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**Survey: Good deeds by Christian Churches often go unnoticed**  
by **Bob Smietana**

(BP) -- Many Americans are unaware of various efforts by local Christians or churches to serve their neighbors, according to a new study from Nashville-based LifeWay Research.

In a survey of 1,000 Americans, LifeWay Research looked at 13 service programs conducted by churches -- from tutoring kids to teaching job skills. They asked Americans if they'd heard of churches or church members being involved in those activities in the past six months.

Six in 10 say they know churches feed the hungry. Half say they know churches give clothing to the poor.

Beyond that, acts of service by churches often appear to go unnoticed, said Scott McConnell, executive director of LifeWay Research.

"Unless you've received help from a church -- or been involved in serving others -- these kinds of programs may fly under the radar," McConnell said.

Few Americans were aware that churches help people prepare their taxes (8 percent), provide foster care (12 percent), teach English to immigrants (13 percent) or teach job skills (13 percent).

A few more know churches tutor kids (16 percent), provide aid to new moms (19 percent), support local schools (21 percent), offer after-school programs (24 percent) or visit people in prison (25 percent).

About a third of Americans know

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**UNITED IN CHRIST**

By **Dwight Widaman**

By the time he was 12, Bruno Ierullo was so notorious in the Canadian crime scene, he was sneaking heroin into maximum security prisons.

"I was really bad and by 15, I had people working for me on the street," Ierullo, who is now a pastor, told CBN News.

When Ierullo got caught, he was sent to a detention center but later was ordered to attend an Anglican boy's school. A few years passed, but he was

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**Year 500: What Has Become of Luther's Reformation?**

By **Dale Hurd**

WITTENBERG, Germany -- This year marks the 500th anniversary of one of the most important events in history, the Protestant Reformation.

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a local professor of moral theology, nailed his 95 theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany, spelling out theological disputes he had developed regarding teachings in the Roman Catholic Church, to which he belonged at the time.

Little did he know how much that single act would change the world.

Germany is now in the middle of a yearlong national celebration of Luther's Reformation. But Luther's time was rarely this colorful and tidy as in re-enactments today. The 1500s in Germany were cold, muddy, bleak and rude.

**Luther's Time: Back to the Future**

There are interesting similarities between Luther's time and today. In

1517, the Holy Roman Empire, like the European Union, was beginning to disintegrate. New technology -- the printing press -- was as revolutionary as social media, and pushing into the borders of Europe: the armies of Islam.

Even though he was an adopter of new technology, Luther would probably try to destroy one piece of new technology, just installed last week in Wittenberg: a robot that dispenses a blessing in seven languages.

It's interesting to watch a nation that has in many ways turned away from God -- or at least away from biblical Christianity -- celebrate Luther, a man of the Bible, so enthusiastically.

**The Secular Celebrate the Sacred**

But how would Martin Luther feel about today's secular Germany?

Famous German Lutheran pastor Dr. Theo Lehmann says Luther would "turn over in his grave."

One of the world's leading authorities on the reformation, Yale professor Dr. Carlos Eire, says the number one reason Luther would be surprised by

the celebration is that he didn't expect there to be a world in 2017.

"Luther expected the world to end in his lifetime or soon thereafter," Eire says. "If Luther could time travel, he would just be shocked about what has become of the Christian world, the fact that so few Europeans now attend church."

**Loud, Smelly and Rude**

Despite the sophisticated looking busts and sculptures of his appearance, Luther was not genteel. He liked to argue, and he did not like to be disagreed with. He was a product of his times, says Dr. Benjamin Hasselhorn, curator of the National Luther Exhibition at the Lutherhaus Museum in Wittenberg.

Hasselhorn says Luther's times were loud and rude.

"In central Germany in that time people were not polite. They were not quiet," says Hasselhorn. They were loud and they drank beer and they ate a lot of meat and they were rude, and so Luther was one of them."

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**God's Agent of Change**

Luther was an imperfect vessel that God used to bring Christianity back to the authority of scripture.

He also changed the way we worship. Eire says Luther made Christianity a faith about the living, by doing away with purgatory.

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still involved in crime.

"It came to a point where I was involved with the Columbian drug cartel," he admits.

Once during a drug deal, they thought he was going to steal the drugs so they stabbed him in the stomach and held him at gun point. "I heard an audible voice say, You live by the sword, you die by the sword," says Ierullo. He walked right up to the guy with the gun and tried to convince him he wasn't stealing the drugs. "They just ran from me!" Ierullo was amazed.

After his encounter, Ierullo told his mom he wanted to serve God and enrolled at a Christian university. There he accepted Christ as his savior and began his journey as a Christian.

"I had a vision of Jesus rescuing

unity is not about doctrines, but is a simple focus on spiritual unity, based upon our shared faith in Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation, recognizing the contributions of each diverse group, the hope of which can bring healing and revival to the nation."

The conference also celebrates the significance of 2017 for the Church internationally, recognizing a number of historically significant anniversaries. These include the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517), the 50 year anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (1967), the 50 year anniversary of the modern Messianic Movement (1967) and the 40 year anniversary of the Ecumenical Charismatic Conference in Kansas City (1977).

"Kairos 2017 in Kansas City is the place to build bridges with leaders of



Speakers include (l. to r.) Bruno Iurello, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Joseph F. Naumann, CBN's Gordon Robertson, and Will Ford of Christ for the Nations.

me from the darkness," says Bruno. He shares how he wanted to know more about Jesus so he read the Bible from cover to cover. "I was on fire for the Lord," he says.

So began a lifetime journey of serving God and bringing that message of saving grace to others. But there's another issue close to his heart—unity among believers.

"There is nothing more powerful than unity," he says. "Jesus is coming back for one bride."

Ierullo is one of the organizers behind an effort to bring Protestant, Evangelical, Charismatic, Messianic, Catholic and Orthodox leaders from around the world together in Kansas City Oct. 24–26 for round table discussions, worship, and prayer. Christians who share their heart for John 17 unity are invited to join them in celebrating a year of destiny, as they come together for a historic, three-day meeting and then carry the blessing of unity back to their respective communities.

"God is calling His people to unity in Christ, as Jesus prayed in John 17. ...so the world would believe that God sent His Son," says Matteo Calisi, Founder of United in Christ and Host Ambassador for Kairos 2017. "This

other Christian traditions, to focus on our faith in Jesus, to celebrate our diversity and to help heal the wounds of the past," says Calisi.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Kenneth Copeland, and over two dozen other Christian leaders. Worship will be led by Catch the Fire Music, Misty Edwards, Laura Hackett Park and Jaye Thomas.

The conference, which will take place at the Forerunner School of Ministry, 12418 Grandview Road in Grandview, will include panel discussions and dialogue promoting understanding and respect between Christian traditions as well as discussions of ways to work together with large group prayer, worship, prophetic intercession focused on God's presence, repentance, the unity of Christians, and revival. The meeting will close with a challenge by national leaders to carry the torch of Christian unity and revival back to their communities.

"When we come together, our evangelization will be greater than ever. By this, all men will know you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13:35)," says Ierullo.

For more information visit [www.Kairos2017.com](http://www.Kairos2017.com)

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"Before Luther, Christians used to spend a lot of their time, a lot of effort and sometimes a lot of their money, on masses for the dead, to get their relatives released from purgatory. And that changed completely."

Luther is a key reason we have so many protestant denominations today.

Eire says, "When he was born, everyone in Europe belonged to the same church. And when he died, there wasn't one church. There were various churches, all competing with one another."

There were many reformers before and after Luther. But Eire calls Luther the match that lit a powder keg, setting several things in motion.

Hasselhorn quotes German Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was killed by the Nazis, who said Luther "set in motion things he never would have wanted: the enlightenment, the secularization."

