1:00. NVC. For more information contact Sharon at 785-633-7764

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP – First Tue. each month at St. Francis Health, 1700 SW 7th St, Meeting Room, 2nd floor, 6-7:30pm. Anyone with an ostomy may attend. The goal is to provide education and ongoing support for individuals with an ostomy. Contact Teresa Kellerman at 785-295-5555 for info.

GRANDPARENT/RELATIVE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – 3rd Tue., 6:30-8pm, 2nd floor meeting room, St. Francis Hosp, 1700 SW 7th. 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, Pozee Education Center of Stormont Vail Hospital, 1505 SW 8th St. Serving anyone who has lost a loved one by suicide.

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

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS – Every Wed, 7pm, St. Francis 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 – (For updates check www.divorcecare.org) locations and times:

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. (just East of 37th & Croco). Cost: \$10 registration (scholarships available). The video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery topics, combined with support group discussion of the materials. Complimentary child care children up to the fifth grade. Info: 266-7550 or walnutviewcc@att.net. Contact: Pastor Thornton.

WED. – 6:30pm, Northland Christian Church, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. No Cost. 286-1204, www.northland.cc

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 Univ. setting. A support group is also available during this time.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – 1st Thurs., 7pm, Saint Francis Hospital 2nd floor conf. room of the cancer unit. 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

COVENANT KEEPERS – 3rd Sat. Group for people who want to see their marriage saved when their spouse wants out. For info: 816-453-0884 or 816-966-0927.

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called right to abortion, but how they would pass scrutiny under a state right, a radically extreme state right, is very frightening."

Ostrowski concludes that everything is at stake, and she calls this the most important pro-life case ever argued in Kansas courts.

Push to revisit Roe v. Wade

Meanwhile, a proposal in Kansas is intended to convince the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

It's been a long journey, but Donna Lipholdt of Culture Shield Kansas says a proposed Personhood Amendment to the state constitution will finally get a committee hearing.

"We've been trying to get a hearing for seven years," Lipholdt says, "and we're going to be testifying as to the humanity of the unborn."

If the resolution is passed, Kansas voters will get to vote on the amendment and agree with what science says: that life begins at conception.

If passed, the Kansas amendment could set the stage for a legal challenge sending the issue back to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices said that if someone could prove the unborn baby is a person, abortion proponents would have a very hard time making a case.

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The Promise explores Armenian holocaust at hands of Turkish Muslims

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It's a city of fable, proudly perched where East meets West. It's had many names: Lygos and Byzantium, New Rome and Istanbul. But at the Dawn of World War I, it's still known as cosmopolitan Constantinople.

As the capital of the shrinking-but-still-significant Ottoman Empire, Constantinople is home to more than a million people—a bustling, vibrant mixture of Muslims, Jews and various stripes of Christians. Armenian Christians, the Empire's largest minority, are particularly notable.

While many of the country's two million Armenians live in poverty, Armenians who call Constantinople home are often prominent intellectuals and businessmen, doctors and priests. More than 160,000 Armenians live in Constantinople alone.

And the city's about to get one more.

Mikael Boghosian works as an apothecary in his small village of Siroun. He prescribes medicine and treats the ills of his friends and neighbors as best he can. But his village deserves more. Now, thanks to the dowry of his betrothed, Maral (and the generosity of her father), Mikael can afford to travel to Constantinople, study modern medicine and become the doctor his village so desperately needs.

"Normally, it takes three years to become a doctor," Mikael tells Maral. "But I am confident I can complete it in two."

"I will pray for you every day," she says.

Sure, Mikael doesn't love Maral. But he's confident that, with time, he will. Their marriage must wait until he becomes a full-fledged doctor anyway—plenty of time to let feelings sprout and bloom. And for now, he has work to do.

Mikael is swiftly swept up by the city's dizzying charms. He lives with his uncle, a rich, respected businessman. He meets and befriends Emre, the young, womanizing son of a local prince. And he makes the acquaintance of Ana, dance tutor to his uncle's two young daughters. She's young,



Christian Bale stars with Charlotte Le Bon.

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THE PROMISE

STARRING: Oscar Isaac, Charlotte Le Bon, Christian Bale, Daniel Giménez Cacho, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Marwan Kenzari, Angela Sarafyan, Tom Hollander.

DIRECTOR: Terry George

beautiful and—despite her Parisian accent—a "proud Armenian," like himself.

"You make me feel like I'm at home," she tells him with a smile. "Thank you very much."

Are these two Armenians attracted to each other? Perhaps. But Ana has a beau of her own—hard-driving, hard-drinking American journalist Chris Myers. And Mikael, of course, has his betrothed back home. He made a promise to her. To his village. And he's determined to keep it.

But as the clouds of war explode into full-throated storm, another set of circumstances could keep Mikael from keeping his promise. The tension between Muslim Turks and Christian Armenians grows more taut, more troublesome. Turks take to the streets, shouting. Subtle discrimination turns to outright abuse.

On April 24, 1915, the riots begin. Hundreds of prominent Armenian leaders—intellectuals, priests, businessmen—

are arrested, including Mikael's uncle. Mikael tries to free his benefactor, but he's knocked cold by a soldier's rifle. The next time we see him, he's in a labor camp, building railroad lines for the Ottomans.

The Armenians there are being worked to death.

And things will only get worse along with a lot of good and sacrifice amid terrible circumstances. But at times it can be difficult to see what the greater good might be.

Most of the Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire are Christian—fueling the Turks' antipathy toward them.

Before Mikael ever leaves for Constantinople, his father reminds him, "God has given you this mission. May He bless and protect you."

When the killing begins, Armenians praise God in spite of their sufferings. For example, when Mikael reunites with his parents, they admit that the Turks destroyed everything they owned. "Our business is gone," Mikael's father says. "We have nothing left." But Mikael's mother, Marta, chimes in with, "Praise God. At least we have you."

Priests and reverends try to save the Armenian people, risking their own lives. One runs a Christian refuge that cares for orphans—secretly ushering many out of the country.

Another leads a group of refugees through the mountains. But the challenge these men of faith face is daunting indeed.

In one of the movie's most poignant scenes, with refugees pinned in the mountains by Turkish troops, a woman turns to a reverend and says, "They say that the Turks will kill us all. It's not true, is it, reverend? God will protect us, yes?"

