



Don't miss these special editions of Metro Voice!

Fall will feature Christian retreat planning, adoption and foster care guides, grandparenting and more!

By **Anita Widaman** | Publisher

This summer our oldest daughter Hannah was married. Dwight and I were thrilled to officially increase the size of our family with our new son-in-law, Mason. It made us think about the changing roles of parents and the seasons of life for us in the future. Many of our friends are already in the “grandparent stage” stage. In September Metro Voice will feature our first Grandparenting Guide. Filled with encouraging articles and testimonies and useful info we hope it will be a great resource for readers.

September will feature our annual Fall Retreat Planning Guide. It's a great tool for churches and individuals.

In October and November, we'll once again turn our focus to adoption and foster care. These editions are sponsored by area ministries and organizations and highlight the great work they are doing to make sure every precious child has a forever home as they grow up.

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Small Church

BIG IMPACT

By **Jeff Brumley**

It isn't easy being a small church, as their pastors and members know all too well.

They are usually under resourced — fewer members often means fewer dollars, fewer teachers and lay leaders, fewer books, workshops and experts focused to overcoming their challenges.

Congregations of less than 250 members — which includes 80 to 85 percent of American churches — are often over-

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Often overlooked, their importance in the Kingdom is undeniable



KANSAS CITY RANKS WHERE?



Top 10 Bible-minded cities in the U.S. for 2017 revealed

By **World News Service**

How do Americans from each region interact with the Bible? A study by Barna Group explores the faith profile of 131 cities located in the 100 largest media markets to identify the top 10 most Bible-minded cities as well as the least Bible-minded cities in 2017.

Barna's annual Bible-Minded Cities report, in partnership with American Bible Society, is based on interviews with 76,505 adults over a 10-year period. And it found that Chattanooga, Tenn. is the most Bible-minded city in America, for the second year in a row.

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Time for GRANDPARENT Power!

Sept. 23 conference highlights our times as defining moment

By **Ken R. Canfield, PhD**

How important is it for us to awaken our grandparent power and become the generational leaders God desires us to be? I believe it's one of the most important tasks you will ever undertake. Let me illustrate:

Imagine you're driving on a long journey, but at the moment you're sitting at a rest stop and taking inventory of what remains until you reach home. There's a good deal of travel ahead, and no apparent problems, but as the driver you feel the

weight of responsibility to deliver your passengers, which happen to be your grandchildren, to their home safe and sound.

Back on the road, those precious passengers fall asleep and you're very much aware that you are playing a critical role.

You must drive this vehicle safely, and you're doing so with extra alertness and care. Crossing the center line could be devastating. Failing to signal or check your rearview mirror

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This conference will move your heart, give you vision, and provide fresh ideas to help you shine as a grandparent.

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Ken Canfield is a nationally known leader and scholar who has committed his life to strengthening fathers, families and grandparents. He has founded several organizations, notably the National Center for Fathering, the International Family Center and most recently the National Association for Grandparenting (grandsmatter.org). He and his wife Dee have five children and ten grandchildren.



Judd Swihart is a member of the Advisory Board for the National Association for Grandparenting. He and his wife Nancy have individually authored or co-authored six books on family relationships and they have 11 grandchildren. Judd has also conducted research on the grandparent-grandchild relationship for his Ph.D. dissertation.

Also, **Dr. Michael Parker, University of Alabama**

A Few of Our Presenters (among many more)



Ray Poteet is the founder of Living Wealth and a pioneer in helping families and small businesses recapture control of their finances through a process called Infinite Banking. He is a father to three, a grandfather to nine and a great grandfather to two.



Tom Eddy was a school administrator for 27 years and is currently a school counselor. He and his wife Marty live in Overland Park, Kansas, and are proud parents of four married children and grandparents of 13 grandchildren.



Rev. Roberto Moreno is ordained in the Nazarene Church in America and has planted, organized and led Hispanic congregations. Rev. Moreno's primary gifts are teaching, preaching, discipleship, and counseling. He is well known in the Kansas City Hispanic community, having hosted a weekly one-hour radio program targeting church leaders on Spanish radio.



Betty Rae Wallace is a gifted communicator and grandmother who understands long-distance grandparenting. She is a retired school teacher and grandmother to 17.

Boxed lunches may be purchased for \$8 each, or you may bring your own. Please specify when registering.

For more information and to register, visit www.heartofgrandparentingconference.com. You may also register by calling (913) 710.1714. Please register by September 15, 2017.

For specific questions, you may email Tom Eddy at teddy@grandsmatter.org



Conference hopes to unleash life-changing power of nation's grandparents

■ GRANDPARENTS

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could leave you vulnerable to other dangers. You begin to pray and meditate on the blessings of being a grandparent—but not to the point of losing your focus on the road. Being focused and watchful is essential, and your accumulated experience as a driver will serve you well in case rain starts to fall or nighttime approaches.

That's how we should view grandparenting: it's a huge blessing but a much greater responsibility and trust!

Regardless of what your current grandparenting situation may be, getting in tune with your role as a grandmother or grandfather has enormous implications for those invaluable gifts in your back seat, whom God has given you to steward. If you're like me, little did you think that, long ago when you became a parent, there would be a time where you would become a grandparent or even a great-grandparent. But now it's that time, so please don't underestimate your role, be lukewarm in your commitment, or God forbid, take your eyes off the road ahead.

It's time to get tuned in to your grandparenting role and its power. Prepare yourself for a surge of resurrected power to be awakened inside you. This surge will give you fresh resolve to faithfully strengthen your family. It's ludicrous to believe that some of your best years in life—the grandparenting era—have been extended to you without purpose. It's wisdom to believe that your life experience can be a guiding light for your grandchildren in a world of darkness.

Too often, the billboards of American individualism have tempted us to take our eyes off the road. The billboard slogans might say "It's my time now," or, "I've earned the right to do what I want to do." These messages promote independence, isolation and self-indulgence during a time when we should be much more passionate about investing in our grandchildren through our prayers, giving our time, and modeling what being a godly person truly means.

As mature members of our family system, forgiven and empowered by Christ living within us, we must be tenacious and persistent as we bless, teach and love our grandchildren—and their parents. We are key leaders, role models, and family reconcilers. Failing in these roles means that we leave our grandchildren at greater risk to struggle; it means we haven't completely fulfilled our commission to take them to their destination safe and sound. Again, mediocrity, inattentiveness and lack of focus are enemies to our grandparenting role.

Therefore, we must band together. That's the essence of The Heart of Grandparenting Conference coming to the Kansas City area on Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Our first conference in the Kansas City region will be hosted by College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas at 2020 E. Sheridan Street. You are invited to this one-of-a-kind event along with other grandparents who want to make a difference.



“As mature members of our family system, forgiven and empowered by Christ living within us, we must be tenacious and persistent as we bless, teach and love our grandchildren...”

Consider this: What if grandparents took bold steps to pray regularly for each of our grandchildren, by name? What if we grandparents bestowed insightful, prophetic blessings on our grandchildren? What if grandparents became beacons of light and hope to our children and grandchildren, and through humility and grace, sought to reconcile any misunderstandings or failures? What if

this incredible love and influence of grandparents began to flow into the spiritual household, the Church, where there are orphans, fatherless and single parents need encouragement and mentoring? What if ...?

Grandparents, please join us! You will be encouraged and blessed. I truly believe a grandparenting movement is beginning to dawn, and our role is indispen-

sable. Take this as a guarantee that your investment of a day to be strengthened and challenged in your grandparenting is one of the best gifts you can give to your family.”

—Ken Canfield is founder of the National Association for Grandparenting & grandsmatter.org. He also founded the National Center for Fathering. As a national conference speaker, radio and TV personality, he is the author of multiple books on fathering and grandparenting. He and his wife, Dee, have five children and 11 grandchildren.

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Fatherlessness Shows Up in Children's DNA

New research published in the journal "Pediatrics" shows how the loss of a father significantly affects children — at the level of their DNA.

Kids who were raised without a dad have much shorter telomeres, the protective caps at the ends of chromosomes that are believed to affect health and longevity, than kids with fathers in the home. The research was done among the approximately 5,000 children who were born between 1998 and 2000 and who are part of the federally-funded Study.

For those children whose fathers either died or were incarcerated before they were 5 years old, the effects on their telomeres were most pronounced. Father loss negatively impacted the telomeres of boys 40 percent more than it did on the telomeres of girls.

The study "underscores the important role of fathers in the care and development of children and supplements evidence of the strong negative effects of parental incarceration," the researchers said.

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Do-It-Yourself Back to School Pictures!

Many people are doing first day of school and last day of school pictures with their kiddos. Some tips: Have them hold a small chalkboard sign or print off a sign on your computer for them to hold that says "First Day of Kindergarten 2017-18 school year!" or something of the like. Make sure you shoot in the shade, but the best shade is 3 feet behind the sunlight or light source. For more tips schedule a class session or private lesson, or have us take pictures for you!

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American Embassy will be moved to Jerusalem

In 1995, Congress passed a law that mandated moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem but ever since, presidents have delayed the move.

Vice President Mike Pence has stated that President Donald Trump will eventually move the United States embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a symbolic gesture meant to convey that Jerusalem is Israel's capital.

Speaking at the Christians United For Israel Summit in Washington, D.C., Pence assured attendees that President

Trump would move the embassy soon.

"I promise you that the day will come when President Donald Trump moves the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It is not a question of if, it is only when," stated Pence, as reported by Jewish News Service.



PENCE

"Standing in Jerusalem, in that ancient and holy city, our president declared for all the world

to hear that under [Trump's] leadership, the United States of America 'will always stand with Israel.'"

Pence's remarks were part of CUFI's two-day summit event. In a statement released in advance of the Summit, CUFI described the event as "the premier pro-Israel event of the year," imploring supporters to "join us in our nation's capital to stand with Israel and the Jewish people."

"In just two days, you will receive a master level knowledge of the most up-to-date state of affairs in Israel and the Middle East from some of the most compelling experts in the field," stated



CUFI.

"We have no doubt that together we can take a stand that will make Israel stronger and her people safer for years to come."

In addition to Pence, other notable speakers for this year's Summit included former U.S. Ambassador John Bolton, Cornerstone Church Senior Pastor John Hagee, Congressman Trent Franks of

Arizona, Senator John Cornyn of Texas, and via satellite, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, among others.

Pence's remarks before CUFI come over a month after Trump signed a waiver delaying the movement of the embassy to Jerusalem,

The move was seen to give the administration more time to prepare for the eventual announcement.

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Facebook ramps up blocking of Christian pages

Social media giant Facebook has blocked nearly two dozen Roman Catholic pages, some with millions of followers, and has refused to provide an explanation for its actions.

The Catholic News Agency reported that 21 of the Catholic pages known to be blocked are based in Brazil, though there were also four English-language pages.

The "Jesus and Mary" page, for instance, has over 1.7 million followers.

Godwin Delali Adadzie of Ghana said Monday that he received a Facebook notification asking him to upload a photo of himself because his personal account had been "suspected of suspicious activities."

His "Jesus and Mary" page had been disabled, and despite reviewing Face-

book's guidelines, he could not see what he had done to violate any rules.

Adadzie told ChurchPOP, "This page is the joy of my apologetics ministry online. It is like the digital heartbeat of my ministry."



The Facebook account for "Catholic and Proud," which has six million followers, has also been blocked without an explanation being provided to the page's administrator.

Facebook hasn't responded to the news story, but Fox News contributor Todd Starnes has demanded an explanation.