Hasselhorn says Luther "would have many things to criticize about his church, what it has become today, [also] about Europe and about the Western world itself."

Perhaps Germans are fortunate Luther cannot return to see what has become of modern Germany and the Western world.

He probably would have spoiled the party.



## Local churches unite for Reformation service

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod churches of Topeka and Lawrence will be gathering together as one to hold a joint service on Reformation Sunday at Topeka Performing Arts Center.

KS District President Peter Lange will preach, three bell choirs will ring, and a mass choir will lead the singing

## Italian Festival Returns

Christ the King Catholic Church will host its third annual family-friendly Italian festival, "Rome Sweet Home," on Saturday, October 7, from 4:30-11 p.m. on the parish grounds at 25th and Wanamaker. It begins with an outdoor Mass at 4:30 p.m.; followed by food and entertainment at 5:30, including a sit-down Italian dinner (LaRocca's Lasagna) in Parish Center (advance purchase required at [CTKtopeka.org](http://CTKtopeka.org)). Food trucks and snack/ice cream vendors will be available throughout the evening, along with wine and beer gardens, quilt show, children's activities and inflatables. Raffles and sweepstakes will be available, and the fun will be followed by a professional fireworks display shortly after dusk.

For more information, visit [ctktopeka.org](http://ctktopeka.org); or call the Church at 785-273-0710, School at 785-272-2220 or EEC at 785-272-2999.

## Life Lessons From a Little One

### IMPERFECT KIDS

by Jessica S. Hosman

"I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway." – Romans 7:19

We've all been there... remorseful for wrong said, incredulous that we made the same dumb decision again, perplexed with "what's wrong with me?!" It's a struggle that Paul had and that adults can relate to more often than we'd probably like to admit. It's easy to set ourselves down the road of condemnation and wallow in our assumed unworthiness of grace, replaying and tormenting ourselves with thoughts of our mistake over and over again. For some of us, it might take days of being angry at ourselves before we feel like we can even approach God as if somehow we deserve to beat ourselves up. We know the wrong we did and how mad we are at ourselves. Surely, He must feel the same way, right?

My son came to me the other day and asked the age-old question: why do I keep doing things I don't want to do? "I love you so much, Mommy. But sometimes I'm so mean to you and I don't want to be. Why do I do that?" I didn't set into a large theological explanation, but I did admit that I struggle with the same from time to time. That doesn't make us bad people; it makes us people. But as long as we walk in forgiveness, both towards one another and ourselves, we can overcome and become the people God wants us to be.

"Aren't you going to tell me you forgive me?" he asked a little while later. And of course, I did. I had before he even asked. He's my son. And even though he might

not act like an angel or treat me perfect 100% of the time, I still love him with an unconditional love. To not do so would be unfathomable. If that's how I see my son and my human capacity to love is limited, how much more does the Father love and forgive us when we admit our failures? His love knows no bounds. Of course, He knows we're not perfect all of the time and we do stupid things we regret, but that does not cause Him to turn His head and decide to quit loving us. When Zechariah comes to me in sincere repentance, it melts my heart and makes me love him even more. He's recognizing he's hurt me and desiring to do better. How could I respond towards him with anything but love?

Yet we often struggle imagining that God would walk in this same attitude towards us. God calls Himself, Abba, which doesn't just mean, Father; it means, Daddy, and signifies that close intimate relationship a parent has with a child.

Our kids aren't perfect and never will be. But we're not going to stop loving them, even if in a few years they still don't have it completely together. We're going to keep loving, and in return they are going to keep growing. God looks at us – His kids – no different. He loves us because He loves us, because He loves us. Let's quit believing any less and throw away the lies of how awful we think we are, and start receiving the truth of who God knows we are. We are His kids, and despite our imperfections, we are forgiven and unconditionally loved.



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# US Catholics and Protestants agree: 500 years after Reformation, they have more in common than not

by **Emily McFarlan Miller | RNS**

The theological differences that led to the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago have dwindled since in both the United States and Western Europe.

That's the finding of a Pew Research Center survey released Thursday (Aug. 31), weeks before late October's 500th anniversary of the schism in western Christianity.

Among U.S. Protestants, many seem unaware of the differences, voicing beliefs today that are more traditionally Catholic than they are Protestant.

"I think it's fair to say the differences between the two groups have diminished to a degree that might have shocked Christians of earlier centuries," said Greg Smith, associate director of research at Pew Research Center.

"Maybe it's not a huge surprise in the context of modern-day United States, but if you look back at the longer term — at the 500th anniversary of the Reformation — that would be quite surprising to a Christian of 300, 400, 500 years ago."

Of course, Smith noted, no survey data exists to measure responses to the same questions in the 1500s.

According to the survey, more Protestants reported they believe salvation comes through a mix of faith and good works (52 percent) — the traditionally Catholic position — than through "faith alone" (46 percent). That belief — "sola fide" in Latin — is one of five "solos" that form the backbone of Protestant Reformers' beliefs.

The same shares of Protestants also reported they believe Christians should look to the Bible, church teachings and tradition for guidance — the Catholic position — rather than the "Bible alone," or the Protestant belief in "sola scriptura."

Only 30 percent of U.S. Protestants affirmed both sola fide and sola scriptura. Belief in both doctrines was



A statue of Martin Luther in Erfurt, Germany, on June 12, 2017.

Photo: RNS/Emily McFarlan Miller

higher among white evangelical Protestants (44 percent) than white mainline Protestants (20 percent) or black Protestants (19 percent) and jumped even higher (59 percent) among white evangelicals who reported they attend church at least once a week.

U.S. Catholics, in contrast to Protestants, voiced beliefs more in line with the teachings of their church: 81 percent reported both good deeds and faith were needed to get into heaven, and 75 percent reported Christians should look to the Bible, church teaching and tradition for guidance.

And while differences between Catholics and Protestants once led to wars and persecution, most U.S. Catholics (65 percent) and Protestants (59 percent) now agree they have more in common than not.

The U.S. survey of more than 2,500 adults, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, was conducted online from May 30 to Aug. 9. The margin of error

for results based on each sample in that survey is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points

## The Protestant Reformation's other great writer

by **Daniel Peterson, Deseret News**

In this 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation, the spotlight naturally falls on Martin Luther (1483-1546). But his somewhat younger contemporary Jehan Calvin (1509-1564) shouldn't be overlooked.

Better known among English-speakers as John Calvin, he was born in France. Originally educated as a lawyer, he also received superb training in both Latin and Greek, and — rather curiously, given his later history — his first published book (1532) was a commentary on the first-century pagan Roman philosopher Seneca's "De Clementia" ("On Mercy"), an indication of his strong early humanist leanings.

Calvin left the Roman Catholic Church sometime around 1530. In 1533, he experienced a powerful religious conversion and, thereafter, devoted himself more to theology than to either humanism or law.

In 1534, he went underground to avoid anti-Protestant violence in France. By 1535, he had reached Basel, Switzerland, where, in March 1536, he published the first edition of his important "Institutes of the Christian Religion," which he initially intended to serve as a catechism or basic introduction to Christian doctrine. Soon thereafter, however, the city of Geneva recruited him as a reader (offering expository lectures on the Bible) and preacher.

But when he was expelled by Geneva's governing council, he accepted an invitation — although he'd never been ordained — to serve as pastor for a church of 400-500 French refugees in the free imperial city of Strasbourg. Commencing there in 1538, he performed baptisms and weddings and led worship services.

Still in Strasbourg in 1539, he published the second edition of his "Institutes," expanding it from six to 17 chapters. He

## C5Alive Invites All Pastors to Appreciation Luncheon

The annual C5Alive "Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon" will be held at Great Overland Station on October 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It will honor the city's pastors with a free luncheon, inspirational speakers, as well as gift bags for each pastor.