We hear prayers for protection, as well as prayers of thanksgiving. We see Christian weddings, funerals and elaborate church ceremonies.

The Promise is set against the backdrop of the Armenian Genocide, in which an estimated 1.5 million Armenians—most of them Christians—were systematically annihilated by the Ottoman Empire and its successor state, Turkey. And despite widespread acknowledgement of the atrocities, to this day Turkey insists that the genocide never took place.

Turkey's vehement denials may explain why it's taken more than a century for a film like this one to be made. Major studios steered clear of this one: "It's too hot [to touch]," producer Ralph Winter told Plugged In.

He added that the film's makers took extra security precautions throughout the production.

But The Promise was made. And the result is a sweeping movie experience, one that recalls 1960s-era films like Doctor Zhivago: It's an intimate story set in the context of a historical epic, bringing an almost unimaginable tragedy into a more human scale.

But while The Promise draws much-needed attention to an important historical moment, it also requires a few caveats.

This is a violent movie, no doubt. And while scenes of battle and turmoil aren't particularly bloody in themselves, the aftermath can be pretty troubling. Bodies, including those of women and children, are left to rot in the open air. People we care about die (or are presumed to die), sometimes in pretty terrible ways.

Moreover, the titular premise of The Promise—the tension Mikael feels between his duty to Maral and his romantic passion for Ana—comes with a rather unwelcome and, I think, unnecessary bed-

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room scene, filled with heavy breathing and bosom heaving. Artistically, the film can feel a bit stilted. Sweeping epics aren't made very often these days, and perhaps this film unintentionally illustrates just how difficult it can be to attempt them.

But those caveats aside, The Promise does accomplish something few mainstream films dare to do: It weaves faith into the story organically and takes it seriously.

Mind you, this is not a Christian film: No one has a come-to-Jesus moment, there are no altar calls. But it's obvious from the first frame to the last just how important faith is to the Armenians we meet—how their belief in, and commitment to, Jesus impacts every aspect of their lives. And even though they sometimes died for that faith, they clung to it anyway, praising God even as their sufferings and pain mounted.

The Promise's painful portrait of the Armenian genocide isn't an easy one to watch. But the story it tells is worth hearing.

—From Pluggedinonline.org

'Case for Christ' gets better

The new faith-based film about apologist Lee Strobel's conversion to Christianity has received acclaim from the popular movie-rating website Rotten Tomatoes.

"The Case for Christ" movie tells the real-life story of how the one-time atheist became a firm believer in Christ and has received a "fresh" rating from Rotten Tomatoes, Crosswalk reports.

Rotten Tomatoes, an online aggregator of movie and TV show reviews from professional critics, has given "The Case for Christ" a 77% rating on the "Tomatometer," making it a "fresh" movie. For a movie to be fresh on the Tomatometer, it has to receive a score of 60% and higher.

Based on this rating, "The Case for Christ" has surpassed secular movies such

as the live-adaptation of Emma Watson-helmed "Beauty and the Beast" (71% on the Tomatometer) and "The Fate of the Furious" (66%), which stars Dwayne Johnson and Vin Diesel, making it one of the best movies today.

"The Case for Christ" is "as good a faith-based film as has yet been made," The Aisle Seat's Mike McGranaghan said. "It's designed to appeal to Christian audiences ... But the movie is well-done enough to have mainstream appeal, too," he added.

"The Case for Christ," based on the book of the same title, follows the life of bestselling author Lee Strobel prior to his walk as a firm believer in Christ. The movie is set in 1980, when Strobel was working as a journalist for the Chicago Tribune.

As fans of the book will know, it was Strobel's wife, Leslie, who first embraced Christianity. Believing that she entered a cult, Strobel then conducted an investigation to disprove the Christian faith. Instead of discovering clues that will disprove it, however, he found proof of its authenticity and became a firm believer himself.

In an interview with the Daily Herald, Strobel said viewers of the film will get to learn two things.

"People will hear the evidence for Jesus returning from the dead, thus authenticating his claim to being the son of God," he told the news outlet. "Plus, they're going to hear the gospel."

"They're going to see someone moving out of skepticism into faith," he added.

Strobel said that while at first, he was



Mike Vogel plays former atheist-turned-apologist Lee Strobel in 'The Case for Christ.' (Facebook/The Case for Christ Movie)

embarrassed to have some "ugly aspects" of his life bared for all viewers to see, he knew the movie had to be honest. In the end, he feels "it really represents" his and

his wife's story very well.

"The Case for Christ" had risen to the number nine spot at press-time.

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Mandisa returns with Out Of The Dark

GRAMMY winner Mandisa's awaited fifth album, *Out Of The Dark* (Capitol CMG), will arrive on May 19, her first in four years. With one million+ records sold, Mandisa is back with a renewed passion for her music, after spending much of the past few years suffering from depression. She is emerging from the pit of depression with a willingness to be totally transparent and vulnerable about her journey. ABC's *Good Morning America* broadcast the exclusive first television interview and performance with Mandisa on April 26, her first in over three years.

"My hope is that people will be on this journey with me," explains Mandisa. "When I began, I was in a really dark place, but where I am today is so much better and so much lighter!"

The first single, "Unfinished," has released following Mandisa's No. 1 hits "Overcomer" and "Stronger." In the initial track, she sings, "Not scared to say it; I used to be the one; Preaching it to you; That you could overcome; I still believe it; But it ain't easy; Cause that world I painted; Where things just all work out; It started changing; And I started having doubts; And it got me so down."



Gotee Records' Hollyn making splash with LP debut 'One-Way Conversations'

Gotee Records' HOLLYN is on a roll as her debut full-length album is just over one month old. *One-Way Conversations* debuted on February 10th hitting No. 2 on the iTunes Pop Albums chart just under Lady Gaga and was in the Top 10 overall of iTunes. Since the release in March, Hollyn now has two singles in the Top 25 at Christian radio at different formats ("Can't Live Without" at CHR and "In Awe" at AC).

In addition to the radio love she's been receiving, Hollyn has also been recognized by the media with this new album. She graced her first CCM Magazine cover on the March 15 issue. And Sirius XM's YouTube 15 host Jenna Marbles included Hollyn's song, "All My Love," on her most recent playlist.