"Let's hope people of faith stand alongside the Catholics as they try to persuade Mark Zuckerberg to reinstate their pages, because one day Facebook might shut down the Baptist pages or

the Lutheran pages."

Several other Christian pages have also been suspended by Facebook, frequently because they espouse biblical beliefs on LGBT issues.

Zuckerberg, who is Facebook's founder, met in 2016 with conservative leaders in the United States to assure them of the social media giant's neutrality, following suspicions that conservative news feeds were being censored.

Conservatives have claimed that Facebook's censorship continues, however. Elizabeth Johnston, an Ohio homeschooling mother of 10 who runs the popular conservative blog "The Activist Mommy," stated in February that her account was suspended over posts on what the Bible says about homosexuality and sin, before later being reactivated.

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2016 Back to School Guide

A daycare right for your child

by **Stephanie Boothe**

As parents, daycare is one of the most important decisions we face – whether our children are infants or pre-schoolers. Who could possibly love our children enough while Mommy and Daddy are at work?

Daycare, rather pre-school, was something my husband and I knew was inevitable for our daughter (now 7). We hesitated in searching part time daycares because we loved having Grandma watch our daughter. It was something we never actively pursued or discussed. But then the unexpected happened, and we were

forced to find full-time care for a sweet little girl, immediately.

Our little four-year-old's whole world was completely rocked and we had to find a way to tell her she now had to spend her days with strangers. And what's worse, we had just mere days to find a center that 1) had an opening and 2) wouldn't break the bank completely.



We got incredibly lucky in that the center closest to my work was both affordable and had an opening in their 3 and 4 year old class. It was one of the best decisions we've made – one that we came into purely by chance.

Beyond teaching, and caring for our daughter, daycare also provided her some much-needed socialization, an element Rainbow Kingdom director Teresa Vaughan said is key.

"Children get the opportunity to socialize, learn how to get along with others, use manners, learn rules/expectations that maybe different than home and to make new friends," Vaughan said.

While we had great references for our daycare, we didn't have much time to make a more informed decision. We just happened to get really lucky (I also firmly believe it was evidence of the hand of God in our lives). So here are some factors for parents to consider when choosing a daycare.

Availability – many daycares have waiting lists. Generally speaking, a parent cannot call a daycare on a Wednesday and have their child start four days later. There

■ See **DAYCARE** page 8

Back-to-school survival guide for moms

by **Sara Horn**

While most moms look forward to sending their kids back to school, we don't always enjoy the return of a full schedule and a full plate.

It's easy for stress levels to rise—getting the kids into new routines, helping with homework, driving to after-school lessons and practices, as well as keeping up with church activities.

But take heart! There are ways to make time for you during these busy back-to-school days.

1. Enjoy the quiet

Whether you're an early morning riser or you prefer a later bedtime, making time each day for yourself while the kids are in bed can give you the spiritual recharge you need. Keep the television or radio off and pull out your Bible or an inspiring devotional or book and spend a few minutes reconnecting with God. Ask yourself this question: How can I embrace today?

2. Mix fitness with friends

Drop off the kids at school or put them on the school bus and meet a friend for a quick 30-minute walk or an aerobics class at your local community center.



3. Use the car line effectively

If you pick up your child from school, consider arriving 45 minutes to an hour early to park and use that time to relax and refocus. I know many moms who will keep a book or favorite magazine to read during this time or catch up on phone calls with friends. You can also use these spare minutes to work on a Bible study.

4. Speaking of Bible studies

Many churches launch their new Bible study classes in the fall. If your church does not offer these types of classes, then look at other churches in your community that do and consider signing up for one. Quite often, classes

are offered on a wide range of topics as well as days and nights and times of the week that will fit your busy schedule. Not only will you receive spiritual encouragement, but you may also meet new friends!

5. Form a breakfast club

Invite four or five other moms to join you once a week for coffee or breakfast after the kids are at school. If some of you still have little ones at home, consider meeting at a fast-food chain with a playground. Make it a regular weekly appointment on your schedule to reconnect and discover that you're not as alone (or crazy) as you thought you were.

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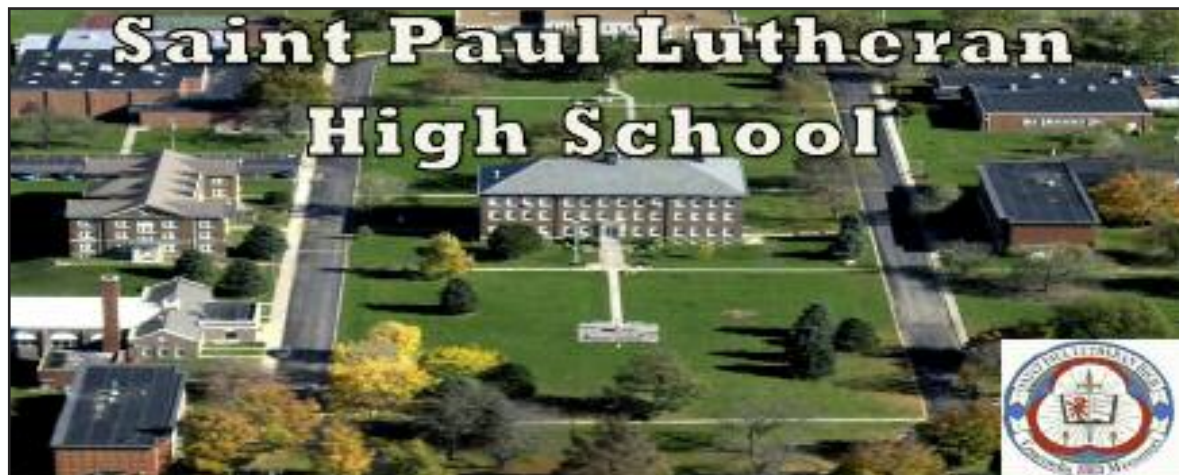


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What opportunities are there for your child?

Christian schools take advantage of their smaller size to create excellent opportunities for students to participate in extra curricular activities. Whether in sports, music, drama or through class and school activities, Christian schools offer wholesome, creative and challenging opportunities outside of the classroom. In athletics, most schools compete against other Christian schools, along with the schools in their local community.

Will your child be encouraged to grow spiritually?

The Christian school effectively supports Christian homes and churches as children and teens travel the road of their spiritual journey. Most Christian

schools start and end the day in prayer, have devotional time for students and staff, and have assemblies or chapels. The integration of Christian and Biblical principles in each class provides a faith-based environment where students, parents, staff, and volunteers work as a team to ensure the growth and success of each student. In our culture, students are continually bombarded with messages that relegate the Christian faith to the margins of personal life. These messages come both subtly and overtly. Christian schools provide students with a foundation for understanding contemporary culture and give them the tools and support they need to live their Christian lives more fully.

What is the long-term goal for your child?

When you're a parent, you are in it for the long haul — you only get to do it once. You want the best — not just what's "good enough" — for your children. Parents want to give their children the best of opportunities and support so that their children are prepared as well as possible to face the challenges of life. Numerous studies show that a high percentage of students wander away from their Christian faith after their high school years. Along with Christian homes and churches, a Christian education helps solidify a strong foundation for life.

—From whychristianschools.ca

Students don't have to leave their rights at home

Alliance Defending Freedom has issued these guidelines for students enrolled in public schools. What you can and cannot do has been determined by the Supreme Court and lower courts.

Religious Clothing

Students have the right to express their faith through what they wear, such as a pro-life T-shirt or a cross. Schools can place some restrictions on what students can wear, but they can't single out religious clothing.

Students can:

■ Wear shirts, pants, necklaces, bracelets, and other articles of clothing that display a religious symbol (i.e., cross) or religious message (including a Bible verse) as long as they meet the school's dress code.

Schools can:

■ Ban any clothing with a message that (1) materially and substantially interferes with the operation of the school, (2) is lewd, vulgar, or objectively obscene (i.e., contains profanity or sexual content), or (3) promotes violence or drug

use.

Schools can't:

■ Ban clothing or accessories because their messages are religious or contain a religious symbol or picture, or others may find their religious message, symbol, or picture offensive.

Watch out for:

■ Policies that ban clothing that is "religious" or "proselytizing" or that prohibits so-called "promoting the superiority" of a set of beliefs over any other set of beliefs.

■ Policies that prohibit clothing that is offensive, disrespectful, or use other subjective criteria to restrict the message on clothing.

True Stories:

■ A school counselor crossed out the message on a student's T-shirt with a message expressing her opposition to homosexual behavior because school officials said it might provoke "incidents of harassment." The next year, they responded the same way when her classmate wore a similar shirt. Alliance Defending Freedom represented the students in challenging the school district's policies and won.

Religious Expression

Given the central role that religion plays in many students' lives, it is natural

■ See RIGHTS page 8



Just for students

THE 411: How will this year be different for you?

New friends, old friends, nice teachers, scary teachers, a packed lunch, compulsory uniform and a fresh timetable. Going back to school is a day that inevitably comes each year. Some love it, others hate it or perhaps you just go through the motions indifferently. Regardless of how it makes you feel you have to go, so how will you make the most of it? How will you make this year at school worthwhile? It's time for you to step up!

School is an incredible place where you meet hundreds of young people and spend time with them five days a week for approximately 40 weeks a year. That presents an amazing opportunity to witness and share the gospel with so many people. In fact the best people to reach out to these students are students. The way you live and talk to your friends can be very powerful.

As a Christian, school ought to be looked at as one of the ultimate mission fields. Here are a few ways you can stand out and step up when you go back to school this year:

• MEET (Hebrews 10:25): Find out

if there is a Christian lunchtime group at your school, and then join it or start one. Then bring your friends.

• TALK (1 Peter 3:15): When your friends ask what you did on the weekend, tell them about youth group or church and then invite them along. Tell your friends about your faith.

• LIVE (Matthew 5:16): Live like Jesus. Don't get caught up in gossip, materialism, slander or any ways of this world. But be different and people will notice, then you can point them to Jesus.

• PRAY (Colossians 4:2): pray for your mates, that they might come to know Jesus because prayer is powerful.

So as another year starts and the weekly cycle begins again, make a difference! Be bold and stand out for Jesus. Don't waste the time you have now and the opportunities that come at school. Whether you are in year 7 or year 12, at a public school, private school, Christian school or secular school, Jesus died for all our sake and he has sent us out to make disciples of all people. So why don't you start now?

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that they would desire to express their religious viewpoints in class discussions and assignments.

Students can:

■ Express their religious beliefs in classroom discussions, homework, projects, artwork, and all other school assignments as long as it is relevant and meets the requirements of the assignment.

Schools can't:

■ Prohibit, punish, or give a lower grade to a student who includes religious viewpoints in a class assignment.

Watch out for:

■ Instructions for an assignment that restrict the discussion of religious beliefs, religious figures, or Bible passages.

■ School officials telling students that they can't reference religion in an assignment or include religious images in pictures or artwork.

True Stories:

■ A line from a first-grader's poem for a Veterans Day celebration was deleted because it described how her grandfather prayed while serving on the frontlines during the Vietnam War. In response to a letter from Alliance Defending Freedom, the school allowed her to read her complete poem at a school board meeting, and the school district adopted a policy protecting the right of students to include religious viewpoints in their assignments.

■ A Wisconsin student was told to remove or cover up a reference to John 3:16 on a piece of artwork he created. The school cited a policy that banned depictions of "blood, violence, sexual connotations, [or] religious beliefs." After Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit on behalf of the student, the school district removed the ban on re-

ligious expression in class assignments.