Speaking at the luncheon will be Dr. Corey Schliep of Christ First Counseling. Corey will speak about how to be of help to your church members, as well as yourself, co-workers, business employees and/or family members. There will be a Question and Answer period at the end.

A special meal will be catered by Aboud's Catering.

The cost to attend the luncheon is \$10 for C5Alive members and first-time guests who RSVP, and \$12 at the door. Non-members and other guests pay \$15. C5 luncheons are open to the public and everyone is welcome to

attend, organizers said. RSVPs and inquiries can be sent to [info@C5Alive.org](mailto:info@C5Alive.org).

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



Dr. Schliep

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

The next luncheon will be held November 9. Featured speaker then will be Dr. Alvin Sanders, Interim President of World Impact.

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

For more information about C5, go to [C5Alive.org](http://C5Alive.org), [facebook.com/C5Alive](https://www.facebook.com/C5Alive), or call 785-640-6399.



also abandoned his plan that it be an elementary Christian primer and transformed it into a systematic statement of Christian doctrine. In March 1540, he published his "Commentary on Romans." Eventually, he would write commentaries on nearly every biblical book. (His preaching reflected his system of working methodically through the Bible: From March 1555 to July 1556, he delivered 200 sermons on the book of Deuteronomy.)

In 1541, Geneva officials invited Calvin to return, and he spent the rest of his life based there. The city's political climate had changed, and, perhaps even more important, church attendance had declined noticeably after the popular preacher's banishment.

Overcoming opposition from several powerful Genevan families, he introduced new forms of liturgy and church government. But here is one of the points at which Calvin becomes very controversial: Although he taught the separation of church and state, Calvin and his fellow pastors exercised enormous political power in Geneva, which some have called a theocracy.

Writing of Luther and Ulrich Zwingli also, but principally and most accurately

of Calvin, the 18th-century French skeptic Voltaire said: "If they condemned celibacy in the priests, and opened the gates of the convents, it was only to turn all society into a convent. Shows and entertainments were expressly forbidden by their religion; and for more than two hundred years there was not a single musical instrument allowed in the city of Geneva."

More notorious, though, is the case of Michael Servetus, an important Spanish physician and Protestant theologian who had written against infant baptism, predestination and the doctrine of the Trinity. (Servetus regarded Father, Son and Holy Spirit simply as manifestations of one God, not distinct persons.)

Both the Spanish and the French inquisitions had ordered his execution, and he ultimately came to Geneva. Why he did so is unclear. He had corresponded with Calvin, but Calvin was no fan and had been angered by the exchange. If Servetus ever came to Geneva, Calvin wrote to a friend, "as far as my authority goes, I would not let him leave alive." Servetus was arrested and, with Calvin's approval, was burned alive (standing on a pyre of his own writings) on Oct. 27, 1553. Reportedly, his last words were "Jesus, Son of the Eternal God, have mercy on me." (He would not be the last person executed at Calvin's insistence.)

During his remaining years, Calvin's authority in Geneva was largely unchallenged. Between 1558 and his death, he devoted his failing energies to a final revision of his "Institutes," expanding the work to an impressive 80 chapters. It lays out the fundamental principles of "Calvinism," which are at the heart of various Congregational, Reformed and Presbyterian churches still today. These principles include God's absolute sovereignty, predestination and an emphasis on original sin and human depravity.



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# “Rev on the Road” Combines Fitness with Faith

Topeka Bible Church has announced it will host a two-day faith-based fitness event Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28. Rev on the Road is a Revelation Wellness outreach event designed to restore people's hope, faith and love as image bearers of a good and whole God. This is the first time the event has been held in Kansas.

Revelation Wellness is an organization that encourages people to love God, get healthy, be whole and love others, through blogs, events, workout plans and a book, “The Wellness Revelation,” which details an 8-week journey to that wholeness.

True to the culture of Revelation Wellness, participants will experience contagious joy and freedom as the Gospel message is shared through cutting edge fitness that meets people where they are. This event is for anyone – every fitness level, every spiritual level, every body shape and size. Rev on the Road is led by speaker, author, and founder of Revelation Wellness, Alisa Keeton, with help from various certified RW Instructors from all across the country.



Organizers say the event will include live worship, Bible study, inclusive fitness/movement, prayer, grace-filled community connections – health, healing and wholeness for the mind, body, and soul.

Rev on the Road event begins 5:30 p.m., Fri., Oct. 27 with registration until 8:30 p.m. and resumes at 8:30 a.m. Sat., Oct. 28 until the event concludes at noon.



**Schedule:**

**Friday -**

- 5:30 PM – Doors Open/ Registration Confirmed
- 6:30 PM – Welcome & Intention
- 6:45 PM – LIVE Worship
- 7:15 PM – Bible Study
- 7:45 PM – Rev On The Mat – A Gentle Movement Experience
- 8:15 PM – Be Still & Be Loved – A practice of stillness
- 8:30 PM – Closing

- 9:00 AM – Welcome & Intention
- 9:15 AM – Bible Study
- 10:00 AM – Revelation Fitness® – An All Levels Fitness Experience
- 11:15 AM – Refuel & Hydrate Break
- 11:30 AM – Live Worship
- 12:00 PM – Closing Intention

Event registration can be found at [www.revontheroadkansas.eventbrite.com](http://www.revontheroadkansas.eventbrite.com). Registration is a suggested tax-deductible donation of \$10/person.



**Saturday**

- 8:30 AM – Doors Open/ Registration Confirmed

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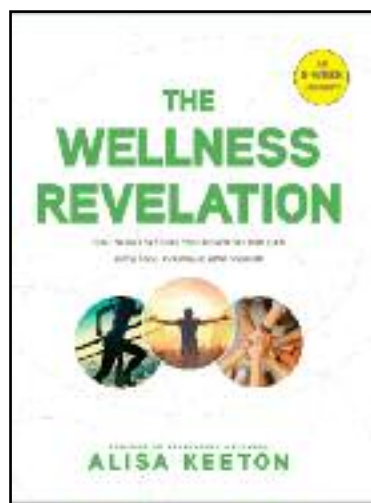
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Churches, which are FEMA's biggest partner in disaster relief, are currently banned from receiving funds or reimbursement for their own damage.

## Legislators working to get hurricane relief for churches

By **Evan Wilt**

(WNS) Four Republican U.S. senators on Sept. 18 introduced legislation to allow emergency federal funds to go to churches during natural disasters. Their efforts were supported by President Trump, who tweeted that churches should not be discriminated against.

Harvey, Irma, and Maria, hurricanes that left wide paths of destruction in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, showed the resilience of communities coming together for recovery efforts. Thousands of people lost their homes during the storms and many fled to houses of worship for shelter. Republican Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn of Texas, Roy Blunt of Missouri and James Lankford of Oklahoma believe churches should be eligible for emergency federal grants, just like secular organizations.

Earlier this month, three churches in Texas sued after the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) denied them access to public assistance grants, which provide nonprofit groups money to repair or replace damaged facilities.

"This policy is discriminatory and wrong," Cruz said.

"We must ensure that religious organizations are eligible for federal assistance on the same terms as other nonprofits after being damaged or destroyed during natural disasters."

It's unlikely the legislative effort will win support from across the aisle, but court precedent could be in the church's favor.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of a Missouri church receiving a public grant to improve its playground. The justices, including two appointed by Democratic presidents, ruled the state cannot deny the church grant money, which benefitted the broader community, simply because it is a church.

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churches shelter the homeless (33 percent) and provide disaster relief assistance (39 percent).

Fourteen percent of Americans haven't heard of any of these services by churches. Seventeen percent were not sure.