Hollyn just finished appearing with the 2017 TobyMac Hits Deep tour that ended in April. While on tour she has had appearances on *Good Day Dallas*, *TODAY* in Nashville and will be appeared on the *WGN Morning Show* in Chicago.

One-Way Conversations is the follow-up to her acclaimed debut self-titled EP that produced the No. 1 single "Alone (feat. TRU)". The release already touts a No. 1 radio single with the track "Love with Your Life."



"Poet of the Piano" Don Wyrzten to Perform at Topeka Bible Church

Topeka Bible Church will host a free concert for the public featuring pianist, composer and theologian Don Wyrzten. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 7, in the Mulvane Auditorium of the TBC campus, 1101 SW Mulvane St.

Known as the "Poet of the Piano," Wyrzten combines musicianship and theo-

logical studies to present "praise piano concerts" that mix old and new music with humor and insight. He tries to apply biblical themes to what's happening musically in today's culture.

Wyrzten lectures on church music, worship, and hymnology in many Christian colleges and seminaries. As a composer, he

is known for songs such as "Worthy Is The Lamb," "Finally Home," and "Love Was When." He has also conducted the London Symphony Orchestra in Handel's *Messiah* and his own arrangements of Christmas Carols.

For more information, call Topeka Bible Church at 785-234-5545.

Musician delves into journey with God in new album

by Phil Stacey

Kim Walker-Smith proclaims God's faithfulness and the power of his presence in her heartfelt solo debut, *On My Side*.

Life can be a tumultuous journey filled with unexpected twists and turns. We can travel from zero to heartbreak in the blink of an eye. But in the life of a believer, even in the darkest of times there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. And this is the story of Kim Walker-Smith.

In her album trailer, Kim testifies, "the past four years of my life have been a journey with God through incredible joy and overwhelming grief; birth and death, pain and betrayal, right alongside hope and resurrection." Through it all she chose to cling to her faith in Christ and his promise that he would never leave her or forsake her. Through it all, God proved himself time and again to be both a refuge and strength, and this collection of songs was born.

The sound of the album is comprised of pristine mixes and epic arrangements that feature lush pads, heavy synths, and beautiful pianos. The tracks leave plenty of space for what is undoubtedly one of the strongest female voices in the industry today.

On My Side opens with "Brave

Surrender," a song that challenges our tendency to carry the weight of the world on our own shoulders and reveals the joy found in releasing it to God. This is followed by "Glimpse," the cry of a believer who desires to see God in a fresh new way.

The third track is a standout congregational song called "Throne Room." It illustrates a vision of what happens in the spiritual realm when we approach the throne of God through worship. With lyrics that declare, "My heart can't contain the weight of your name and all I can say is holy, holy, holy are you," the song reflects the visions of heaven as described in Isaiah Chapter 6.

The next song, "I Know," is the testimony of one who has witnessed the greatness of God first-hand, anchored by a climatic bridge that features lyrics from the hymn, *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*. The fifth track, "Awaken Love" is a love song to Christ featuring passionate string arrangements. It invites the Lord to do his work uninterrupted by our own desires.

At this point in the album, a musical interlude leads us into the song, "Just One Touch," which reveals a desire for a deeper connection with God. The album's title track, "On My Side," is an acknowledgement of God's presence; that no matter what the situation may be, God is always

there for us.

The next song, "You Define Me" is a celebration of finding one's identity in Christ alone. It is followed by "Rise," which testifies to the victory that is found in total obedience. This is followed by "Undone," another standout. It is a passionate reflection of Christ's great sacrifice at the cross. This song also steps out of the box in its creativity and departure from formal song structure.

The final track on the album is another great congregational titled "Fresh Outpouring." In Kim's own words, "There's so much of God to discover, to learn and to know. And the way that he spoke one season may not be the way that he's speaking this season. And we want to stay so close and so connected to him so that we can be right there ready for whatever it is that he wants to do and speak and the new thing, the fresh thing that he's doing."

Overall, this album is very deep, very intimate, and would be best received by those who are accustomed to going beyond the surface during times of worship. It is a personal testimony and is executed by someone who clearly views herself more as a minister than an entertainer.

If you are searching for healing, a time of spiritual renewal, or just an intimate moment of worship, *On My Side* will bless you tremendously.



Bad reasons to avoid reading old books

by Wyatt Graham

It is a good rule, after reading a new book, never to allow yourself another new one until you have read an old one in between. If that is too much for you, you should at least read one old one to every three new ones—C. S. Lewis

In his introduction to *Athanasius' On The Incarnation*, C. S. Lewis engages in something of an apologetic for reading old books. Lewis felt reading old books was essential, even though the wisdom of reading old books is not always self-evident. But it is a good idea to read old books, and you should value reading them for they will benefit you in numerous ways.

There are a number of bad reasons to avoid reading old books, which you should never use as an excuse to avoid reading old works of literature. I list four of them here, quoting Lewis liberally to make the point.

spective. Such a standard can be acquired only from the old books"

3. Don't Avoid Old Books Because You Have It All Figured Out

"Every age has its own outlook," writes Lewis, "It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes. We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period. And that means the old books."

The medieval generation succumbed to Aristotelean thought to a high degree. Only when the reformation emphasis of going back to the sources, to the old books, occurred, did Europe begin to correct its generational mistakes. Old books correct new mistakes. Lewis knew that well.

4. Don't Avoid Old Books Because They Won't Feed You

Early Christian literature seems somewhat weird to us today. It often uses big doctrinal terms and speaks of a spiritual-



1. Don't Avoid Old Books Because You Won't Understand Them

"This is a strange idea abroad that in every subject the ancient books should be read only by professionals, and that the amateur should content himself with the modern books," writes Lewis. But that's certainly not the case: "The simplest student will be able to understand, if not all, yet a very great deal of what Plato said; but hardly anyone can understand some modern books on Platonism." First-hand knowledge of old books "is usually much easier and more delightful to acquire" than secondhand knowledge.