Clubs

Students can find strength and refuge when they join together to form religious clubs at school. The First Amendment and the Equal Access Act protect the right of students to form religious clubs at school and to receive the same benefits that are given to other non-curriculum clubs.

Students can:

■ Form religious clubs and meet on campus if the school allows other non-curriculum clubs (such as a Key Club or Students Against Destructive Decisions).

■ Have equal access to all school facilities, resources, and equipment available to other non-curriculum clubs.

■ Promote their events and activities in the same manner that other non-curriculum clubs are permitted to do so.

■ Invite outside speakers to attend and present at their meetings to the same extent that other non-curriculum clubs are allowed to do so.

■ Condition membership and leadership positions on the basis of shared values to the same extent that other groups can do so.

Schools can't:

■ Deny recognition to a club because it is religious or deny the club any of the benefits or privileges given to other non-curriculum clubs.

■ Force a religious club to include those who do not share the groups' values unless it requires that all groups are open under an "all-comers" policy.

Watch out for:

■ Policies that deny recognition to religious clubs or deny them the benefits and privileges given to other non-curriculum clubs at the school.

■ Indirect efforts by schools to discourage students from forming a religious club, such as en-



couraging students to join with members of another religion to form an inter-faith club.

True Stories:

■ A pro-life club in Minnesota was denied recognition because it allegedly "does not support the student body as a whole." But the school recognized several other clubs, including an Environmental Club and Anime Club. After Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit on behalf of the student group, the school reversed course and granted the club full recognition.

Literature Distribution/Posting

The U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized that the First Amendment protects not only the spoken word but also the distribution of literature, pamphlets, and other written materials. These materials provide an effective and non-intrusive way for Christian students to share their faith or pro-life beliefs with their classmates.

Students can:

■ Distribute religious literature before and after school, in between classes, and during lunch and recess unless the distribution substantially interferes with the activity of the school.

■ Post religious flyers on the walls or in other designated locations if students have the right to post other, non-religious content in those locations.

Schools can:

■ Impose reasonable limits on literature distribution, such as the time, place, and manner of distribution, but those limits cannot be so restrictive that they would effectively ban literature distribution by students.

Schools can't:

■ Completely ban literature distribution by students.

■ Prohibit written materials because they are religious or proselytizing.

■ Enact policies that give school officials the ability to prohibit materials that they subjectively find to be "offensive" or "inconsistent with the school's educational mission."

Watch out for:

■ Policies that ban religious literature.

■ Policies that place unreasonable limits on the times and locations in which students can hand out flyers and other written materials at school.

■ Schools that routinely allow the distribution of other party invitations or flyers but deny invitations to a church-sponsored event because it might "offend" another student.

True Stories:

■ Pennsylvania schools' administrators did not allow Katie Ayers, an elementary student, to hand out invitations to a church Christmas party. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys sued the school district, resulting in an important court ruling that affirmed the rights of students of all ages to distribute literature.

■ A middle school student in Minnesota was called into the principal's office after she and her friends handed out pro-life flyers to friends during lunch. Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit, resulting in a new school policy that respected the rights of students to share their religious and pro-life beliefs.

DAYCARE

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are state laws that mandate the student to teacher ratio at any daycare. It's best to get on the waiting list as soon as it seems daycare may be an option.

Curriculum – Does the daycare follow a particular curriculum? I had no idea that my child would need to use scissors before she started kindergarten. But the daycare we found followed our school district's curriculum and knew everything she'd have to learn in order to be prepared for school.

Staff – Sure this may seem obvious, but try to meet the people who will actually be taking care of your children. Meeting the director of a daycare during orientation is nice, but chances are that director won't be part of your child's day-by-day care. When we first toured our daughter's daycare, we went around and met the teacher who would be there for morning drop offs as well as the young woman who would be her actual teacher.

But more than just meeting the staff. Find out what their hiring practices are. What type of people do they look to hire. Our daycare will only hand out applications after the director has had a chance to meet with potential staff members.

For Vaughan, the hiring process for new staff members was very detailed, often with more than one interview. She understands she is hiring people to shape and mold

the lives of small children – a task she doesn't take lightly.

"We do what I think is a very in depth interview asking questions not only about the person but how they would handle different classroom situations (biting, hitting, upset parent etc.)," Vaughan said. "If the candidate seems like a good fit, we do a second interview with my supervisor (church pastor) or someone else from our board. Then we call references before making a final decision."

Activities – Find out what the students will do both inside and outside of the classroom. How is a typical day broken down? What about nap time? How does the daycare handle students who won't sleep? Our daycare had a swimming pool, and our daughter was able to learn the very basics of swimming during her time there. They had spirit weeks where she got to dress in a different theme on certain days. They had Easter egg hunts, book drives, food drives and even adopted a family on Christmas.

Vaughan also advises visiting the daycare to see it in action.

"They should visit the daycare, notice how the staff interact with the kids in the classroom as well as how they are greeted by the staff," Vaughan said. "They should notice cleanliness of the area/building, cost/hours/days, etc. Check out the daycare website or facebook page, ask other parents about their experience."

Cost – Make no mistake, Daycare is an investment. It's much

more than just finding a babysitter. You are investing in your child's future because these people whom you're paying to love your baby (and they really do love them) and are helping you prepare them for school. They're helping them be nice, polite boys and girls. They're teaching them manners and how to use scissors (that was a big one for me). But running a daycare takes resources. The teachers have to be paid, the food has to be purchased. The lights, the water, the taxes all have to be paid.

Vaughan agreed that it's not all about price.

"(There are) Misconceptions that daycare is just an expensive babysitter. That may be true in some cases but many provide opportunities for the children to learn through play and hands on activities and they gain social skills with others outside of family," Vaughan said.

For us that hefty price tag was worth it when our daughter had her kindergarten screening and the counselor said she was "more than ready" to start kindergarten. And every day I see her reading a book or drawing a picture, I think it's all thanks to these amazing teachers who came into our life when we weren't ready for such a big change but managed to take a scared little girl and turn her into brilliant little girl who loves learning. And her scissor skills have gotten quite good.

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Ten reasons why working adults should choose online college

Many working adults are hoping to go back to college someday and finish what they started. There are many others who have never been to college before but want to get that elusive higher education degree as well. With the advent of online college classes and the ease with which working adults can earn their college degree, that elusive someday has changed to today.

There are many reasons why online college classes are the best options for working adults who want to obtain a higher education degree.

1. Variety

Online universities offer a variety of courses that cover almost every aspect of education. Since distance from the college is not a pivotal factor, working adults can pick any university that offers them a chance to study in the specialization of their choice. From the large spread of options that are made available to online college students, it is inevitable for you to find the exact course that you were looking for.

2. Remaining Current



Though students from all walks of life are choosing to study via online colleges for a variety of reasons, one reason why these courses are great for working adults is that they are designed keeping the current industry standards in mind. This means that most of the online college classes are created keeping industry needs in mind and will help to attain that promotion or indeed a better job with better pay, altogether.

3. No Commutes

There is no commute involved. In the past, working adults have chosen part time courses as a way to acquire their further education. With online college classes, there is no need to work about

commuting at the end of a long day or traveling for many hours if the college of your choice is far away. Your living room can be the location of your quest to attain a higher degree if that is what you wish. Worried about the lack of social interaction? Do not worry, online programs incorporate huge amounts of team work and through these classes



you can meet professionals from all walks of life. Yes, professional networking and job connections can be woven, formulated, and breached in these programs and classes.

4. Flexibility

One of the primary factors why working adults should choose online college classes is that they offer an incredible amount of flexibility when it comes to timing. In most cases, lectures, and other important information, are uploaded online and real time presence is not mandatory every time. Classes are scheduled at all times that are considered feasible for working adults which includes days, night, as well as weekends. This means that your classes can be worked around the job schedule that you are keeping as well as the time that you need off to focus on your family and friends. There are deadlines and responsibilities but compared to a traditional program model and a fixed in class room schedule, online is far more flexible. It is like night and day.

5. Savings

There is a perception that online college classes tend to be a whole lot cheaper than traditional colleges. While this is not necessarily true when you consider the tuition fee, working adults can save loads of money when it comes to accommodation expenses, travel expenditures, as well as other usage fees associated with the use of the college premises. Textbook costs are kept at a bare minimum as most of the study material that is needed is made available to you online. Not only does this mean that you will spend less while taking online college options but you will be able to route the money you save and earn toward the paying of any educational loan that you might have opted for.

6. Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of scholarships and other grants are available for working adults who opt for online college classes as well. If you want to engage and shoot for that degree that you have in mind but you don't have the money

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How to know if an online college is right for you

In order to know if an online college is the right choice for you, ask yourself a few questions to dig a little deeper.

Are you a self-motivated

You may have heard rumors that an online college is an easy way to get a college degree, but you might find yourself pleasantly surprised by the answer provided by someone who has completed an online degree. An online college offers the same challenges that campus-based colleges offer, in that there is the same a level of homework, tests, papers, and an opportunity to learn in many different subject areas, all

of which a general degree will provide.

Where an online college differs is that the responsibility remains with the individual to achieve the grade they set as a goal. The idea of a teacher hounding you to complete your homework will not exist, thereby leaving the responsibility and commitment to complete course content up to you. Students who successfully achieve online college degrees proactively remain on top of their game, keep up with their coursework, and avoid procrastination.

Are you a busy person?

In an age where most of us have to work to survive or raise children, the answer for the majority of people is a resounding yes! An online college can offer you the potential opportunity to move up the corporate ladder, move into a new career or ministry or develop new skills, all from the comfort of your own home. That means you no longer have to make all the sacrifices students have been forced to make in the past, and in fact still spend time with friends, family, and pursuing non-educational hobbies and interests.

Do you feel comfortable communicating online?

Some students really thrive in a classroom environment where they can interact with other classmates and teachers. In an online college course you are likely to be in a different environment where you are unlikely to experience a person-to-person connection that most traditional campus classrooms offer. However, in an online college the richness of communicating with other students is not lost.



An online college offers a variety of options for you to communicate with other classmates and teachers in live chat room environments, through live video feeds, and via email. There are many ways to learn how to use these tools and become comfortable with their usage in order to experience the richness of these discussions, as if in the classroom.

Making a final decision

In making your final decision to enroll at an online college, you may want to consider your answers to each of the questions above. However keep in mind that many of these online colleges will provide training on how to best use their educational systems.

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that you will need to complete the courses successfully, you can easily apply for financial aid that is readily available for working adults who are also students.

7. Help from Employers

Employer contribution toward an online college education program is also possible in today's day and age. Working adults can opt to apply for an employer's contribution so that they pay you back for the career training that you will obtain through this type of study.

8. Gentle Learning Curve

Many working adults find it difficult to get back into the study groove after having stayed away from studying for so long. Online college classes allow for increased interactions with instructors as well as fellow students. You can get the help you need by forming study groups and enjoying the benefits of technology such as VoIP calls, utilize Skype, and schedule video conferences without leaving your home at all. There is no fear of losing out on on-campus human interaction since online college classes involve webinars, discussion boards, and other forums that help to initiate and maintain a significant amount of interaction with instructors and fellow students.