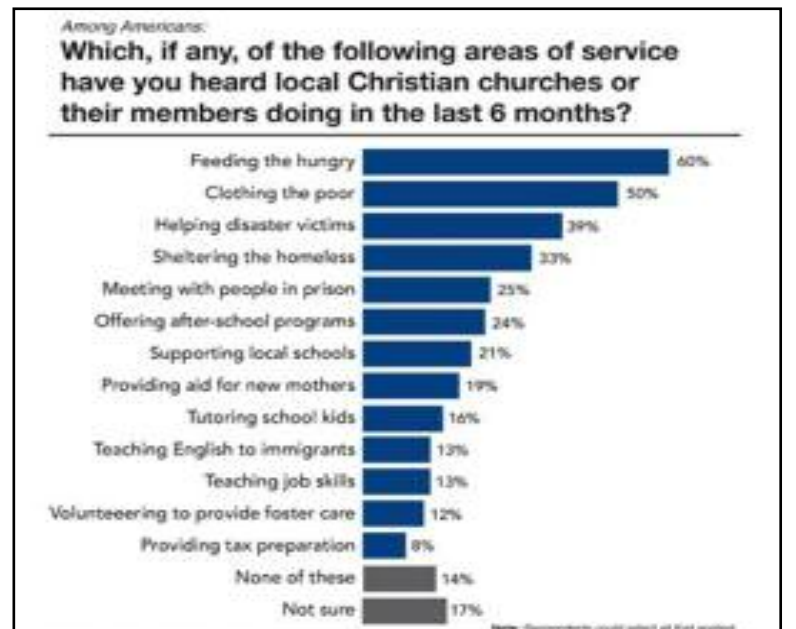
Churches and church members often serve anyone from their community, whether they attend services or not, said McConnell. But outsiders may not get the message, which he said is a problem: If people don't know about a church's efforts to serve others, they won't turn to a church

when they need help.

And, with better awareness, those who don't go to church might show up to help their neighbors.

A previous LifeWay Research study found that half (51 percent) of unchurched Americans -- those who haven't attended services in the past six months -- say they would be willing to help a church with a community service project.

"People who need help may be missing out," McConnell said. "And Americans who want to lend a hand might miss the chance to help out and along the way connect with the church."



# FINANCIAL PLANNING

## First, get a real job

Dear Dave,

I currently have student loans in deferment from earning a degree in hospitality management. My career goal is to own a mobile food vending company, so I'm putting most of the money I make from eBay and ride-hailing services — around \$1,000 a month — aside in savings for that. Should I forego my business idea for the time being, and knock out the student loan debt instead?

Nicholas

because you have the knowledge from the degree you earned. And it's a valuable degree. If you go in there and bust it, you can escalate yourself upward through that industry in a hurry.

While you're doing that, you can clean up all your student loans and save up money for your food truck. Boom! You're self-employed and you learned a lot of stuff you can use in your new business. Go make some real money, then follow your dream, man!

—Dave

Dear Nicholas,

You should put this business idea on hold for now, unless you can start it for less than \$1,000. The first thing you need to do is go out, and get a real job. I know you have this dream of being self-employed, but right now you're not doing so well as an entrepreneur.

With a hospitality degree, you can make \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year within the industry, clean up your mess, and build out the eBay thing on the side. Just think about how quickly you could save up money for a jump into the food truck or mobile food business, then!

Pay your way through it, Nicholas. Don't sit around scraping by on the kind of money you're making now and call that winning. You have a real economic engine at your fingertips,

### A bad move

Dear Dave,

I have a whole life insurance policy with zero cash value due to loans I took out per the advice of my agent. I finally realized this wasn't a smart move, as I now owe premiums plus interest every year. Am I still on the hook for the policy loans if I forfeit the policy to buy term insurance?

Tanner

Dear Tanner,

No, you are not. Get your term insurance in place first, then when you cancel the policy your cash value will offset your loans.

They won't loan you more than your



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cash value. It's seldom that they will loan you 100 percent of cash value, so you might actually have a cash value that is above your loan amount. If they have loaned you the full amount of your cash value, it'll be an exact break even, and just canceling the policy means you cancel the interest and cancel the premiums.

It was bad advice to buy the policy, and even dumber advice to clean the whole thing out and sit there paying interest to borrow your own money and pay a premium to keep the loan open.

I recommend 10 to 12 times your income on a 15- or 20-year level term policy. During that 15 or 20 years, of course, you should be getting out of debt and building wealth so that you have a big pile of money and no need for life insurance.

—Dave

### Problem plan

Dear Dave,

I make \$48,000 a year, and I have \$35,000 in credit card debt. I owe \$25,000 on my home, and I was thinking about taking out a loan against my house to pay off the credit cards. Is this a good idea?

Mike

Dear Mike,

I would never advise anything like this, unless it's to avoid bankruptcy. Here's the problem with that kind of plan. Most people who do that kind of thing don't change their financial habits. In fact, they end up with a new mortgage and new credit card debt somewhere down the line.

You need to start building a track record of paying off debt. Cut up the credit cards, slash your spending, and start living on a tight, written, monthly budget. Prove to yourself that you're not going to take out a mortgage and turn around and run up a bunch of new credit cards.

I want to see you not take on any new debt and reduce that \$35,000 credit card bill dramatically over the next six months. If you can knock out half of it in a year, you can take care of the other half in another year or less. Then, you wouldn't need a second mortgage!

—Dave

### Threaten to garnish

Dear Dave,

I got a call from a debt collector regarding \$2,000 I owe in medical bills. I'm trying to get my finances in order and pay it off, but I'm afraid they'll follow through on their threat to garnish my wages. Can you give me advice?

Mike

Dear Mike,

First, I want you to take a deep breath and calm down. Debt collectors like to play on your emotions because they think you'll give in and do something you can't really afford to do. Most of them don't care your situation as long as they get some money.

They won't garnish your wages because they can't. They would have to go through the formal, legal procedure

of first suing you and then winning the case. They broke federal law by saying they would garnish your wages but hadn't sued you. If I'm in your shoes, I'd be filing a complaint against these bozos with the Federal Trade Commission.

Don't react with fear and panic in the face of debt collector threats. Talk to them and explain your situation. See if you can work out a compromise. If they get nasty, let them know you'll be filing another complaint with the FTC. You'd be surprised how reasonable these people can be when faced with the possibility of government intervention.

In the meantime, do everything you can to scrape up as much cash as possible. Then, when you get this mess cleaned up, pay off the rest of your debts and start living on a budget!

—Dave

## Looking for Work May Impact Your Taxes

By Peggy Beasterfield  
Owner, Peggy's Tax and Accounting Service

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



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

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

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

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

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

• **Time Between Jobs.** You can't

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

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

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

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

For more on job hunting refer to Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions, available at [IRS.gov/forms](http://IRS.gov/forms) at any time.

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## Prayer can make huge impact in Middle East and beyond



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### viewpoint

I recently read about Maryam Naghash, a 36-year-old believer in Iran who was refused an extension of her medical leave from prison, where she is serving a four year sentence for witnessing to her faith.

I was moved to pray for her. Then I thought – surely God loves her infinitely more than I or anyone could? Surely God knows her needs and what is the best for this sister. So why should I pray for Maryam? What difference would it or could it make?

Reflecting on the subject, it became obvious that, in praying, we are clearly following God's commands, and the example He gave us through the life of Jesus. God intends prayer to be the means of obtaining His solutions in many situations. At SAT-7 we pray in: preparation for major decisions (Luke 6:12-13); to overcome Satan's opposition (Matthew 17:14-21); to gather workers for the spiritual harvest (Luke 10:2); to overcome temptation (Matthew 26:41); and to

obtain the means of spiritually strengthening others, including our many viewers (Ephesians 6:18-19).