Lewis applies the principle to Christian works:

"This mistaken preference for the modern books and this shyness of the old ones is nowhere more rampant than in theology. Wherever you find a little study circle of Christian laity you can be almost certain that they are studying not St. Luke or St. Paul or St. Augustine or Thomas Aquinas or Hooker or Butler, but M. Berdyaev or M. Maritain or M. Niebuhr or Miss Sayers or even myself."

2. Don't Avoid Old Books Because You Won't Understand Contemporary Issues

Old books teach you how to understand new books. If you only read what's new or what's important at the moment, you may not have a good picture of things at all. A person needs a good "mere Christianity," "which puts the controversies of the moment in their proper per-

ity foreign to our mindset. Yet that is precisely why it will feed you spiritually. You need to get outside of life-situation, walk in someone else's shoes.

Lewis makes a similar point when he discusses books of devotion and books of doctrine: "For my own part, I tend to find the doctrinal books often more helpful in devotional than the devotional books, and I rather suspect that the same experience may await many others. I believe that many who find that 'nothing happens' when they sit down, or kneel down, to a book of devotion, would find that the heart sings unbidden while they are working their way through a tough bit of theology with a pipe in their teeth and a pencil in their hand."

Though Lewis speaks generally of doctrinal books here, it remains true that reading old doctrinal books will make your heart sing unbidden as you work through "a tough bit of theology."

Don't be afraid or make excuses when it comes to reading old books. They will open your mind's eye to things that you may never have imagined without reading them. Start with *Athanasius' On the Incarnation*. The worst case scenario is that you will learn more about how Christ became man. And that's not such a bad scenario at all.

—Wyatt Graham is the Executive Director of *The Gospel Coalition Canada*. He also blogs at www.wyattgraham.com.



Celebrate Women's Health Month by Caring for Yourself

By Judy Freedman

May is Women's Health Month, so if you haven't done anything to take care of yourself this month, then I ask you to take a moment to stop, breathe and be.

My yoga teacher N sometimes reminds us that "we are all human beings and that we should spend more time being instead of constantly doing."

Now that I am retired from my full-time corporate job, I am learning to adjust to a more flexible schedule—however, I still often feel like I need to be doing rather than being. Maybe it's because I spent 30-plus years doing—taking care of my kids, taking care of my spouse, taking care of my mom, taking care of my work, taking care of everyone ... everyone, everyone, everyone ... but myself.

Sound familiar? Most boomer girls are great caregivers to others but are not great caregivers to themselves.

During the past six years, after losing my spouse, selling my

house and emptying out my nest, I've tried to make an extra effort to take better care of myself. It hasn't been easy, but I've learned a thing or two along the way.

Now, as part of May Women's Health Month, I'm going to share some of my tips with you.

• **Do Your Daily Exercise:** Every morning I get on my stationary bicycle and pedal away. Now that I am not working, I pedal for 30 minutes. When I was working full-time, I used to pedal for 15 minutes each morning. It's a great time to catch up on my pile of magazines. Throughout the week, I sprinkle in other forms of exercise like yoga, weight lifting and walking. (During the week, as a special treat to soothe my sore muscles, I get a massage because my friend D is a great masseuse or I take a warm bath with Epsom salts and fragrant lavender oil.)

• **Eat Your Fruits and Vegetables:** I used to do public relations for V8 Vegetable Juice many years ago and ever since I always try to eat or drink my five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. A 100

percent fruit juice, smoothie or piece of fruit for breakfast, blueberries for lunch, salad and more vegetables for dinner. Ooh, ooh, ooh, I should also add my daily serving of dark chocolate covered raisins—raisins are a fruit, aren't they?

• **Take Time to Smell the Roses:** I went to the farmer's market to get a sweet potato for dinner. On my way to get the sweet potato I stopped in the flower gardens to see all the beautiful flowers. The colors of the flowers were magnificent, truly magnificent. In addition to my sweet potato, I bought a pot of pink flowers and put the pot in front of my house. Now the pretty flowers brighten my day every time I go outside. (Hopefully, I will remember to water my flowers throughout the summer so that they will not die and will continue to brighten my days all summer long.)

• **Talk to or Listen to Your Friends:** My friends help me celebrate my good times and help me manage my bad times. My friends provide fresh perspectives on car-



ing for my loved ones or thoughtful advice when it comes to making some of my big and little life decisions. Sometimes it's great to just talk to my friends and have them listen. Yes, I've learned that listening is not only a good leadership skill for business but a good friendship skill to develop and share with others.

• **Sleep More:** Ever since I had kids, I don't get enough sleep. And definitely as a caregiver during the past 30-plus years, sleep deprivation took its toll on my mind,

body and spirit. I've seen a sleep doctor, taken sleep medicines and remedies and some nights I just cannot fall asleep or stay asleep, thanks to my menopausal moments. During my life after 50, I'm determined to get more sleep. It's a top priority for me, and it should be for all boomer girls who want to age gracefully.

So, so, so ... what are you going to do to take care of yourself during this month and during your life after 50?

Source: boomerslifeafter50.com.

Aging Gracefully

(Ivanhoe Newswire) -- Age may just be a number, but when the numbers start adding up, so do the stereotypes. One geriatrician is on a mission to dispel the negative mindset that getting older means getting worse.

At 92 and 88, Roland and Lucienne Lee are so comfortable together; you'd think they'd be celebrating a 50 year anniversary.

But they've only been married for 10 years.

Roland told Ivanhoe; "We dated for about a year, didn't we?"

Lucienne responded, "We were married after a month!"

A month? Was it that fast? You work pretty fast," Roland replied.

"It was your idea. I wanted to live in sin; he wanted to get



married," Lucienne explained.

All kidding aside, both Ronald and Lucienne have a keen understanding about their advancing years.

Bill Thomas, MD, Geriatrician told Ivanhoe, "It's not about how fast you can run or how high you can jump. It's about how much you understand and how much you're able to give back to the world, that's aging."

Dr. Thomas was a geriatrician who now travels the country performing what he calls

"Non-fiction Theater." When it comes to aging, he focuses on three simple ideas.

The first: move well.

"People who move best in old age are the people who keep moving," Dr. Thomas explained.

Next, sleep well. Dr. Thomas said, "Older people can have greater sleep fragmentation, and are awake more during the night, its normal, no problem."

Last, but not least: eat well,



and he's not talking about counting carbs.