9. Saving Time

Studying through traditional colleges will mean that you will have to dedicate four years to a bachelor's degree, two years for a master's and almost eight years for a doctorate level course (total). While regular students may be alright with this, working adults cringe at the long amount of time that is needed to weave their way through an advanced curriculum. With online college classes offering accelerated programs that you can further speed up depending on your needs, you will be able to attain the degree that you want in much less time than you would have through a traditional college. For instance, one class at the Univ. of Phoenix is full time whereas 4 classes are full-time at a traditional college. That is a huge advantage. Don't mistake this situation though, online classes are research paper and work heavy, don't expect this to be a cake walk! You may not be able to watch as much television every week or read for entertainment or pleasure as much as you used to. Sacrifices will still have to be made.

10. Accelerated Classes

Working adults can opt for accelerated learning programs offered by online colleges without worrying about deterioration in the quality of education that they will receive. Though the courses are sped up, the quality of education remains the same and many students manage to obtain a higher education degree in perhaps 3 years (if starting from scratch or 0 credits/units).

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viewpoint

Recent religious liberty wins are welcome, but the war is not over

Near the end of the first "Star Wars" movie, just before the Millennium Falcon is about to jump into hyperspace, Han Solo and Luke Skywalker find themselves in a dogfight with some of the Empire's TIE Fighters). Luke scores a couple of "kills" and is jubilant, but Han Solo brings him back to reality with a line that has become one of the enduring memes from this classic movie: "Great, kid! Don't get cocky."

I thought about this scene as I was tempted to gloat over some recent court decisions that favor religious liberty.

Take, for example, the 7-2 decision by the Supreme Court that Trinity Lutheran Church could, in fact, accept material provided by the state for its

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"...as someone who has been writing about religious liberty cases for more than 20 years, this arena of the law resembles nothing so much as a game of Whac-a-Mole."

playground. Lower court rulings said that supporting the church in this way was preferential treatment of the church and amounted to the "establishment" of one religion over another. The high court said that Trinity Lutheran received no benefit not available to all other non-profit organizations, and that it should not be excluded merely because it was a religious organization.

Additionally, the High Court agreed to hear the case of Colorado cakemaker

Jack Philips. Philips believes that making a cake for a same-sex ceremony amounts to affirming or participating in the event, and he has refused to do so. Two men filed an anti-discrimination complaint against him, and the case has been winding its way through the legal process for the past couple of years. It appears to many court observers that Philips has a strong case and that the outcome could set precedent for many similar cases now in lower courts or be-

fore commissions in towns and counties across the country.

In deciding a North Carolina case, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit rejected an appeal of the lawsuit challenging North Carolina's Senate Bill 2, also known as the "Magistrates Bill." This 2015 law says magistrates and registers of deeds employees can, according to NC Family (formerly the North Carolina Family Policy Council), "recuse themselves from performing duties related to marriages due to a sincerely held religious belief."

John Rustin, NC Family's president, said, "This is a significant victory for religious freedom. Senate Bill 2 ensures

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WHEN WE LOVE OUR STUFF TOO MUCH



CLINT DECKER

President and Evangelist with Great Awakenings, Inc.

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Clay Center, Kansas – Have you ever heard The Parable of the Rich Fool? It is an ancient story Jesus once told.

Crowds would often follow Him and people would ask questions. A young man once asked Jesus to get involved in a personal matter and make his brother divide the family inheritance with him. In response, Jesus made a profound statement, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Jesus laid his finger on the real issue with the young man. He loved the "stuff" of life too much.

Jesus illustrated his point with a story. He told about a wealthy farmer that had another tremendous harvest. As a result the farmer said to himself,

"What am I going to do? What I have isn't enough storage for my grain." Then he decided, "I'll tear down my existing barns and build larger ones, then I'll be able to store all my grain and many other things. And after that, because the harvest was so great, I'll have enough saved up for many years to relax, enjoy myself and have no worries." But, in the midst of his reasoning, God spoke to him saying, "Fool! Tonight is your end and all that you've laid up in these barns, whose will they be?"

The story communicated that life is more than the possessions we own. Jesus effectively made the point by confronting the farmer with his own mortality. It would all stay behind when he would enter eternity.

My wife and I witnessed the devastating losses people faced following Hurricane Katrina while doing relief work along the Gulf Coast. We saw families who lost everything. All their possessions were suddenly ripped away. As we talked to person after person, the disaster became a pivotal moment toward the real priorities in life.

Why wait to discover this when facing a crisis? Our stuff can sometimes



become a distraction. As a result, we may live for today and neglect tomorrow, or in other words, live for what is important to us, rather than what is important to God.

Maybe we do not live for God because we do not know Him. The farmer got a wakeup call to who God was when God declared, "Tonight is your end." Since He has power over life and death and the present and future we ought to heed His warning. Let us make knowing God through Jesus our

highest priority and managing all our stuff, down the list a ways.

Here is a prayer for you: "Creator God – I am sorry I have made things more important than people. I am sorry I have put more trust in the things of this life, rather than you. Take my heart. Wash it clean of all my sin. Become the number one priority in my life. In Jesus name, Amen."

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ALPHA OMEGA CHRISTIAN MUSIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, PRAYER, DEVOTION, POTLUCK AND JAM. FIRST FRIDAY, 7pm. 10035 E. Westport Rd., Indep., MO 64052.

MO-KAN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION POTLUCK AND JAM. FOURTH FRIDAY (except for Nov. & Dec. when we meet on the 3rd Fri.). Northland Christian Church, 6120 NE 48th St., KCMO. 913-432-0359.

LIVE CHRISTIAN MUSIC VENUE. THIRD FRIDAY, 7:00 pm. Bent Knee Cowboy, 13415 S. 142nd St., Bonner Springs, KS. 913-927-4567.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE CHURCH. SECOND SATURDAY, 6pm. 341 S. 72nd St., Kansas City, KS 66111. Praise and Worship songs of Zion. 913-334-1009.

CGMA NW MO CHAPTER MEETING, GOSPEL MUSIC AND POTLUCK. SECOND SATURDAY. Faith Assembly of God Church, South 13 Hwy, Polo, MO. Travel North on I-35 North, go North of Liberty to the Polo/Lathrop Exit. Turn right onto 116 Hwy. Go 12 miles to 13 Hwy. Turn left and go 1/4 mile. pegcla@msn.com.

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

PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH. SECOND SUNDAY, 6 p.m. Pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. Paradise Missouri. 816-591-1020.

CLASSES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES

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your pain and loss. Contact Jama at jedlund@infq.org for more information.

HERO CENTRAL VBS. Through August 4, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Crown Pointe Church, 5950 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Kindergarten-6th grade (2016-2017 school year) and Preschool offered for ages 4-5 years old. 816-795-8777.

DRAMATIC TRUTH WORSHIP DANCE CAMP. Through Aug. 4. 10510 Grandview Rd Kansas City, MO 64137. Instructors: Marc Wayne, Vincent Hardy, Betsey McMillan, Liz Dimmel. 816-767-9222. info@dramatictruth.org

DIVORCE CARE. August 4, 7:00 pm. Christ The Rock Church, 13901 E. Noland Ct., Indep., MO 64055. If you are going through a divorce, thinking about a divorce, separated or been divorced for a while. Then come and join us as we discover God's healing through his word. The book used during the classes cost \$20. 816-352-4613.

END OF SUMMER BOOK STUDY THE BAIT OF SATAN. August 9-October 11, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Wednesday). Location TBA. Cost is \$15 including the cost of the book.

"AVOID PROBATE" SEMINARS. August 10, 7:00 pm. Lewis Living Trust Center, 700 NE Langsford, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. 816-524-3200.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT. August 10-11, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1600 North 291 Highway, Liberty, MO 64068. World-class speakers, interactive dialogue and practical training. 816-781-5959.

PARENTING SEMINAR - MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD. August 12, 8:30 am. Fellowship Baptist Church, 16900 S. Waverly Rd., Gardner, KS. Special speaker Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne



AUGUST 18-19 CHRISTIAN MAGICIANS FALL WORKSHOP

Miller. 913-856-8454.

RE - ENGAGE KICKOFF. August 16, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1600 North 291 Highway, Liberty, MO 64068. Weekly marriage enrichment program, semester-long study. 816-781-5959.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN MAGICIANS FALL WORKSHOP. August 18-19. First Baptist Church of Shawnee, 11400 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66203. Learn to be a Christian Magician, Clown, Puppeteer, Balloon Artist and more! Free Registration. 816-223-1300.

ENGAGE THE CAMPUS. August 19, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Crown Pointe Church, 5950 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Engage the Campus is an initiative for helping churches and leaders connect to the campus, helping students have spiritual conversations with their friends

and helping leaders and churches connect to the local public school campus. 816-795-8777.

CHILDREN MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TRAINING. August 19, 10:00 am. Fellowship Baptist Church, 16900 S. Waverly Rd., Gardner, KS. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. Speaker Ryan Frank and his team from Kidmin Nation. 913-856-8454.

"AVOID PROBATE" SEMINARS. August 22, 7:00 pm. Lewis Living Trust Center, 700 NE Langsford, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. 816-524-3200.

REPURPOSED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. August 26, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Blue Springs, 7920 South 7 Hwy., Blue Spring, MO 64015. \$40.00. Join us for a day long conference about finding our best use for God's kingdom. 816-229-7311.

VISUAL MANNA ACADEMY KC ART CAMP. August 28-September 1, 9:00 until 4:00 except on Friday. Cost is \$35.00 per day, or \$150 for the camp. 573-453-6364

SISTERS, CELEBRATING THE ART OF FRIENDSHIP. August 31, 7:00 pm. College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062. Special Speakers: Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, and Jan Silvious.

LABOR OF LOVE. September 1-4. TAU Institute, Ottawa, KS. This is 100% free but space is limited. Do you like Archery? Canoeing? Learning about Christ with other young believers? Putting your faith into practice and making the world a better place? www.ottawa.edu/LaborOfLove

2017 KC HAITI SYMPOSIUM. September 9, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Polsinelle Conference Center, 900 W. 48th Place, Kansas City, MO 64112. An opportunity to hear about successful organizations and companies working in Haiti. Hear about their successes, lessons learned, and con-

nect with others working in Haiti. 913-220-4461.

GOOD NEWS CLUB TRAINING. Sept. 9, Shawnee Bible Church. Sept 23, Blue Ridge Bible Church. Oct. 14, Grace Christian Fellowship Church. 816-358-1138.

CONTENT OF CHARACTER SERIES. Sept. 15, 8am. Delta Athenaeum, 900 E Linwood Blvd, KCMO. Speakers: Lonnie Poindexter, Ken Ham, Alveda King, Greg Knapp, Stephen Broden, Reverend Walter Hoye, and Dumisani Washington. 888-725-8654.

FREEDOM - A DAY WITH JENNIE ALLEN. September 16, 10:15 am-4:00 pm. Legacy Christian Church, Blue Valley Campus, 14301 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS.