God promises that our prayers are not in vain (Matthew 6:6; Romans 8:26-27). He has promised that when we ask for things that are in accordance with His will, He will give us what we ask for (1 John 5:14-15). But, even then, He sometimes delays His answers for our benefit, urging us to be diligent and persistent in prayer (Matthew 7:7; Luke 18:1-8). Prayer should not be seen as our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather as a means of getting God's will done on earth because, of course, God's wisdom far exceeds our own.

Of course, we also pray because we have personally witnessed answers to prayer – sometimes dramatic answers!

But, none of this explains why God chooses to work with and in us through prayer. In the end, prayer is a

**“Prayer should not be seen as our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather as a means of getting God's will done on earth because, of course, God's wisdom far exceeds our own”**

mystery, an act of faith and obedience.

I lead a large satellite ministry called Sat-7. Through beaming God's word in to areas of the world not accessible to missionaries, we are able to reach people with the Gospel. We thank God for



Arab children watch a Sat-7 Christian satellite program in their own language.

all He is doing.

The week of November 5 – 12 is a Week of Prayer for the people in the Arabic speaking world. And, as the Lord leads you, pray for different SAT-7 viewers, personnel, channels and opportunities that listeners and viewers will hear and respond to the message of the Gospel. Because, the mystery that it is prayer is the greatest contribution that you can make to this ministry!

Terence Scott is SAT-7 Founder and Chief Executive Officer and has lived in the Middle East region for over 40 years. In 1973 he moved to Beirut, Lebanon but

after the start of the Lebanese Civil War,

Terence and his family evacuated to Egypt where he launched an Arabic youth magazine called “Magalla” – the first Christian magazine to be successfully distributed in more than a dozen Arab countries.

In 1995 he, along with Middle Eastern Christian leaders and around 20 partner organizations working in the region, launched SAT-7 as the first Christian satellite television channel in Arabic.

In December 2011, he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Christian Ministries Degree from Belhaven University “for extraordinary work and achievements in promoting Christianity throughout the Middle East and North Africa.”

## Finding calm in the storm



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Once, after a long day of work, Jesus and His disciples climbed into a boat to cross the sea. They pushed out and settled in for a little break until work would kick back up again on the other side. Some of the disciples, due to their fishing experience, knew how to navigate the waters, so were comfortable on the seas. Jesus immediately laid down and fell asleep.

Very soon however, the winds picked up and they were in the middle of a full-blown storm. The wind speeds were high and created large waves that crashed down on their boat. They began taking on water and became fearful their lives might be lost at sea.

Meanwhile, Jesus continued to sleep. His disciples were agitated at His disconnect from the urgency of the situation. Filled with panic and fear they angrily awoke Him saying, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mark 4:38).

Jesus stood, looked out on the stormy sea and spoke directly to the wind “Calm!” and to the waves “Peace!” The disciples stood in amazement as suddenly the weather changed with the wind stopping and waters resting. They marveled.

Then He turned and confronted their lack of faith in Him. Their eyes fixed on the storm and they became controlled with anxiety and doubt. They lost all sense of reason, as panic took over.

The event communicated how Jesus has the power to control the greatest forces of nature and how He wants people to trust Him when walking through the disasters of life.

Jesus does not promise to calm every storm, but does show how through Him we can experience His peace.

If we are dealing with the effects of a



hurricane, tornado or a wild fire, His calm can reign. If we are dealing with a wayward child, bankruptcy or traumatic medical diagnosis, He can give us rest.

Sometimes He chooses to let the storms come and they cause great damage and pain, at other times we are spared with a sense of relief. There is a mystery to it. We do not understand God's ways. But one thing we do understand, His steadfast presence and abiding peace remain.

A prayer for you...

Lord God, I pray for those in our country who are walking through the

effects of hurricanes in the south and the forest fires in the west. I don't understand why these disasters were not suddenly stopped. Even so, I pray you will show yourself mighty to those who have suffered loss. Help them to trust in you despite devastation all around. May you lift their eyes heavenward and fill them with your joy and rest.

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**editor's blog**

I have no respect for these millionaire players who disrespect the flag and our national anthem. This is a black mark on the Chiefs and the NFL as a whole. I am one who will not pay money to attend games or buy/wear Chiefs merchandise because of this. For the NFL and owners to support the players in this disrespect, going against 70% or more of the fans, is wrong and I hope they will learn a lesson from it. I wish the Chiefs would replace Marcus Peters.

And as for Alex Smith, you should have kept your mouth shut. I was an advocate of yours when others said you were not the answer at quarterback, but my respect for you just went way down. Your remarks were a lie! You said that Trump did not condemn the neo-Nazis, when in fact he did so on multiple occasions:

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence – on many sides," Trump told reporters regarding the demonstration, during which 19 others were injured. (It has also been proven that there was indeed violence on both sides of the skirmish)

Later he named them specifically:

**During the National Anthem is not the time to make a protest**

"And as I have said many times before, no matter the color of our skin, we all live under the same laws. We all salute the same great flag, and we are all made by the same almighty God.

"We must love each other, show affection for each other and unite together in condemnation of hatred, bigotry and violence. We must rediscover the bonds of love and loyalty, that bring us together as Americans.

"Racism is evil – and those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans," Trump said. "Those who spread violence in the name of bigotry strike at the very core of America."

And when Trump said there were good people on both sides, it was true: Some of the people at the rally who were getting beat up by Antifa were not Nazis, they were only there to protect the historical value of the statues. And some of those protesting the rally were not violent Antifas, they were just there to protest the Nazis peacefully.

Trump has spoken out on this NFL issue of disrespecting the flag and anthem, and once again he is saying what all of us regular folks have been wanting our leaders to say!

**Team owners have the right to disrespect the flag & anthem, and to let their players do so, but they should not expect the fans to approve!**

The owners also have the right to



control the actions of players on the field, but are refusing to do so. Now the fans will speak!

Players can choose to speak out in other areas and venues, but fans will not approve when they do it on OUR team that OUR dollars pay for, during OUR national anthem!

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The printed edition of the Capital Journal included an inset next to this article which also contained lies. It stated Trump said that "neo-Nazis were 'very fine people.'" In fact what he said was there was violence on both sides of the skirmish, and there was

also very fine people on both sides. Some of those at the rally were only there to protect the historical value of the statues, and were NOT neo-Nazis. This kind of dishonest and misleading reporting is what is dividing our nation.

The media takes every story and makes it all about Trump, in an anti-Trump way. Whatever happened to unbiased reporting in our news media?

The media and the way they slant reporting is what is fueling the divisiveness in our country.

It's about time they cleaned up their act.

**newsbriefs**

**The Cambrian period**

(WNS)--Paleontologists claim that 50 fossil remains they recently unearthed belong to a new species of marine predator that evolved 500 million years ago during the Cambrian explosion, a time during which multiple, anatomically distinct animal forms appeared suddenly in the fossil record. Evolutionists going all the way back to Charles Darwin have struggled to explain how so many life forms could appear so suddenly at once during the Cambrian period. Intelligent design advocates say the Cambrian explosion offers evidence of God's creative work. And young-earth creationists such as Frank Sherwin, a biologist with the Institute for Creation Research, argue that such fossils indicate that the flood of Noah's time destroyed numerous populations of complex and completely formed animals. "Apart from the greatly inflated ages, the Cambrian explosion is exactly what the flood geologist would predict based on Genesis Chapters 6-9," Sherwin wrote on the ICR blog.

**Muslims kill 20 Christians**

(WNS)--Fulani herdsmen killed 20 people and injured six others during a recent reprisal attack in Nigeria's Plateau state. The sporadic attacks continue as Nigerians petition for international intervention. The 20 people who died, including nine children, belonged to Baptist and Methodist churches in Ancha.