"It turns out that eating and sharing meals together is a really important part of our health.

If you only ever eat alone, you're missing something vital," he said.

Lucienne told Ivanhoe, "I hope that he goes before me, or both together. That would be the best way."

Roland replied, "Okay, I can do that."

Lucienne said, "Don't get any ideas and crash the car or any-

thing." And for heaven's sake, don't stop laughing, she added.

Thomas says people who focus their energy outward, on friends, family and new hobbies and experiences, tend to have the highest degree of happiness and well-being, compared to people who just think about themselves and their aches and pains.

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To qualify for spouse's benefits, you must be:

At least 62 years of age; or

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Your full spouse's benefit could be up to one-half the amount your spouse is entitled to receive at their full retirement age. If you choose to begin receiving spouse's benefits before you reach full retirement age, your benefit amount will be permanently reduced.

You will receive your full



spouse's benefit amount if you wait until you reach full retirement age to begin receiving benefits. You will also receive the full amount if you are caring for a child entitled to receive benefits on your spouse's record who is younger than age 16 or disabled.

If you do have enough credits to qualify for your own Social Security benefits and you apply for your own retirement benefits and for benefits as a spouse, we always pay your own benefits first. If your benefits as a spouse are higher than your own retirement benefits, you will get a combination of benefits equaling the higher spouse benefit.

Here is an example:

Mary Ann qualifies for a retirement benefit of \$250 and a spouse's benefit of \$400. At her full retirement age, she will receive her own \$250 retirement benefit, and we will add \$150 from her spouse's benefit, for a total of \$400.

Keep in mind that you may have options to increase your benefit amounts. For more information, see the FAQs on Claiming Changes, Deemed

Filing, and Voluntary Suspend.

If you are at least 62 years of age and you wish to apply for retirement or spouse's benefits, you can use our online retirement application to apply for one or both benefits.

If you are divorced: If you are divorced and your marriage lasted at least 10 years, you may be able to get benefits on your former spouse's record.

When can my spouse get Social Security benefits on my record?

Your spouse may be able to get

benefits if he or she is at least age 62 and you are getting, or are eligible for, retirement or disability benefits. We also will pay benefits to your spouse at any age if there is a child in his or her care. The child must be under age 16 or disabled before age 22, and entitled to benefits. Your spouse also can qualify for Medicare at age 65.

For more information, Contact your local Social Security office (www.socialsecurity.gov/locator). In Topeka, it is at 600 SW Commerce Pl., Topeka, KS 66615. The local office phone number is 1-888-327-1271.

Topeka Metro Announces Seniors Ride Free, other Promotions

Topeka Metro has a handful of promotions coming up that will benefit many Topekans.

The first promotion commemorates Older Americans Month in May. More than ever before, older Americans are working longer and engaging in their communities. Topeka Metro honors senior citizens with a "Seniors Ride FREE" promotion throughout the month of May, with free rides for those who are 65 and older. This promotion is for fixed routes only.

The second promotion is dedicated to public employees. Since 1985, Public

Service Recognition Week has been celebrated the first week of May, and organized annually to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. "Public Employees Ride FREE" the week of May 8 through 13, and a work ID must be shown to the bus driver when boarding the bus. This promotion is for fixed routes only.

Finally, the popular "Kids Ride FREE," campaign starts May 15th and lasts through August 15th. This is a great way for the youth in our community ages 18 and under to travel safely throughout

Topeka at no charge. Topeka Metro has partnered with family-friendly businesses in the city where youth can go to have fun this summer! See the full list at topekametro.org. This promotion is for fixed routes only.

For more information, visit topekametro.org, or call (785) 783-7000.

senior news/events briefs

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

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

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

LIFEFEEST - First Thu. of the month, 10am-12:30pm, Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St. Notice: Seniors ministering to seniors - celebrating with fellowship, fun, food, learning & entertainment. Potluck lunch at noon. If transportation is needed, call 354-4994 or 478-1729

SENIOR FIT & FUN PROGRAM - every Mon., Wed., & Fri., 1:30pm, Rolling Hills Christian Church, 4530 NW Hiawatha Place (US Hwy 75 & NW 46th St.) 785-286-0601 or office@rhcc.topeka.org

SHEPHERDS CENTER LINE DANCING GROUP - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2-4:00 at First United Methodist, 6th & Topeka. Park on the WEST side and use the WEST door. Immediately inside, turn left and walk the ramp to the library, then left to the elevator. Push [B] to go to the fellowship hall

SHEPHERDS CENTER HHHS WALKING GROUP - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 9:30-11 at HHHS, 21st & Belle. Parking & entrance for walkers is on the WEST side. Walking is done on an inside track. People who would like to walk a shelter dog must have completed an animal handling class that is given periodically at HHHS—for arrangements call Kelsey Scrinopskie, 233-7325.

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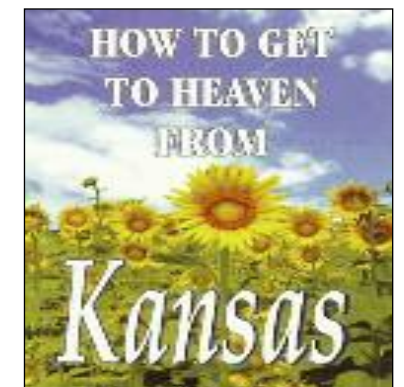
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1. Realize you are a sinner. Everyone starts the same place spiritually. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of god." (Rom. 3:23). Sin's penalty keeps you out of Heaven and condemns you to Hell, separating you from God. Romans 6:23 says, "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.

sports

Regional Homeschool team wins national championship



CHIEF, the National Christian Homeschool Championship Boys' Varsity Division 2C Team was recognized in the House of Representatives on April 4 with a Resolution of Recognition from Representative Ron Highland. Their outstanding record included four overtime victories, which led to their championship national victory in Springfield, Missouri. This regional team, CHIEF, Christian Homes in Education Fellowship, competes as a nonprofit organization. The players recognized are

Derek Bowman, Manhattan; Luke Casada, Manhattan; Luke McNellis, Manhattan; Nathan McNellis, Manhattan; Cody Mericle, Wamego; Josh Patterson, St George; Dylan Peters, Junction City; Noah Salts, Manhattan; Patrick Schrader, Paxico; and James Wilson, Manhattan. Also recognized are their coaches: Head Coach, John Peters; and Assistant Coaches DeQuaan Simmons, Sid Catterson, John McNellis, and Doug Mericle. The Athletic Director is Troy Bowman.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Rob Mooney

Are the Kansas City Royals really this bad? Right now, the Royals are 7-13, which isn't exactly horrible, but the way they've been losing is enough to drive you crazy. At the beginning of the season during a sweep by the Minnesota Twins, their pitching staff fell apart, or should I say, their bullpen fell apart.