HEART OF GRANDPARENTING CONFERENCE. Sept. 23, 8 am - 4 p.m. College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan St., Olathe, KS. Registration is FREE and requested by September 15th. Same day registration is also welcome. heartofgrandparentingconference.com

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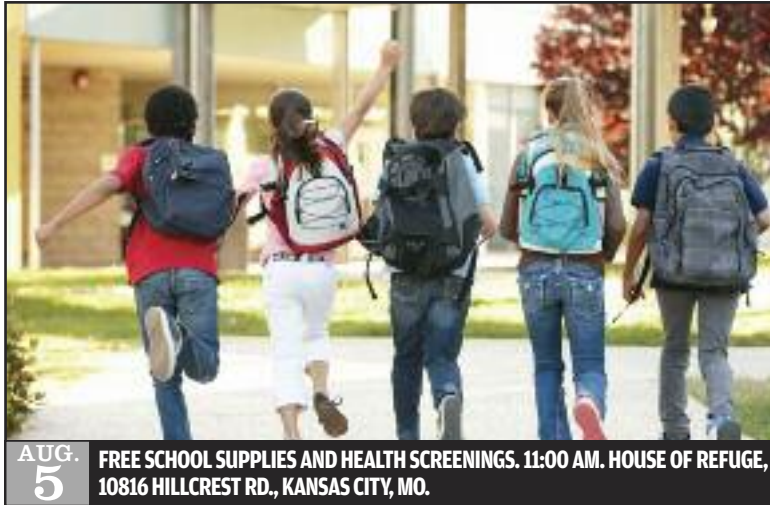
THE WORD ALIVE WITH LYSA TERKEURST. September 22 & 23. First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. State Route 350, Raytown, MO 64138. \$59 per person.

MARRIED LIFE DATE NIGHT WITH DOUG FIELDS. November 12, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. WFC Lenexa, 8500 Woodsonia Drive, Lenexa, KS 66227. Refresh your marriage. Dinner and child-care available with early registration. 913-422-8257.

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

DISCOVER MARANATHA. August 1, 6:00 pm. Maranatha Christian Academy, 6826 Lackman Rd., Shawnee, KS 66217. 913-631-0637 ext. 300.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Through August 4, 6:00 pm. Fort Osage Church of the Nazarene, 19333 E. 24 Hwy., Independence, MO 64056. Paul & the Underground Church! K-6th grade are



AUG. 5 FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND HEALTH SCREENINGS. 11:00 AM. HOUSE OF REFUGE, 10816 HILLCREST RD., KANSAS CITY, MO.

welcome. 816-796-5879.

SPAGHETTI AND SILENT ACTION. August 4, 7:00 pm. Christ The Rock Church, 13901 E. Noland Ct., Independence, MO 64055. We are raising money for a mission trip to South Africa. Our group is teaming up with Reaching Women's Ministry. 816-352-4613.

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND HEALTH SCREENINGS. August 5, 11:00 am until we run out. House of Refuge, 10816 Hillcrest Rd., Kansas City, MO 64134.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT. August 5, 6:15 pm. Kansas City Royals vs. Seattle Mariners. Presented by Hobby Lobby. Post-Game Host: Scott Dawson, Special Performances by: KJ-52 & Newsboys. For orders of 20 or more. 816-504-4040, option 4.

RESTORING HIS ANCIENT FOUNDATIONS 2017. August 10, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.; August 11, 9:00 am-4:30 pm.; August 12, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by Ministries of New Life. 913-383-3222.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION. August 17, 1:00

pm-3:00 pm. Crown Pointe Church, 5950 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Sponsored by If Not For Grace Ministries. vgregg@infgr.org.

GRACE AND TRUTH BAPTIST CHURCH GARAGE SALE. August 18, 9am - 6pm: August 19, 8am to 5:30pm. 15904 E. 23rd Street South, Independence, MO. 8th year anniversary. 816.721.5967

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOOD-PACKING EVENT. August 19, 10:00 am. Woods Chapel United Methodist Church, Blue Springs Campus, 3609 SW State Route 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014. Join us as we pack 40,000 meals for the hungry and celebrate the one-year anniversary of our church. 816-795-8848.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. August 20, 10:10 am. Woods Chapel United Methodist Church Blue Springs Campus, 3609 SW State Route 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014. Everything is free! Worship starting at 10:10 am followed by a BBQ and Party at 11:30 am. 816-795-8848.

ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY. August 21. Greene Stadium will be open from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. William Jewell College, Liberty, MO. The college is in the direct path of totality for the solar eclipse. We will have explanations via the stadium PA system by physics professors and science models and demonstrations by students from 12:30-1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

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THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE: KANSAS CITY. August 25-August 28. Kansas City Church, 7700 N. Church Rd., Kansas City, MO 64158. Hosted by Compassion Experience and Kansas City Church. This interactive, immersive display allows you to step into the life of a child who has suffered under the crippling weight of poverty in 20 minutes.

QUILT-RS & CRAFT-RS MARKET. August 26. Hillside Christian Church, 900 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO. Admission is \$2.00. Raises funds for the ministries of Hillside Christian Church.

GIRLFRIENDS' CAFÉ. September 7, 6:30 pm. Nashua Baptist Church, 11408 N Main St., Kansas City, MO. No cost. 816-734-4046.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE ED FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT. September 8, 11:30 am. The Links at Dardenne, O'Fallon, MO. Sign in/lunch 11:30 am with shotgun start at 1:00 pm. 314-434-4900.

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT RACHEL HOUSE. September 15. Shoal Creek Golf Club, Kansas City, MO. rachelhousefriends.org/golf-tournament

TGIF/CHARACTER THAT COUNTS GOLF TOURNAMENT. September 28. Creekmoor Golf Course, Raymore. Registration, 10:45 a.m. Enjoy a Chick-fil-a lunch; hear a great speaker, Chase Hanna, 2017 PING All-American from University of Kansas. Shotgun start, 12:30 p.m.

LIFE CHAIN. Oct. 1, 1:30 PM. 9501 Nall Ave, Overland Park, KS. Join churches from across the metro for the 30th Annual National Life Chain. Stand united for the unborn as a public witness and prayerful protest against abortion. Johnson County location is along 95th St from Quivira to State Line. (913) 642-5433. www.lifechain.net

OCTOBER NORTHLAND RESPECT LIFE DAY. October 2. More info. MRL 816-353-4113.

LIFE CHAIN RALLY. October 4. St. Joseph, MO. More info. MRL 816-353-4113.

VITAE KANSAS CITY PRO-LIFE EVENT. October 19. Overland Park, KS. Keynote speaker: Allen West. 573-634-4316.

VITAE ST. JOSEPH PRO-LIFE EVENT. October 27. Stoney Creek Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Rd., St. Joseph, MO. Keynote speaker: Dinesh D'Souza. 573-634-4316.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER. November 2, 6:00 pm. Adam's Mark Hotel, & Conference Center, 9103 E. 39th Street, Kansas City, MO 64133. Speaker: Melissa Ohden. Reception at 6:00 pm & Banquet at 7:00 pm.

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AUG. 12 HEART OF AMERICA HOT DOG FESTIVAL.

GRUB RUN 5K. November 4, 8:30 am-11:00 pm. Kansas City Church, 7700 N. Church Rd., Kansas City, MO 64158. \$25. Help us stomp out hunger and raise money for our food pantry. 816-781-7559.

FINE ARTS

GARFIELD: THE MUSICAL WITH CATTITUDE. Through August 5. The Coterie Theatre, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. Brand new musical adaptation. 816-474-6552.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Through August 5. Theatre in the Park, 7710 Renner Rd., Shawnee, KS 66218. General admission \$8. Rated G. kc-starlight.com 913-826-3012.

BETWEEN SILENCE AND LIGHT. August 11. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 11 East 40th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Final concert of this three part series. 816-550-3375.

THE PIANO GUY. August 15, 8:00 pm. Arvest Bank Theatre at the Midland, 1228 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64105. 816-471-9703.

GEPPETTO'S BIG FISH. August 19. Puppetry Arts Institute, 11025 E. Winner Rd., Independence, MO 64052. 816-833-9777 www.hazelle.org

5TH ANNUAL FRENCH ORGAN MUSIC FESTIVAL. August 27, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64105. 816-842-0416.

DRIVING MISS DAISY. September 27-November 26. New Theatre Restaurant, 9229 Foster, Overland Park, KS 66212. 913-649-7469.

FAMILY OUTINGS

FINDING DORY. August 1, Sunset. Movies in Park, 7710 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS. \$1 per person. 913-826-3012.

BACK TO THE FUTURE. August 4, 6:00 pm. Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO.

Free Admission. 816-274-8444.

STRAWBERRY SWING INDIE CRAFT FAIR. August 6, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Nelson Atkins Museum, South Sculpture Park, 4525 Oak St., Kansas City, MO. Join over 8- independent crafts-people, artists, and designers on the south lawn of the sculpture park. Food trucks, a photo booth, and kids' craft table will be among the activities. 816-751-1228.

HEART OF AMERICA HOT DOG FESTIVAL. August 12, 12:00 pm-10:00 pm. Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, 1616 E. 18th St., Kansas City, MO 64108. 816-221-1920.

HEARTS OF HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT. August 15, 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. Falcon Lakes Golf Club, 4605 Clubhouse Dr., Basehor, KS 66007. \$440 per team. All proceeds will benefit Little Light.

JACOBO CHORALE FALL START. August 17, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Mission Woods Community of Christ, 2800 NW Duncan Rd., Blue Springs, MO. The Jacomo Chorale is a non-auditioned community chorus presenting a variety of music. We are

seeking members to join us for our 35th season. The first concert will be presented on October 21st and 22nd. For additional information contact Nancy White at 816-560-9148.

PARKVILLE DAYS. August 18-August 20. Main Street & Highway 9, Parkville, MO 64152. Great family entertainment and fun in historic downtown Parkville. 816-505-2227.

46TH WALNUT VALLEY FESTIVAL. September 13-September 17. Winfield, Kansas. www.wvfest.com.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

WEEKLY - CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE. Meets weekly in various parts of

the city. Call Jim Mathis, 913-269-6709, for time/loc.

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

MONTHLY - MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE CHAPTERS 816-353-4113.

3RD SUNDAY - CANCER SUPPORT GROUP. 6:30-8:00 pm. Beacon Free Baptist Church, 10825 E. 79th Street, Raytown, MO 64138. Connect with others who share your journey, you are not alone. 816-353-7447.

MONDAY - MOMS AND TOTS COMMUNITY. 10:00-11:00 am. Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

7851 W. 119th St., Overland Park, KS. A different activity each week - story time, play time, Mom's bible studies and fellowship, or special outing. A great way to connect with other moms and young children. Contact amyviets@holycross-elca.org for more info.

MONDAY - HEALING ROOMS MINISTRIES. 3:00-6:00 pm. Healing Rooms of Olathe, 1548 E Spruce, Olathe, KS 66061. M-T-W by appointment. www.healingroomsofolathe.com 913-563-2413.

MONDAY - HEALING ROOMS MINISTRIES. 4:00-6:00 pm. Hope City, 5101E. 24th St., Kansas City, MO.

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Tackett hopes to change minds with 'Is Genesis History?'

interview

by Michael Foust

Del Tackett knows he can't convince everyone that the events described in Genesis are literally true.

But he does hope that naysayers who watch his new documentary -- *Is Genesis History?* -- will at least acknowledge there is contrary evidence to the mainstream, pro-evolution scientific model.

Tackett serves as host of the roughly 90-minute documentary, which features a dozen scientists discussing the scientific evidence for a young Earth, a literal Adam and Eve, and a worldwide flood. Along the way, Tackett visits such sites as Grand Canyon National Park, Coral World Ocean Park in the Virgin Islands, and Washington state's Mt. Baker.

The documentary -- now on Netflix streaming, DVD, Blu-ray, and video on demand -- was a surprise hit in February when it debuted in theaters, finishing No. 1 on opening night and topping mainstream releases like *The Lego Batman Movie* and *Fifty Shades Darker*.