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## Students serve Christ through serving foster kids

By **Kathy Kinnan**

*[Front page photo: Volunteer students (and one of their moms) from Whitefield Academy plant new flowers at the Show-Me campus.]*

What qualities must our young people need to be equipped for the world they will face as adults? More than a degree and work skills, we all are called to have a transformed life; one which is not just about making a living but living for a higher purpose. For knowledge to become wisdom, it must be experienced and understood through God's lens: our Christian faith is the foundation to every aspect of life and thought.

For Whitefield Academy, located in the Kansas City metro, that means serving at the Show-Me Christian Youth Home in La Monte, Mo. This service trip provides each student with the opportunity to connect with the three things central to that growth: Christ, character, and community. On a week-long mission trip, students connect with kids just like themselves

— in age, in interest, and even dreams for the future. The difference: for most of Show-Me kids is there isn't always a safe, stable home and family ready to care for them if they leave. The chance to serve other kids has opened Whitefield's students' eyes to the grace and blessings in their own lives and to the responsibility that each of us has to help others.

### Stepping Out of their Comfort Zones

Whitefield Academy, a classical Christian Pre-K through 12th grade school, has long sought to provide students with opportunities to stretch themselves and their faith through the avenue of mission trips and serve days in their community.

Approximately, 15 years ago, Whitefield was looking for a safe envi-



ronment for their seventh graders to do a service trip. The school had tried several types of missions, including serving in Kansas City's urban core, but none seemed to be the right fit. Parents began hunting for a new safe, service-oriented opportunity that would be conducive to help their seventh graders get out of their comfort zones and be the "hands and feet of Christ." Their search led them to Show-Me and they have been traveling to the small rural community in Central Missouri every spring since then.

### Work Hard. Play Hard.

We hope and pray the benefits of our week each year bring reciprocal benefits. Yes, we do work for Show-Me such as weeding, painting, cleaning, and sorting. Our "sevies" have dug ditches, planted gardens, cleaned bathrooms, babysat for children, and washed puppies. We play hard too, organizing a soccer match against the Show-Me team, joining their track practice, playing volleyball and basketball and so much more.

Our trips have evolved over time with the students taking on more lead-

ership roles. They help in the planning of their trip, they give the nightly devotions, and plan and lead games. They see God stretching them to do things they didn't think they could do. They bond to their classmates and get to know their teachers in a way that being in a classroom doesn't accomplish.

### Cultivating Something Greater

Our juniors and seniors talk frequently with such fondness of their week at Show-Me. We even have had a set of twin sisters continue their relationship with Show-Me after they graduated and come back year after year on their own.

Our students' time at Show-Me builds character, teaches what a hard day's work is like, and moves them outside their comfort zone to meet people and do things they've never done before. They learn how to give and not get something material for it in return, just the satisfaction of doing a job well.

### Just Like Me

Our students get to encounter children that have different needs and some similar to their own; They often say the kids are "just like me" in terms of interests. The students realize just how much they have been given, and also what a responsibility they have to give back — "To whom much is given, much is required." I believe the relationship that Whitefield Academy has developed through the years with Show-Me Christian Youth Home has helped to raise a group of people to love God, love others, and to give unselfishly. We couldn't ask for more than that.

—Kathy Kinnan is Lead Teacher at Whitefield Academy in Kansas City.

## Saint Francis Keeps Kids in Prayer

Kevin, 13, would like to become a professional chef when he grows up and has been apprenticing at a local soul food restaurant. He also likes to play guitar, swim, watch movies, ride his bike, and visit the library. Eager and enthusiastic, Kevin makes friends easily and performs well in school — although he sometimes gets in trouble for talking too much. Friendly and polite, with a beautiful smile and an easy sense of humor, he gets along with just about everybody.

Several of his siblings have already been adopted, and Kevin would like a forever family of his own. He needs a loving family that understands his unique situation and parents to guide and support him.

Kevin is just one of the hundreds of children awaiting adoption in Kansas. He's also one of the children featured in Saint Francis Community Services' Fostering in Faith program. As a ministry, Saint Francis believes that one of the most powerful acts we can perform on behalf of children is to hold them in our prayers. In our own families, we pray for our children all the time - but sadly, many children have no family and no one to pray for them.

Fostering in Faith arose from that realization. We know that most congregations and religious organizations have within their fellowship groups of people to whom God has given a spirit of intercessory prayer. Fostering in Faith ensures that children desperate for "for-

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# Practical advice to avoid pitfalls and dispel fears



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## viewpoint

### BEING PRO-ADOPTION WITHOUT BEING SCAMMED

Adoption is an idea that rests in the heart of many couples but fails to come to fruition for a variety of reasons. Sometimes fear holds them back. Hearing stories of fraud causes them to avoid taking those first steps.

Recent news articles have told the stories of families who have lost significant sums of money in adoption proceedings. In some cases, the expectant mother bilked them out of funds. In others, the agencies closed down after accepting payments.

Whatever the reason, it's horribly discouraging to people who are trying their best to adopt and willing to lay out significant amounts of money to do so. The result is even more people who decide it's not worth trying.

If you're considering adoption and want to limit your financial risk, there are a few steps you can take. Due to all the variables, it's impossible to risk-proof an adoption process, but you can put guards in place so you limit your potential loss and insure that you're being good stewards of the finances God's given you.

### CONTROL THE HOME STUDY PROCESS

The first step in adoption is getting a home study. It is a written assessment of your home, history, and preparedness for adoption and will be necessary to file for adoption with the court. There is no way around this, and a good social worker will actually help prepare you for your adoption.

Make sure you are getting the right home study. Home studies for foster-to-adopt, international adoption, and private

adoption are all different. If you are going through a private agency, make sure you own your home study when it is over and if you choose to go to another agency, you don't need to pay for the home study to be released.

A home study will cost you up front. Someone is investing significant time in writing it for you, so they need to be paid for that – but once you pay for it, you should be able to use it elsewhere for a similar adoption rather than be locked in with one agency. Ask how many signed copies you will receive and if they insist that they don't give home studies directly to families, go elsewhere.

### AVOID ALA CARTE MARKETING CHARGES

Some agencies will offer you greater visibility in front of expectant moms if you pay a substantial fee up front. That's a huge red flag – trust God to get you in the right spot rather than paying huge sums for websites or specific ads that highlight your family. Those dollars are hard to justify.

Direct marketing, Craigslist ads, even Facebook pages promoting your availability to adopt are more often invitations to being scammed rather than helpful in connecting with an expectant mother.

### BE CAREFUL ABOUT EARLY MATCHES

It's not unusual to have an expectant woman approach us when she's only 8-12 weeks pregnant, asking to see family profiles so she can choose a family to adopt her child. We are happy to help care for her in the process, but we don't match expectant moms and adoptive parents until the beginning of the third trimester.

At match, most agencies charge estimated fees for the care of the expectant mom. Many states have relatively modest limits on those amounts, but some do not. A



large number of agencies match early to collect those funds up front, knowing the expectant mother may or may not choose to go forward. If she chooses not to make an adoption plan, the expectant family forfeits those funds.

### ASK QUESTIONS

Once you are matched, you will most likely need to pay fees. Ask pointedly, if the expectant mother decides not to go through with her plan, what happens to those funds? Some of the fees will be unrecoverable (birth mother expenses) but your match fee should not necessarily be forfeited. Many agencies will offer you a credit on your next match. A few will offer a refund under unique circumstances.

In cases where families are not offered a cash refund, it does not mean they are been scammed. The agency has done all the work they were able to do in caring for the expectant mother, counseling, preparing you, etc. There is inherent risk in adoption that cannot be entirely mitigated, but that is true of any worthwhile pursuit.

Adoption is not easy or without pitfalls. Even so, it is a beautiful expression of the heart of God and a key part of standing for life. May the grace of God rest on those who say yes.