Currently, their offense has struggled quite a bit. It always seems like one of the two are off a bit. The exception to that was the two years they went to the World Series. It seemed like both their offense and their pitching were good for most of the year during those runs.

What concerns me about the Royals is the fact that they have four of their core players becoming free agents at the end of the season. First baseman Eric Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakis, shortstop

Alcides Escobar and centerfielder Lorenzo Cain will all have many options at the end of the year. The question is, will they make it to end of the year without being traded?

If the Royals are out of playoff contention at the All-Star break, I expect them to trade at least one of these guys, if not two. Surprisingly, Cain might be the first to go. He is currently leading the team in batting average on base percentage and stolen bases.

We all know the type of defender he is so he will have some value on the trade market. It's just not certain that a team would trade for him if they couldn't sign him for long term. Cain doesn't seem to be the impact player that a contending team might be looking for.

Hosmer's situation is pretty interesting. Every Royals fan thinks that Hosmer is a great player when in reality he really isn't.



lowered our fees, total revenue would go up.

"I have worn the shoes of a lot of [golf course operators]. You get in that box, and you don't know how to get out. It's exciting when we can go in and help someone."

GreatLIFE's goal is to launch the new franchises in major markets. But finding the right partners is the key, Farrant said.

GreatLIFE began offering club memberships with low fees in 1992, starting at \$25 a month. After experimenting with various fee levels, Farrant realized he actually generated more money when the monthly fees were lower.

GreatLIFE started adding fitness centers at the courses in 2003, and that was a turning point, according

to Farrant. Memberships immediately increased dramatically and brought additional capital into the



company.

The average golfer in Kansas plays about 20 rounds a year and spends about \$400 annually in green fees, Farrant said.

When a member joins GreatLIFE,

He is currently hitting .195 with 1 homer and 5 RBIs. He's a pretty good hitter overall, even though he hasn't shown it this year, but last year he hit 25 home runs but he also struck out 132 times, second most on the team. When the Royals won the World Series, he led the team with 108 strikeouts. He also hits into a lot of double plays. I truly believe that he'll be wearing the pinstripes of the New York Yankees next year, if not before. He could be the first baseman the Yanks are looking for come trade deadline.

Moustakis will demand a fair price but I expect the Royals will keep him if they can only sign one of these guys. Remember when the Royals chose Mike Sweeney over Carlos Beltran? The same thing will happen here. I expect Moustakis to sign a long term deal with the team.

Escobar, not so much. If the Royals could afford to lose any of these four, it's Escobar. First off, he struggles at the plate a lot. He's there to play defense, which, he is very good at. However, Raul Mondesi Jr. is the shortstop of the future. Yeah, I know he was recently sent to Omaha, but he'll be back and when Escobar leaves, the job goes to Mondesi.

they can play all 63 clubs in the GreatLIFE portfolio. Members who pay the lowest monthly fee have limited access and must pay additional fees at some clubs. Monthly fees start as low as \$22.99/month and move upwards to \$500.00/month. But higher-priced memberships allow members full access with no additional fees.

One of GreatLIFE's more recent acquisitions in the Topeka area, Safari Golf at 21st and Indian Hills Road, offers a variety of activities for the entire family.

In addition to a driving range, batting cages and mini-golf, there is a new 9-hole FootGolf facility that uses renovated greens from an old 9-hole executive course for the footgolf holes. Safari Golf is open to the public, but GreatLIFE members enjoy a special discount.

GreatLIFE offers low-cost family fun opportunities



In addition to state-of-the-art fitness centers and indoor pools, GreatLIFE offers a lot of ways for families to enjoy the outdoors, including golf, foot golf, miniature golf, driving range, batting cages, swimming and more.

Rick Farrant, co-owner of GreatLIFE with his wife Linda, says their facilities are designed to get adults and kids out doing something together.

With several locations throughout the greater Topeka area, there is sure to be a GreatLIFE facility near you.

GreatLIFE has taken over various public and private golf and fitness facilities and introduced a low-cost-membership model that has taken the Midwest by storm. With monthly dues of various levels beginning at \$22.99, GreatLIFE memberships look a lot more like gym member-

ships than those of traditional private clubs.

This model has proven to be very popular, allowing him to expand at a breakneck pace, adding a dozen golf courses in 2016 alone, most in the Kansas City region. This brings the total to 63 GreatLIFE facilities.

And GreatLIFE is just getting started. Farrant recently unveiled a franchise model that could help GreatLIFE grow even faster.

"There are lots of opportunities out there for everybody," Farrant said in an interview for Golf, Inc. magazine. "We are all competing with keeping golf viable. We have 20 years of throwing darts at a board and figuring out which ones missed and which ones didn't."

"We built forecast models based on our performance from '92 to '99, and every time it showed that if we

TOURNEYS AND TIDBITS

36TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC - May 15, Lake Quivira Country Club, 100 Crescent Blvd, Lake Quivira. 10am: Private golf clinic with PGA pro Tom Aikmus; 11am: Lunch & Registration; Noon: Shotgun Start. Celebration & Dinner immediately following play (Sponsors, spouses & guests invited). Benefitting Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. 913.433.2046. catholiccharitiesks.org/special-events/golf-classic/registration

GOLF TOURNAMENT - May 19, 11:30am Reg. & lunch, 12:30 shotgun, Shawnee Country Club (Great Life Golf Course. Fellowship Bible Church is hosting. \$75 per person or \$300 per 4-person team (includes lunch, cart and 18 holes of golf). Click on events at fbctopeka.com