Tackett says one of the biggest problems with the pro-evolution, pro-Big Bang scientific model is that no one is allowed to question it.

"Academia has bought into the paradigm. The media has bought into it," he told the Metro Voice News. "If we look at the history of science, every scientific paradigm that has arisen has captured those areas of power before they collapsed and the next paradigm arose."

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Tackett at the Grand Canyon.



movienews

Winfrey, Perry, Morgan follow 'The Star'

Oprah Winfrey, Tyler Perry and Tracy Morgan will be the voices behind three humorous camels named Deborah, Cyrus, and Flexis that travel with the three wise men in the upcoming animated film "The Star".

The film tells the story of a donkey named Bo, portrayed by Steven Yeun of "The Walking Dead," and his friends who are guided by the star, and how the group become a part of the greatest story ever told -- the very first Christmas.

"The Star" isn't Winfrey's first role in voice animation. The talk show tycoon previously did voice over work for the 2009 animated film "The Princess and The Frog," which grossed over \$267 million worldwide. She also did voiceover work in 2007's "Bee Movie," which grossed more than \$287 million worldwide. She has starred in 19 films to date, and will star as Mrs. Which in the forthcoming film "A Wrinkle in Time," based on a novel by Madeleine L'Engle.

Last March, Perry narrated "The Passion Live," a present-day retelling of the millenniums-old account of Jesus Christ's last days on Earth, crucifixion, and resurrection, all packaged into a lively musical set to love songs, as previously reported in Metro Voice. Perry has starred in 21 films, produced 20 movies, written 17 films, and directed 16 movies.

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MOVIES, STREAMING, BOOKS, MUSIC, INTERVIEWS & MORE!

streaming

'Victoria' tops August streaming releases



'Victoria' might fill your 'Downton Abbey' void

By Michael Foust

I didn't cry when PBS' *Downton Abbey* went off the air, but I thought about it. After all, what would replace my infatuation with yesteryear British aristocracy?

Then Netflix launched *The Crown*, which gave us a story not just about aristocracy but a royal family: that of Queen Elizabeth II. I was hooked.

And now I have discovered a third binge-worthy British series, and it may be as good as the first two. It is PBS' *Victoria*, which follows the life of Queen Victoria, who was 18 years old and woefully unprepared when she took the throne in 1837 but reigned over the United Kingdom for 63 years.

Like *Downton Abbey*, *Victoria* first aired on ITV in the UK before becoming a part of PBS' Masterpiece series.

Season 1 begins streaming on Amazon Prime Aug. 29. Here's ever better news: It's mostly family-friendly.

Victoria was fifth in the line of succession at birth but became queen through a series of unexpected family events during her teenage years. (Her grandfather was the Revolutionary War's King George III.) With a sheltered upbringing and standing at only five-feet tall, she had plenty of doubters who wanted to see her replaced. In the PBS series, many question her intelligence and temperament.

"Her wits are too fragile," one person says.

"She's too impulsive to be queen," says another.

Season 1 succeeds because it gives us

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New this month:

Amazon Prime

New in Town (PG, 2009) - A businesswoman (Renée Zellweger) from Miami is sent to frigid-cold Minnesota to oversee a blue-collar manufacturing plant. It's hilarious. It's also one of the cleaner Hollywood romances out there. Rated PG for language and some suggestive material. Aug. 1.

Valkyrie (PG-13, 2008) - Based on a true World War II story, German Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg (Tom Cruise) leads a failed plot to assassinate Hitler. Rated PG-13 for violence and brief strong language. Aug. 2.

Netflix



Sing (PG, 2016) - A theater owner attempts to save his business by holding a singing competition. It's a funny animated film, although some parents may find the music and dance choices problematic. Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril. Aug. 3.

I Am Sam (PG-13, 2002) - A mentally challenged father (Sean Penn) fights to keep custody of his 7-year-old daughter. A Hollywood film with a life-affirming message! PG-13 for language. Aug. 18.

Hulu



Charlotte's Web (G, 2006) - Based on the classic novel by E.B. White, this live-action version tells the story of a spider who helps save a pig from the dinner table. A delightful children's film with lots of life lessons. Rated G. Aug. 1

Spider-Man, Spider-Man 2 (PG-13, 2002 & 2004). There have been three versions of Spider-Man in the past 15 years; this was the first one and starred Tobey Maguire. Both are rated PG-13 for violence and action. They also contain some sensuality and language. Aug. 1.

Valkyrie (PG-13, '08)-See above. Aug. 2.

Summer's almost over, but still plenty to hear

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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It's August and school is almost back in session. I encourage you to make these last few days with your kids the most memorable. Our family has done our best to stay cool with plenty of ice cream, sweet tea



Cedric Austin

and watermelon. Originally from the South, we love our sweet tea. Now that I've made you hungry, lets chat about music.

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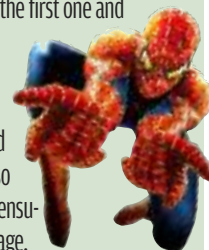
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'Dunkirk' an inspiring war movie, without the gore

moviereview

by **Michael Foust**

I've seen my share of war movies. They often go something like this:

Opening credits. Battle scene. Blood and guts. Blood and guts. Gory scene you wish you could forget. Conclusion. Closing credits.

Even if the movie had a positive message, it likely was lost in a mass of violence.

But there are exceptions, and one of



them is the new movie Dunkirk (PG-13).

Based on a true story, it spotlights a pivotal moment from World War II in which some 330,000 Allied troops were evacuated off the beaches of Dunkirk, France, after being surrounded by German forces. Facing a devastating loss to the Nazis and needing a miracle, the troops — comprised of British, German and Belgian forces — survived when hundreds of private boats from Great Britain crossed the English Channel and ferried the men to larger ships.

Without that daring and risky mission in May and June of 1940, Hitler may have conquered all of Europe long before the United States even got involved.

Dunkirk is directed by Christopher Nolan, the same moviemaker who brought us the mind-bending films Interstellar (2014) and Inception (2010). But while those latter films were sometimes hard to follow, Nolan opted for simplicity in Dunkirk. It includes little dialogue, a modest musical score, and a straightforward plot as it alternates between scenes on the land, at sea, and in the air. All total, there are only about eight major characters.

This minimalistic approach may seem gimmicky, but it works. It's easy to forget you're watching a movie. This is one of the reasons Dunkirk may be my new all-time favorite war film. Here's another reason: The violence is minimal — at least for a war movie. Yes, soldiers are killed and bodies do fly through the air and ships do explode, but it is largely bloodless. To me, the most disturbing parts of the film involve soldiers caught in a capsized ship, trying to escape before drowning.

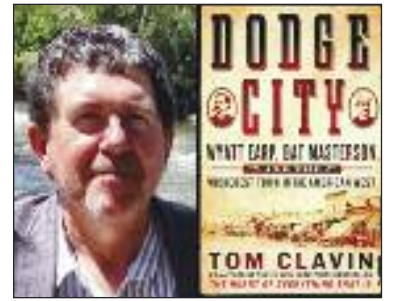
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Book to catch before summer's end

bookreview

David McCullough once told of Teddy Roosevelt during his time in the Dakota Territory and before his arrival on the world scene. Two thieves who had been on something of a crime spree in the territory had stolen Roosevelt's rowboat, and he was determined to chase them down and arrest them. He chased the thieves for 40 miles of rough landscape, through deep snow and in constant danger of attack, and indeed brought them to justice. McCullough then tells the reader: "But what makes it especially memorable is that during that time, he managed to read all of Anna Karenina. I often think of that when I hear people say they haven't time to read."

Theodore Roosevelt was a very determined man and a (clearly) determined reader. Anyone who reads Tolstoy in the midst of a foot chase after robbers in the Badlands gets my vote



for gold medalist in the reading competition. With summer coming to a close, here are a few books you might want to catch before the leaves begin to fall. These are books I am eager to recommend — books that I found thought-provoking and fun.

Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson and the Wickedest Town in the American West. By Tom Clavin. (St. Martin's Press, 2017). Understandably, but regrettably, most Americans know what they think they know about the American West from movies and television. Furthermore, many of the early

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People & Songs

People and Songs is a worship community made up of local Church songwriters, artists and worship leaders. According to Eph 5:21 they submit their individual stylistic bents and denominational preferences to allow their talent and creativity to become the tools with which they love and unite as one. Our prayer is that we would use our gifts to applaud and serve others rather than seeking applause and service from others. God has put desire for biblical unity in us, and a longing to see the Church become one in faith, in hope, and in one calling. Just a few short months ago, my wife and I were scanning the Internet and came across a song called "Amen." Although I was familiar with the lead vocalist (Charity Gayle), I had never heard of the community, "People and

Songs." The song "Amen" simply took us into worship. I encourage you to check out this group of worship leaders at www.peopleandsongs.com. To date, "Amen" is probably my favorite songs of theirs. There are several more songs on their site for your listening pleasure and the ability to purchase and download chord charts.

If Millennial Had a Sound

I have been waiting for Landry Cantrell's new project to drop. Since dropping, I have listened to every song several times. I would definitely use this project as summer road trip music. Growing up around his dad's recording studio and singing in church as a young boy -

it wasn't a surprise when music became an essential part of Landry Cantrell's life. When talking about how God is using this passion, Landry reveals, "When people relate to the songs I've written, well, first of all, it blows my mind, because I write these songs from my heart and life. But when I see others finding comfort in what I've written, it's really special for me. That's a humbling and incredible thing to experience." A few of my favorite songs on the album are Before You, Gravity and Fly. You can find Landry's new project "Projections" on all digital music platforms.

Soulful Sounds of Bryan Popin

A native of Middletown, NJ, Popin began paying piano

by ear when he was 11 years old. Popin studied with such noted teachers as Julliard's Dr. Samuel Mammel and Rutgers University's Dr. Joseph Accurso.

Early in his career, the legendary Stevie Wonder nicknamed him "Little Boy Wonder" and he's continued to impress with his songwriting and musician skills and vocal prowess. He's collaborated with R&B legend Chaka Khan and highly respected worship leader Martha Munizzi.

He's opened for Israel Houghton, Deitrick Haddon, Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Sapp and American Idol alum Danny Gokey.

At the height of their popularity, 'NSYNC recorded one of his tunes on their multi-platinum album Celebrity. "You Can Make It" was Popin's first national release in partnership with eOne Worship.

Bryans's newest release is titled "I Got Out." "I first started out as a classical pianist. My mom was a choir director and I was raised in church. Soulful music seems to just be in me. I've always been moved by music that is felt. For me, soulful music is heart music. From Stevie Wonder to Luther Vandross to Earth Wind & Fire to old school gospel choirs like James Cleveland, Rev. Clay Evans or Phil Tarver, there is a diverse mix of music in me. I like that. The church is a diverse group of people too!"

Go check out Bryans music. I guarantee there will be some hand clapping and foot stomping.



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Long weekends are great opportunity to explore

by **Anita Widaman**

Recently, Dwight and I made a mad dash to middle of Illinois to purchase a replacement for our trusty 2000 Honda (R.I.P.). Although most of our travel involves planes, this time we drove. Along the way we were reminded of the people and communities that make America great. We saw beautiful courthouses, homes in river towns that reflected a rich past, absolutely darling coffee houses where locals exchanged highlights of the weekend, spacious skies, and gleaming fields.

We thought to ourselves, "If we only had more time!" We promised each other to make another trip in the future and explore those things we didn't have time for.