*Randy Bohlander and his wife, Kelsey, have ten children, six of which were adopted. They founded Zoe's House Adoption Agency. He recently became the Senior Pastor of Hillcrest Covenant Church in Kansas City.*



## The foster care crisis is ours and now is the time to save it

By **Robert R. Duke**

The decision to foster a child brings great challenge and great reward. You become the stabilizing force in a life disrupted by turbulent times. Knowing that reunification with the birth family is the goal, you open your home and heart. And you fall in love.

Several years ago, my wife and I embarked on this adventure. Today our family includes two biological sons, an adopted daughter, and a foster daughter who joined our family at three months old. She just turned two and likely will be reunited with her birth family soon. Saying good-bye will break our hearts, yet we are not called to an easy path—we are called to be faithful.

I can say unequivocally that we sense a calling on our lives to care for these little ones. Children living right in our cities and towns who have no one to hold them, take them to a park, or put a warm meal on the table—this trumps many things that command more attention. Children represent the future. They represent the hope and

possibility of our communities, our churches, and our nation. All people, regardless of faith tradition, must come together to advocate for these children.

Since November is National Adoption Month, religious leaders must begin cultivating a massive inter-faith movement to target not only adoption but also the need for foster care. On any given day, approximately 402,000 live in foster care in the United States, and on average, these children remain in state care for nearly two years with eight percent of children enduring five or more years. We must do better than this.

Recently, a Jewish friend, who works for a foster-adoption agency, and I discussed how our faith backgrounds shape our views on how our communities should pursue foster parenting. The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament for Christians) includes several verses about taking care of those who are parentless (Isaiah 1:17, "...learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow."). This provides very

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## SAINT FRANCIS

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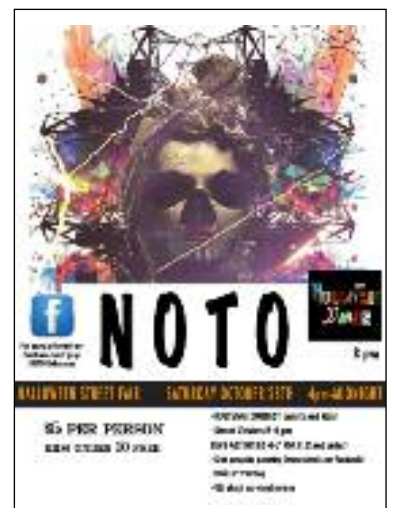
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It's going to be a freakishly great night in NOTO on October 28th! Starting at 4:00 p.m. the streets will close in the 800 and 900 blocks of N Kansas Avenue, and gates will open for people to enjoy a fun Halloween Street Fair. Admission is \$5 at the gate (kids under age 10 are free). A lot will be going on, including these Special Events:

- Live entertainment including Nucklehead Jones at 8:00 p.m..Bring lawn chairs for comfort.
- Costume Contest for kids and adults
- Trick or Treating
- Pumpkin painting
- Street Vendors 5-9pm
- Trick or Treating (12 and under)
- Carnival Kids Activities 4-7pm



## North Topeka offers a variety of activities

Don't forget First Friday, which has become a big deal in North Topeka these days, bringing people to the area in record numbers. Besides the Art Walk in NOTO, other North Topeka businesses have begun joining in and coordinating complementary events. Many are making plans to make 2017 better than ever in NOTO and the entire North Topeka area.

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

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

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

OUR CIRCUS OUR MONKEYS –

Oct. 6, 5-10pm. NOTO Arts District. Free. Stilt walkers, artists, aerialists, dancers, magicians, musicians, fire spinners.

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VOLKSTOBER – Oct. 8, 1pm, NOTO. Volkswagen Car Show.

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STUDIO 62 HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR – Oct. 13, 6-11pm. BYOB. \$25 per painter. \$5 non-painter entry. Call for reservations and info: 431-3221

VETERANS FALL FESTIVAL – Oct. 14, 3-11pm. American Legion Topeka North Post 400, 3029 NW US Hwy 24. Food trucks, beer garden. Open to public.

## FOSTER CARE CRISIS

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tangible directions on community care. I also shared with her that as Christ-followers, fostering is a sacred responsibility that models Jesus' love for us. Just as God adopts us into His family, we have the means to adopt these children—even if only briefly into our homes and forever into our hearts.

The care of children transcends all that divides us and encourages me to reach across artificial lines. I have friends who are foster parents from many (and even no) faith traditions. I have Republican, Democrat, and Independent foster parent friends. We come from different nationalities, ethnicities, socioeconomic means, and the list goes on. But our role as foster parents draws us together in solidarity and advocacy for often-forgotten, voiceless little ones in need of homes and people who care for them. In a world divided by politics and faith, I love the unity I feel with others regarding this issue. Let us come together in heart, mind, and spirit to solve this crisis.

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## Gourmet Hot Dogs Being Served in Gage Center

Bill Hunt and his family moved to Topeka from Happy, Texas, following a visit here to a neighboring business near Gage Bowl. He was familiar with many gourmet hot dog restaurants in Texas, and wondered why he didn't find any in Topeka. Looking around, he saw a vacant business across the street and called about it. After looking at it, he decided that it would be a fine location for what they wanted to do – promote gourmet hot dogs in Topeka.



Bill and his family had farmed in Texas for years – wheat, milo, whatever was profitable. But now, he is thankful for this opportunity to provide a taste

of entrepreneurship for his son, Keevin. Top Dog is truly a family-run business, as his step-dad and mom have been participants in the set up and opening of this new Topeka business. Bill loves Topeka and wants everyone to know he sincerely appreciates their business!

They serve 100% all beef hot dogs, from Patuxent Farms in Illinois. Twelve named dogs are on the menu, with the latest being the MacDaddy,

topped with mac & cheese. The others are: Top, Mexico, Perry, Kraut, Sloppy, Tuff, Royal, Chief, Chicago, Pizza and Elvis. Their biggest day so far: 500 dogs served. For sides, they offer an assortment of chips, baked potatoes, coleslaw, nachos and “drunken beans” which are cooked in beer, but are alcohol-free when they get to the table.

Bill and Keevin are open to suggestions from the community. You may contact them on their Facebook page – facebook.com/topdogtopcity. You can also Google, Top Dog Topeka. Their hours are 10:30 am to 9 pm, Tuesday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday they are open until 10 pm.

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Janelle, a single mom, graduated college in 2001 with a degree in graphic and web design. She previously worked for Digital Reprographics and That Paper, both in Topeka. She also has managed the Kansas Wine and Beer Garden at the Kansas State Fair, and therefore, has experience in retail management, as a waitress and a bartender.

The meat she uses for the diner's popular fare such as Biscuits and

Gravy and Sloppy Joes comes from local farms, and she only uses fresh ingredients. “I would like to eventually serve 100% organic food,” she said.

The Bluebird Diner serves breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 2 pm. They are located in the former Bill's Diner at 2134 North Kansas Ave.

Janelle loves the North Topeka atmosphere, because the local residents support the local businesses.



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The standard delivery fee depends on the distance from the restaurant

to your location. Average delivery time ranges from 45-55 minutes.

Topeka2Go is also a locally-owned family business.

Look for the app MyTown2Go on the App Store or the Play Store. When you order food through the website or app, you are supporting the local economy and a local family business.

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**THE BERRYTON PICKERS** - First Sat. of ea. month, 7-9pm, Berryton Baptist Church. Bring snacks, have fun!

**KANSAS IN CONCERT** - Oct. 6, 8pm, TPAC. [tpactix.org](http://tpactix.org)

**US AIR FORCE BAND** - Oct. 18, 7pm, TPAC. The US Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. Free concert. [tpactix.org](http://tpactix.org)

**JEREMY CAMP: THE ANSWER TOUR** - Oct. 27, 7pm, University Christian Church, 2800 Claflin Rd., Manhattan. [echoconcerts.com/concert/543](http://echoconcerts.com/concert/543)

**CASTING CROWNS** - Nov. 12, 7pm, TPAC. With Zach Williams. [tpactix.org](http://tpactix.org)

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**FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sundays at 10am sharp, at Oakland Church of the Nazarene: 900 block of NE Oakland, followed by church

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**CLOTHING EXCHANGE** - Sep. 30 & Oct. 7, 9-12pm. Topeka Free Methodist Church, 3450 SE Indiana Ave.