RMHC Charity Golf Classic - May 22, 8:30am shotgun, Lake Shawnee Golf Course. 4-person scramble; \$440 per team and includes cart, green fees, mulligans, long-drive hole, food (after golf), goody bags, prizes & silent auction. Deadline is May 1. 785-235-6852 mindee@rmhcnks.org

15TH ANNUAL ROD ROGERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY - Jun. 2. Dub's Dread Golf Course, KC, KS. 1pm shotgun. \$500 per team includes lunch, range balls, refreshments on almost every hole, and Famous Dave's dinner. Lots of fun and prizes! Benefitting KU Cancer Center & Cancer Action. For info: 913-461-8527 or gagakc@sbcglobal.net

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— **Arnold Palmer**





"Best tournament of the year" Benefits Search for Pancreatic Cancer Cure

Spring is here, summer's near, and it's that time of year – time to gear up for the 15th Annual Rod Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament benefitting KU Cancer Center, Cancer Action and Pancreatic Cancer Research. The tourney will be held once again at Dub's Dread Golf Course, 12601 Hollingsworth Rd., Kansas City, Kansas, on June 2nd.

"We're excited to host the tournament once again at Dub's Dread," said Marylyn Rogers Owens, tournament organizer. "We do this not only to honor Rod's memory, but more importantly to bring attention to this deadly disease and raise much needed funds to fight it. We hope to one day be able to offer a cure or at least diagnostic testing to give patients a fighting chance."

Rodney Max Rogers, a business man and life-time resident of Wyandotte County, was diagnosed at age 62 with pancreatic cancer, the deadliest, most painful, untreatable form of cancer...and the least funded. He succumbed to it 7 months later, which is more time than most people with this horrific disease get.

"We are honored once again to have some of the drs/researchers from KU Cancer Center participate and share the latest news of the progress they are making in their fight against pancreatic cancer," Owens said. "We would like to thank our sponsor, Midwest Distributors, Inc. for their continued support and KC Cause, a local non-profit fund raising organization for making this tournament possible."



The tournament continues to grow stronger, and has been labeled by many as the "Best Tournament of the Year," so it's best to get your reservations in early. Midwest Distributors is the sponsor for the tournament, which features plenty of refreshments on almost every hole, contests, prizes, a large silent auction and fun. Lunch will be served before the tourney on the patio, fresh off the grill, and the dinner served after is by Famous Dave's! "Grammy's" famous Frito Pies will once again be served at the turn. Plenty of range balls are available at the driving range prior to the tournament.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1pm. Registration and lunch is 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If you would like to be involved, or donate an item for the auction, contact Marylyn Rogers Owens at (913) 461-8527 or gagakc@sbcglobal.net. Registration for the tourney is at www.rogersgolftournament.com.

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Five Kansas Counties Go “Sanctuary,” None in Missouri

In response to a pair of executive orders from the Trump administration, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has made available for public release the non-Federal jurisdictions that have gone at least de facto “sanctuary.” This means they release illegal aliens from their custody, “notwithstanding that such aliens are subject to a detainer or similar request for custody

issued by ICE to that jurisdiction.”

Although most of the counties that are “non-cooperative” are exactly where you would expect to find them – California, Oregon, New York, New Jersey – no “red” state, with the exception of the newly and barely red Pennsylvania, has as many non-cooperating counties as Kansas. Missouri, for instance, has no such



counties listed. Not even Texas or Florida can match Kansas.

ICE cautions that its list is culled from a variety of public sources and may not be comprehensive. That said, Kansas has at least five such counties. They are listed below along with the date the non-cooperative policy was enacted:

Sedgwick County, Kansas, June 2014 – “Will not honor ICE detainer without a court order or warrant.”

Shawnee County, Kansas, June 2014 – “Will not honor detainers without additional probable cause.”

Butler County, Kansas, June 2014 – “Will not honor ICE detainer without a court order or warrant.”

Finney County, Kansas, June 2014 – “Will not honor ICE detainer without a court order or warrant.”

Harvey County, Kansas, June 2014 – “Will not honor ICE detainer without a court order or warrant.”

Sedgwick is Wichita’s County. Butler and Harvey Counties border Sedgwick. Garden City is the largest city in Finney county in southwest Kansas. And, most problematically, Shawnee is home to the state capital, Topeka.

All five of these counties went red in the 2016 election, some by wide margins. One has to wonder whether the citizens of these counties know what their public officials are up to.

Since the list was publicly reported, Finney County has protested its inclusion on the list and Sedgwick County claims it has begun to cooperate.

Kobach Announces Another Voting Fraud Conviction

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach has announced the securing of a guilty plea in the voter fraud case of Victor David Garcia Bebek. This is Secretary Kobach’s eighth conviction that he has obtained since gaining the authority to prosecute voter fraud in July 2015, and the first for the crime of a non-citizen voting.

As a non-citizen, Mr. Bebek voted on three separate occasions, including a 2012 special election, the 2012 general election, and the 2014 general election. On April 7, 2017, Mr. Bebek plead guilty to three counts of voting without being qualified, a class A misdemeanor. Under the plea agreement Mr. Bebek was placed on unsupervised probation for a period of up to three years and must pay a \$5,000

fine. Probation will terminate upon payment of the fine. The case was brought in Sedgwick County District Court.

Secretary Kobach was first elected in 2010 on a platform of securing the integrity of elections. In 2011, he introduced, and the Kansas legislature adopted, the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act, which requires proof of citizenship at the time of registration and photo identification at the time of voting.

Secretary Kobach stated: “The problem of non-citizens voting is a serious one, both in Kansas and nationally. Every time a non-citizen votes, it cancels out the vote of a United States citizen.”

Secretary Kobach has secured \$29,000 in fines so far for election related crimes.

by 50 cents per pack and increased the sales tax rate from 6.15 percent to 6.5 percent. The two tax increase proposals added up to \$384 million in new state revenue and were bolstered by \$50 million in spending cuts, although there was still a net increase in spending.”

Our legislature failed the people of Kansas: “The first lesson to glean from the Kansas experience is that politics affects policy. The final reforms that passed in 2012 were not the reforms that anybody wanted. Specific tax reform ideas are easily diluted and changed, and without the political will to fix imperfect reforms, unintended consequences can be difficult to avoid.”