To truly enjoy these new experiences, I would recommend a long weekend driving. Below are four locations that you can drive to and remember that it is people, families and communities that make America great and all of us proud!

Flint Hills. Kansans are proud of their prairie grass—just ask my Kansas friend Lisa Seley. The Flint Hill Discovery Center in Manhattan provides information on the past and how to preserve the prairie for the future.

Graduates of K State will enjoy meandering and grabbing a meal in Aggieville. Other expeditions are the Kaw



Omaha Zoo



Flint Hills of Kansas

Mission in Council Grove and overnight in the quaint Grand Central Hotel in Cottonwood. If you plan in advance you can attend the Walnut Valley Festival known for featuring the best in bluegrass and acoustic musicians September 13–17.

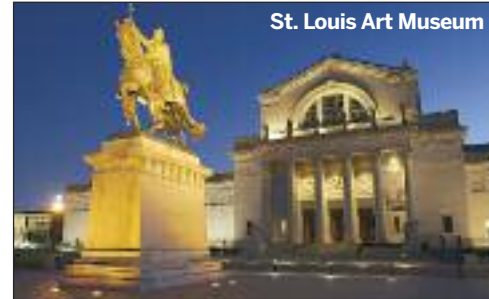
Omaha. A trip to the Henry Doorly

Zoo and Aquarium will make grandparents and parents superheroes in their kids' eyes. The Old Market district with its brick paved streets has all the shops and restaurants that a mother and daughter duo can devour in a day. With some planning, you can catch a Broadway show or other performances at the elegant, restored Orpheum Theater. If you travel the right weekend, you can catch the solar eclipse in St. Joe on your way to or from Omaha.

St. Louis. You can splurge on lodg-



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St. Louis Art Museum

ing or the theater because of all the free activities. In fact, all four of our favorite outings are free: The Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Saint Louis Science Center and the Missouri History Museum.

The Muny, an outdoor theatre, will

present the Newsies in August that reveals the story of the Newsboy Strike of 1899.

Bentonville. Northwest Arkansas is great for camping, biking, and hiking for families. You can even borrow a bike from the upscale downtown hotel and use it to get around if you wish.

But Bentonville indoors is great for families also. We've gotten to know the area since our first trip there while scouting out a university for our youngest daughter and numerous trips back after she chose it for her college.

The Crystal Bridges Museum is a free museum sponsored by the Wal-Mart family foundation and features only American art. You'll recognize the portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart from the dollar bills in your wallet. This summer, works of Dale Chihuly are presented indoor and outdoor. The Farmers Market held on the square is a work of art and has outstanding local produce.

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These beneficial probiotics feast on this starch producing butyrate which helps your colon stay healthy. It has also been shown to decrease inflammation and even increase metabolism. A recent study demonstrated that test subjects who got about 5 percent of their carbs from resistant starch increased fat burn by approximately 25 percent. And RS doesn't spike your insulin or blood sugar after eating it and it doesn't increase daily calories – at least not by a significant amount.

The best part? There's a neat trick to incorporate this carb into your diet by modifying those tasty – yet "fattening" – foods such as pasta, rice, and

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Before you start

Get the most out of your work out

1. Check out your sneakers.

Most people don't replace their sneakers often enough (every three months for frequent use), or don't get the right ones in the first place. The best sneakers are suited to the task, meaning that you use cross-trainers for most gym workouts and running shoes for the road or treadmill.

2. Build in warm-ups.

As people get older, their bodies don't start up or wind down quite as easily. The main reason for this is that the various bodily systems take a little longer to "boot up." A minimum 5-minute warm up will start to get blood flowing to your muscles, and will also help to relax, somewhat, the tendons.

3. Stick to a regular schedule.

Once you make it a regular part of your day and week, you'll start eventually to feel like something's missing if you're not working out. Exercise is one habit that you want to make at least slightly addictive.

4. Mix it up.

If you lift the same weights every day in the same sequence, or walk the same route or pace on the treadmill, your body will readily adapt to the demands and start to go into automatic gear. Mix up different interval routines, alternate weight-lifting with aerobics, and occasionally do something completely different like yoga or dance.

Switching Roles: Coping with Your Rebellious Aging Parent

thecaregiver

By CBNNews

You may be surprised or even a bit shocked to hear an aging parent say something rude to you. Or, you ask Mom or Dad politely to discuss finances with you and they stubbornly refuse. It's odd, but undeniable. They are going through some changes as they age.

If your parent is forgetting to pay bills or forgets that you visited yesterday, it's a huge red flag for you. Most of us dismiss this at first. They're just getting old. Or, getting forgetful is "normal", you tell yourself. You rush in to take care of things. You offer to help. You are met with resistance.

As time goes by, your parent is making more and more mistakes, the memory problems are getting worse and you now know leaving them to their own devices is dangerous. They think they're just fine and refuse help. Should you step in and get your parent all upset? Should you just let them do whatever they want?

The answer is "no", you can't just let a parent with signs of dementia or other significant memory problems go on as if nothing were wrong, even if they get upset with you. At some point, the adult child who loves a parent must step in. You may end up setting limits, making new rules, or taking



over certain decisions. This is not easy for most people. We are so accustomed to our parent making their own decisions, that to dare to tell them what to do is very uncomfortable.

Some people call this "switching roles". What it means is that your job, one you've never done before, is to be sure your parent is safe and cared for, just as your parent once did for you. The problem is, your parent is not going to grow up, become more mature and eventually appreciate your efforts. So where does that leave you?

For most adult children who must learn this new job of safety monitor, taking on the new responsibility of "parenting your parent" leaves you with a fair amount of stress and anxiety. Some adult children still feel intimidated by an imperious aging parent, even one who is infirm, demented or unable to

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Unruly medical expenses continues to be a problem

taxtips

By Dave Ramsey

According to the report, 54 percent of Baby Boomers still in the workforce have less than \$25,000 saved in their retirement fund. Of that group, more than half have no retirement savings at all.

So what's holding this generation back? According to the Ramsey Solutions research report, medical expenses are a top financial hurdle for Baby Boomers.

Even with those alarming stats, Baby Boomers—or anyone who's behind on retirement savings—can turn things around. Check out these tips:

- Open a Health Savings Account (HSA). An HSA is a great choice for those who are healthy and don't visit the doctor often. Here's why: An HSA is a tax-advantaged medical savings account for those who have a high-deductible health insurance plan. Many plans cover 100% of medical expenses once the deductible is met. With an HSA, you can save and even invest money to pay for deductibles and other medical expenses tax-free.

- If you're over age 50, take advantage of catch-up contributions. Hitting the big 5-0 comes with one big benefit: You

can invest an additional \$1,000 in your Roth IRA and an extra \$6,000 in your workplace retirement plan each year on top of the \$23,500 you were already permitted to invest in tax-advantaged accounts. That's a grand total of \$30,500 in potential annual contributions. Max

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We're in the midst of one of those as well. You're not allowed to speak against it. When a scientific paradigm captures a culture, it's the only way you think, and anyone who thinks differently is viewed as weird, stupid, idiotic and unscientific – all those terms that are tossed around."

Although the documentary's primary audience is Christians, Tackett wants supporters of the mainstream scientific model to watch it, too.

"And hopefully they'll recognize that the old accusations -- that people who affirm the Genesis paradigm are weak-minded or whatever -- are not true," he said. "We would hope that they would then say, 'You know, there's something

wrong with shutting out evidence and not having a clear, open discussion.' That's what I would love to see. Let's just have an open discussion of this without the name-calling."

Tackett got involved in the project due to a concern that the mainstream scientific model is gaining in popularity among Christians, especially within seminaries and "among some of our more prominent pastors," he said. He wants the documentary to encourage Christians who are having doubts about their faith.

"We hope they're reassured in their belief of Scripture," he said.

Is Genesis History features such scientists as Douglas Petrovich, an archeologist at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada; and Marcus Ross, a paleontologist at Liberty University in



Lynchburg, Va.

Tackett said he learned a lot while filming the documentary, but also had fun.

"Having the opportunity to rub shoulders with these scientists and learn from them, it was a thrill. But it was -- I'll be honest -- at lot," he said of the physical challenges. "We had some back-to-back trips and we did some serious hiking on occasions. But I thoroughly enjoyed it. And the scientists, the crew, everybody -- it was just a wonderful experience."

DUNKIRK

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Dunkirk includes about eight coarse words -- h-ll (2), misuse of "Christ" (2), f-word (2), misuse of "God" (1) and s-t (1) -- although, honestly, the thick British accents can make it tough to know what is said. The film contains no sexuality or nudity.

With countless examples of sacrifice and courage and a good-versus-evil worldview, Dunkirk is an inspirational war movie you want to watch again and again. And even though God is mentioned only once (that is, in a positive light), it's impossible not to see His hand at work in the Allies' survival.

Jesus once told his followers, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John

15:13). That happens a lot in Dunkirk.

Entertainment rating: 4 out of 5 stars. Family-friendly rating: 3 out of 5 stars.

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Other celebrities cast in "The Star" include Tony Award-winning actress Kristin Chenoweth and Grammy Award-winner Kelly Clarkson. In the roles of Mary and Joseph are Gina Rodriguez of "Jane the Virgin" and Zachary Levi of "Tangled." Christopher Plummer will portray King Herod.

"The Star" is set to hit theaters nationwide on Nov. 10.

Little Women Comes to PBS

The beloved book and movies of the same name, Little Women, will get a reboot with its own three-part production on PBS Masterpiece. Set against the backdrop of the American Civil War, Little Women follows the story of four sisters named Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy as they journey into adulthood. Casting for the project is still underway, but a number of high-profile actors have already signed on for recurring roles.

Angela Lansbury will play Aunt March, the girls' wealthy relative, while Harry Potter alum Michael Gambon will appear as the family's neighbor, Mr. Laurence. Rounding out the cast is Emily Watson, best recognized for her roles in War Horse and The Theory of Everything. Watson will play the iconic Marmee March, the girls' mother and acting head of the March clan. Though a tentative release date has yet to be announced, Little Women will likely premier in the spring of next year.

Christian Film Industry

One of history's most-read books is coming to the big screen. "Heavenquest: A Pilgrim's Progress," is a modern take on an old tale. John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress is recorded as the first written novel in the English language.

King Street Pictures said production for the film has already begun and is taking place in Redding, California. Director Matt Bilen, says he wants the movie to challenge how people usually think about Christian films.

"With this film, we're trying to break new ground in the faith-based genre. It's dirt-under-the-fingernails, action-packed, grittier, more stylistic, and more cinematic than what audiences have seen previously. Our cast is diverse, representing faith around the globe. We think this unique combination is the 'next step' faithful moviegoers have been looking for," Director Matt Bilen said.

The film, inspired by Bunyan's classic tales, features a war between the Northern (Heaven) and the Southern (Hell) Kingdom, a lone man's quest to reach the North with the help of an ancient book.

"We believe our modern, edgy retelling of this classic story with a diverse international cast is going to pioneer new markets for faith-based content abroad and will capture the imagination of audiences worldwide, especially in Asia." Stated Dan Mark, producer and principal of King Street Pictures.

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potatoes. Researchers have discovered that you can decrease the calorie content of white rice by a whopping 50% without changing its taste! All you have to do is cook it with a bit of oil and let it cool in your fridge overnight. Doing so increases its resistant starch content substantially.

You consume fewer calories, while at the same time, your gut bacteria get fed. This is critical as these bacteria play a big role in keeping you lean and healthy.

It's not limited to rice. You can do it with pasta, potatoes, and other high-carb foods. Just cook, cool, and

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care for themselves independently. It takes some doing to face this and cope, but it can be done.

Here are five strategies to cope when you find yourself in the new role of "parenting your parent" - particularly when your rebellious or difficult aging parent may not want you to take over anything.

1. Make peace with the reality of your parent's aging. It isn't going away. It isn't going to get easier. With dementia, memory loss and other conditions, behavior of an aging person can change dramatically and does not improve. Your parent needs your help. Accept that this may be hard for you.

2. Start to collect information on bank accounts and records as soon as your parent demonstrates those red flags. Do they have legal documents, such as durable power of attorney, trust and healthcare proxy? Where are they? When were they last updated? You may need to take over on any one of them some day.

3. If your parent is dangerous with their habitual activities such as driving, paying bills or buying groceries, step in. Make rules. Learn a strategy for getting your parent to give up the car keys. Gently insist on helping with bill payment. Offer to help keep groceries in the house if you live in the area.

4. Do not expect your parent to accept logical arguments about why you need to help. It's not about logic for them. It's about losing control. Acknowledge this with your parent and respect the feeling. And as you would with a teenager, do what is needed to keep them safe, even if they don't like it.

5. Avoid being reactive when your

parent gets upset with your "rules" or the limits you set. You need not engage in an argument. "Let's not fuss about this" is a perfectly acceptable response. Then keep on doing what you need to do. Trying to explain why you need to keep a parent safe is unnecessary. They may forget the explanation anyway. Keep your focus on safety and quality of life. Get past the fact that you don't like telling your parent what to do.

If this is about caring properly for your aging parent, and you keep that as your main focus, you'll get through this transition to being in charge. If you start to make it about you, you'll increase your own stress level. The most unselfish and loving thing you can do when a child wants to do anything dangerous is to say no. The same is true for your aging parent. You may have to say no in one way or another. Make no excuses for yourself. If it's hard, if it is unpleasant, that may be the way of things. This too shall pass.



■ DON'T GET COCKY

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that the fundamental religious liberties of magistrates and registers of deeds staff are accommodated and protected, and this ruling acknowledges that the government cannot force public servants to surrender those rights simply because they seek a job that allows them to serve their fellow citizens."

These victories are welcome, especially after a long string of significant defeats, including the 2015 Obergefell decision legalizing same-sex marriage and the February 2017 Washington Supreme Court decision against florist Baronelle Stutzman's objection to participating in a same-sex ceremony.

But it is too early to declare victory and go home.

Jack Philips, for example, hasn't yet won his case. He was merely given the opportunity to make his case. I would also add, as someone who has been writing about religious liberty cases for

more than 20 years, this arena of the law resembles nothing so much as a game of Whac-a-Mole. About the time you whack one of these cases back into the hole from which it came, another case pops up elsewhere.

We should note, too, that those on the other side of these cases include the Human Rights Campaign, the American Civil Liberties Union, and—sadly—our own government, using hate-speech or anti-discrimination laws as their excuses for pouring virtually unlimited legal firepower into the cases.

All of which takes me back to where I started, to make this observation: While these recent religious liberty victories are welcome, we should not revel in them. Rather, we should consider these victories a brief reprieve, a moment in which we can prepare for the next fight.

The Empire will strike back. In the words of Han Solo, "Don't get cocky."

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books written about Dodge City and figures like Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson were about as fictional as Gunsmoke.

I grew up watching Gunsmoke with my grandfather, and Marshal Dillon was my hero. The good news is that the real

story of the West is actually even more interesting, if also more complicated, than the stories Hollywood told. Tom Clavin is not an academic historian, but he is an accomplished writer and a former reporter for The New York Times. He knows how to chase down a story, and Dodge City is a great example of journalistic history. A few years ago, friends took me out to Melody Ranch,

Gene Autry's old movie set in the rural hills outside Los Angeles. I realized then that I was walking on the set where almost all of the westerns of my boyhood had filmed. They just changed the signs on the storefronts. I felt let down. Readers looking for a story that is bigger than life and still hard to pin down will not be let down by Dodge City.

■ STREAMING

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a Queen Victoria worth rooting for. She's flawed, yes, but also humble. She shows graces to others. She learns. We want her to prove her detractors wrong.

The series has elements we enjoyed in Downton Abbey and The Crown. Like Downton Abbey, PBS' Victoria spotlights the lives of the servants. And like The Crown, it shows us a queen who wasn't prepared to lead. The sets in Victoria are not as extravagant as those in Downton Abbey, but the theme song is just as addictive.

Jenna Coleman, previously known for her role in Doctor Who, does a magnificent role in the lead role.

Of course, Downton Abbey (Amazon Prime) and The Crown (Netflix) are on streaming platforms, as well. (Both come with caveats for families: Downton Abbey includes a same-sex angle with a problematic scene in the first episode, and The Crown contains a flash of African native nudity in the second episode. The Crown also includes a gory surgery scene.)

Meanwhile, have you ever wondered why Americans are so enamored with shows about British royalty – besides our attraction to the accents? My guess is that it's a combination of things: First, we long for simpler times. Second, we're spellbound by the mysterious and secret lives of royal families. And third, we have a natural desire for kings and queens – which in the best circumstances are an earthly picture of the ultimate King. In PBS' Victoria, the queen even is called "the Lord's anointed."

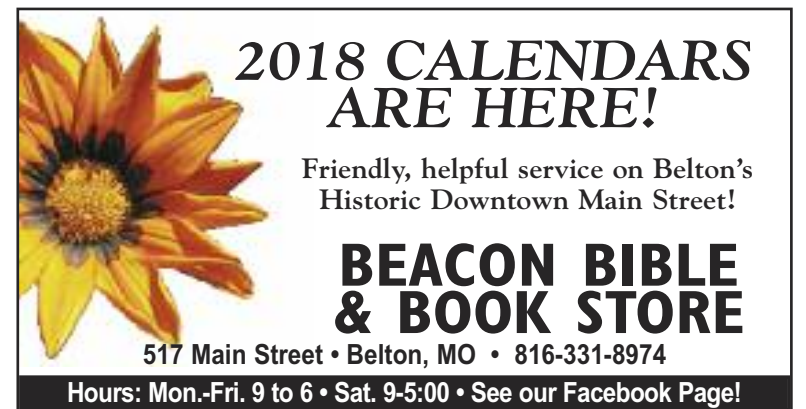


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■ SMALL CHURCHES

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looked by seekers and even by their own associations and denominations.

And, thanks to an increasingly irreligious culture, experts say it's becoming even tougher for small congregations to grow, find their niche and even survive. With fewer believers and seekers to go around, small churches are losing out to those big, shiny megachurches popping up in every American city.

"Megachurches are primarily growing by cannibalizing small churches that cannot compete with the programs and resources and quality of music" of the larger congregations, says Bill Wilson, founder of the Center for Healthy Churches, a consulting and coaching ministry based in Nashville, Tenn.

Small churches more nimble

But Wilson and others say there is a lot more to the small-church story than many see and hear. Christianity Today blogger Karl Vaters declared that there is a lot the leaders of big congregations can learn from small churches.

"Small does not automatically mean broken," Vaters observed. On the contrary, smaller memberships translate into many strengths, capabilities and capacities that larger churches often lack.

For one thing, it's often easier to get things done for churches with smaller memberships, said Laura Stephens-Reed, a clergy coach and congregational consultant based in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"A small church can be a lot more nimble than a large church," she said.



"They can act more quickly and more easily without having to go through multiple committees."

Another strength of the small church — community — is already mimicked by megachurches and other large congregations, she said.

They do this through small group ministries or house churches, which seek to unite smaller groups of members around causes or age-groups.

"Once you reach a certain size, you're essentially an umbrella for a bunch of smaller churches," she said.

No vacant stares and waves

Smaller churches that avoid the temptation to isolate can be very attractive to seekers — especially Millennials, said Eddie Hammett, a congregational consultant and president of Transforming Solutions in North Carolina.

"If the church wants to grow it has to learn to do small because people want community, pastoral care and friends" in their congregations, Hammett said. "In churches of 1,200 or 4,000, you don't get that personalization."

Younger generations are the future of small churches — if those congregations are welcoming of that diversity, he said.

"They have a great future because Millennials want community."

Wilson said he's come across many small churches that are closed off and appear out of touch and defensive.

"They cocoon themselves away from

culture and just take care of each other," Wilson said. "That's the worst case scenario."

But he's also encountered many who resist that temptation.

"They fight it hard," he said.

■ BIBLE-MINDED

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The evangelical polling organization determined "Bible-mindedness" by asking the respondents how regularly they are in reading the Bible and what they think of its accuracy. Based on the results, the group found that 50 percent of the population of Chattanooga is Bible-minded.

Birmingham, Anniston and Tuscaloosa, Ala. have taken the second spot, with 49 percent. In 2015, these cities had the first spot.

Only one city in either Kansas or Missouri makes the top ten. Springfield, Mo comes in at 7th place (46 percent); followed by Little Rock and Pine Bluff in Arkansas (44 percent); Knoxville in Tennessee (44 percent); Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson in S. Carolina and Asheville, N. Carolina (44 percent).

Wichita/Hutchinson makes an appearance at number 18 with Kansas City, Kan./Mo appearing near the middle at 42. St. Louis is at 47th place.

Which are the least Bible-minded cities in America?

Albany, Schenectady and Troy, New York with only about 10 percent of their populations being Bible-minded are at the top of that list for the second year in a row.

The New England area takes the second and third positions, with Boston in Massachusetts and Manchester in New Hampshire at 11 percent.

Providence in Rhode Island and New Bedford in Massachusetts with 12 percent are close behind.

Cedar Rapids and Waterloo in Iowa, at 14 percent, is the only Midwest city in the top five least Bible-minded cities. The East coast and the West make up the remainder of the top 10 spots for least Bible-minded, including Las Vegas in Nevada (around 14 percent); San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose in California (15 percent); Hartford and New Haven in Connecticut (16 percent); Salt Lake City in Utah (17 percent); then back to New York with the biggest American city New York (17 percent) sliding into tenth place.

Nationally, only 25 percent of the population is considered Bible-minded, according to Barna. Individuals considered to be Bible-minded are those who report reading the Bible in the past week and who strongly assert the Bible is accurate in the principles it teaches.

According to Barna, "This definition captures action and attitude — those who both engage and esteem the Christian scriptures. The rankings thus reflect an overall openness or resistance to the Bible in various U.S. cities."

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Top 10 Most Bible-Minded Cities In America

1. Chattanooga, TN
 2. Birmingham, AL
 3. Roanoke/Lynchburg, VA
 4. Tri-Cities, TN
 5. Shreveport, LA
 6. Charlotte, NC
 7. Springfield, MO
 8. Little Rock/Pine Bluff, AR
 9. Knoxville, TN
 10. Asheville, NC; Greenville, SC
- Others in Kansas & Missouri:
18. Wichita/Hutchinson, KS
21. Paducah, KY; Cape Girardeau, MO; Harrisburg/Mt. Vernon, IL
42. Kansas City, KS-MO
47. St. Louis, MO

Bottom 10 Bible-Minded Cities In America

91. New York, NY
92. Salt Lake City, UT
93. Hartford/New Haven, CT
94. San Francisco, CA
95. Las Vegas, NV
96. Buffalo, NY
97. Cedar Rapids, IA
98. Providence, RI
99. Boston, MA
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