Then, politicians should be so boastful. Don’t overpromise. (Ask Barack Obama about that. He said if we don’t pass the ARRA stimulus bill, the unemployment rate would rise above a certain level. Well, the stimulus passed, the unemployment rate went above that level, and it was several years before it fell below. In other words, unemployment was worse with the stimulus than Obama said it would be without the stimulus.) “The second important lesson that can be learned from the Kansas experience is economic growth resulting from bold tax reductions takes time. Governor Brownback’s previous comments about the Kansas tax reforms being ‘a shot of adrenaline’ to the state’s economy continued to hound him throughout the ups and downs of revenue and economic reports. Setting expectations too high or too early can make pushing forward with future reforms nearly impossible, while setting unrealistic expectations can lead to the unwinding of sound economic reforms.”

Finally: “Even though the tax reductions improved economic growth, the lack of commensurate spending reductions led to trouble for the state’s budget. Budget shortfalls and tough negotiations about possible tax increases mean uncertainty for businesses and families, which can hamper some of the positive economic effects of decreasing taxes.”

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the failure to rein in state spending that would ultimately lead to revenue problems for Kansas down the road.”

Credit downgrades are a sign of a mismatch between revenues and expenses. Those who want more spending say the downgrades are caused by a lack of revenue, but we could have cured the mismatch by reforming spending, too: “Contrary to this popularly reported narrative, Moody’s cited much more than just recent tax cuts as the rationale for a downgrade, specifically failure to reduce spending to offset tax cuts, pension liabilities and state debt.

The purpose of tax cuts? Let us keep more resources in the productive private sector: “It is certainly true that in the years following the tax reductions, Kansas did experience lower revenue collections, even lower than what had been projected. But, part of the goal of the Kansas tax reform was to reduce the amount of money taken in by state government and enhance the resources available to the private sector. Importantly, however, was the resistance to any meaningful spending reductions. Even as the 2012 tax reductions were projected to let Kansans keep \$4.5 billion more of their own money, the state increased spending in 2012 by \$432 million.”

Would more taxes help the Kansas economy? “In a late 2012 literature review on this topic, William McBride, former Chief Economist for the Tax Foundation, found that of 26 peer-reviewed academic studies since 1983, only three fail to find a negative effect on economic growth from taxes.”

The 2015 legislative session: “A block of legislators held out for reductions in the cost of government rather than tax increases but they were unable to get a majority. ... The final plan that passed both houses and was signed by Governor Brownback included two main tax increases. The state raised the cigarette tax

EasterFest Draws Big Crowds

Over 3000 people attended the fourth annual EasterFest - the Topeka Easter Parade & Family Fun Fair - which was held this year on April 15 in North Topeka, with the parade taking place on North Kansas Avenue, and the fun fair in Garfield Park.

The parade moved through NOTO and north to Garfield Park. Many of the floats had a definite Easter flavor, featuring crosses, empty tombs and Biblical characters, fulfilling the purpose of reminding observers of the true meaning of the holiday. Others featured more of a fun-loving, lighthearted theme, including classic cars, big trucks and other types of motorized and walking entries.

Live performers were on hand all day performing both inside and outside.

The event is coordinated each year by C5Alive. For more information, email info@C5Alive.org or visit www.C5Alive.org, TopekaEasterParade.com or on Facebook: Topeka Easter Parade and Family Fun Fair.



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Chalk Walk is back

You know you love sidewalk chalk – We all do, don't we? NOTO is getting out the sidewalk chalk and we're going to attempt to cover each square of concrete sidewalk within two blocks with art and try to beat some kind of crazy chalk walk side record. Our longest record we covered a record of 4339 feet this time we aim to cover even more. Plus it will be buckets of fun for all the kids, big and small, young and young at heart.

We are providing a box of chalk in front of each building for community use. You're welcome to bring your own chalks as well. We are also taking chalk donations for this event.

We're inviting special guest artists to be featured on designated areas. If you would like to be a featured artist please contact us and let us know, we'll reserve a featured space.

Remember, the goal is to cover the most distance possible in one day with chalk art from the community.

It's a free and fun event for the entire family. Feel free bring your favorite chalks and your cameras.

More N. Topeka Happenings

May First Friday is also Cinco de Mayo! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Justicia Inc. on First Friday in the NOTO Arts District at 814 N Kansas Ave. Entertainment to include:
 Ballet Folklorico de Topeka
 Mariachi Habanero



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Vintage Vibe, 833 N Kansas Avenue, will feature vintage wedding dresses and more!

ESU SATO will be at Creations of Hope Gallery, 909 N. Kansas Ave. Students from the Art Therapy program at Emporia State will present an interactive art activity during the First Fridays art walk in Celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month.

It's all part of First Friday, which is quite the celebration in North Topeka these days, bringing people to the area in record numbers. Besides the Art Walk in NOTO, other North Topeka businesses have begun joining in and coordinating complementary events. Many are making plans to make 2017 better than ever in NOTO and the entire North Topeka area.

Entertainment can also be found on First Fridays, at various venues during the artwalk up and down the Avenue.

The restaurants, locally owned shops, art galleries and studios have also become favorite art walk destinations.

Here are a few more scheduled events in the North Topeka area:

SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB – Meets every Tue., 6:30am, Sunrise Optimist Complex, 720 NW 50th St. For info: Gary, 246-1291.

SENIOR FIT & FUN PROGRAM - every Mon., Wed., & Fri., 1:30pm, Rolling Hills Christian Church, 4530 NW Hiawatha Place 785-286-0601

MOTHER TERESA'S FARMERS MARKET - Saturdays 8:30-11:30am, Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church 2014 NW 46th St.

COTTAGES OF TOPEKA ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES – May 5-7, 8-11am. 620 NW Lyman Rd

VETERAN'S TRIBUTE - May 29, 12:30pm to 3pm, Great Overland Station, 701 N Kansas. On Memorial Day the Topeka Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars and Topeka's Grace Hospice, in conjunction with other organizations, hosts the annual Veterans Lunch and Topeka Area Massing of Colors ceremony to promote patriotism, citizenship and honor our Nation's Veterans. The lunch, free to Veterans, begins at 12:30 and the Massing of Colors Ceremony is conducted, beginning, at 2pm. Sante Fe Band will perform. For info: 228-0400

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