**PASTOR'S APPRECIATION** - Oct. 1, 3-5:30, The New Beginning Baptist Church, 1329 SW 37th St. Celebrating Pastor Cecil T. Washington and His life works featuring "The Seven Essentials."

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**PUMPKIN PATCH** - Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene, 3501 SW Wanamaker Rd, 785-273-2248 Family fun activities.

**DINNER FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP** - Oct. 4, 6:15pm. Susanna Wesley United Methodist, 7433 SW 29th. Chili feed. Vegetarian option also available. \$6 adult, \$3 children. Worship service at 7pm. For info: 478-3697

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**FALL FESTIVAL** - Oct. 7, 5:30pm. Grace Bible Church, 4021 SE 37th St. Food, games, and prizes. For info: 267-0738 or [info@gbc-topeka.org](mailto:info@gbc-topeka.org)

**FOG FAMILY FUN FEST** - Oct. 7, 11am. Family of God Church, 1231 NW Eugene St. Games, prizes, hayride, food, music, etc. Free. For info: 234-1111 [fogchurch.com](http://fogchurch.com)

**CUBA PRESENTATION** - Oct. 8, 5pm. Grantville United Methodist, 3724 South St. Review of a recent mission to Cuba. Cuban food samples available. For info: 246-3621 or [grantvilleumc.org](mailto:grantvilleumc.org)

**UMM BREAKFAST** - Oct. 8, 7am. Grantville United Methodist, 3724 South St. Biscuits and gravy, Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage Links, Juice, Milk and Coffee; free will donation. For info: [grantvilleumc.org](mailto:grantvilleumc.org)

**8TH ANNUAL "PASTORS APPRECIATION" LUNCHEON** - Oct. 12, 11:30-1, at Great Overland Station. Invite your pastor! All Topeka area pastors will be treated to a FREE lunch and a gift bag of items donated by C5 members. Featured speaker: Dr. Corey Schliep of Christ First Counseling. Corey will speak about how to be of help to your church members, as well as yourself, co-workers, business employees and/or family members. Special meal catered by Aboud's. Sponsored by C5Alive. Cost: \$10 for C5 members & first-time guests who RSVP, \$12 at the door. \$15 for non-members & repeat guests. Please RSVP to [info@C5Alive.org](mailto:info@C5Alive.org). Open to the public. 640-6399 for info.

**PANCAKE FEED AND SILENT AUCTION** - Oct. 14, 7am-11am, Highland Park UMC, 29th and Michigan. Sponsored by the Sunflower Lions Club. Ticket \$5.00

**"WHAT IS NORMAL?" HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT** - Oct. 14, 9:30am. Open Arms Outreach Ministries, 2401 SE 11th. Event to promote health and wellness. Food and carnival games available.

**PANCAKE FEED AND SILENT AUCTION** - Oct. 14, 7-11am. Highland Park UMC, 29th and Michigan. \$5.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Oct. 14, 11am - 2pm, Highland Heights Christian Church, 29th & Tecumseh. Food, fun,

**QUARTERMANIA** - Oct. 14, 9:30am, Christ The King Early Education Center, 5973 SW 25th St., enter through the school doors.

**HARVEST DINNER AND BAZAAR** - Oct. 20, 4-6:30pm. Kansas Avenue United Methodist, 1029 N Kansas Ave. \$8 adults, \$3.50 children.

**FALL INTO CHURCH** - Oct. 21, 12-4pm. New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Fun, food, and fellowship. Students ages 6-12. For info: 249-4893 or [byoung36@tps501.org](mailto:byoung36@tps501.org).

**FALL FESTIVAL** - Oct. 21, 8am-6:30pm; and Oct. 22, 8am-1:30pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 216 N.E. Branner. Vendors with purses, jewelry, candles, essential oils, Thirty-One Bags, Scentsy, Tupperware, Avon, KU items, homemade goodies, quilts & more. Food available. 785-409-4475.

**REV ON THE ROAD** - Oct. 27, 5:30-8:30pm, Oct. 28, 8:30am-12pm. Topeka Bible Church, 1135 SW College Ave. A two day outreach and wellness event designed to restore people's hope, faith and love. participants will experience contagious joy and freedom and cutting edge fitness that meets people where they are at. This event is for every body shape and size but nobody leaves the same. For info: [eventbrite.com/e/rev-on-the-road-kansas-tickets-36244868377](http://eventbrite.com/e/rev-on-the-road-kansas-tickets-36244868377)

**TRUNK OR TREAT** - Oct. 28, 5-7:30pm. Fairlawn Church-The Nazarene, 730 SW Fairlawn. Free Fun for the whole family: candy games, music, fun

**CARNIVAL AND TRUNK & TREAT** - Oct. 28, 2pm & 6:30pm, Lighthouse Bible Church, 4110 NW 62nd St. Carnival 2-4pm, Trunk & Treat 6:30pm 785-246-0138

**TRUNK & TREAT** - Oct. 28, 4-6pm, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker. 271-0808

**TRUNK & TREAT**, Oct. 31, 5-8pm, Lakeview Nazarene, 29th & Croco. 266.3247

**TRUNK OR TREAT** - Oct. 31, 6:30-8pm. East Side Baptist, 4425 SE 29th St. Candy, popcorn, hotdogs, drink

**TRUNKS & TREATS** - Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30pm, Rolling Hills Christian Church, 4530 NW Hiawatha Place (US Hwy 75 & NW 46th St.) Candy, snacks & fun

**REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP SERVICE** - Oct. 29, 10:30-12pm. TPAC. The LCMS churches of Topeka and Lawrence will be gathering together as one to hold a joint service on Reformation Sunday. KS District President Peter Lange will preach, three bell choirs will ring, and a mass choir will lead the singing

**SING PRAISE** - Oct. 29, 4pm. Grace Cathedral, 701 SW

8th Ave. The Order of Sung Vespers. For info: 235-3457

**REFORMATION OCTOBERFEST** - Oct. 31, 5:30, St. John Lutheran Church, 9th & Fillmore. Deutsche Messe Meal 5:30-6:45; German Mass Worship Service at 7pm.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE** - Nov. 5, 9am-3pm & Nov. 5, 11am-1:30pm. Lowman United Methodist, 4101 SW 15th

**COMEDY CAFE** - Nov. 10, 6:30-8:45pm, Fellowship Bible Church, 10th & Urish. An evening of fun, food (delectable desserts) and fellowship while learning more about the Youth for Christ ministry outreach and its impact here in Topeka. Featuring the comedy of Jarell Roach. Make reservations or sponsor a table at [www.topekayfc.org/comedycafe/](http://www.topekayfc.org/comedycafe/) or call 785-232-8296.

## SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

**MEDICARE MONDAYS** - First Mon. of ea. month, 1-3pm. Topeka/Sh. Co. Public Library (Menninger Rm 206), 1515 SW 10th. Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging and Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas offers senior health insurance counseling. For info: 580-4545 or [nhnl@tscl.org](mailto:nhnl@tscl.org)

**MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** - Oct. 3, 2:30pm. Learn the basics of Medicare and all its options. Seminars are designed for those becoming eligible for Medicare and those considering making a change. Seminar will be held at 823 SW Mulvane. For info or to sign up: [centuryinsuranceagencyks.com](http://centuryinsuranceagencyks.com) or 270-4593 or [info@century-health.com](mailto:info@century-health.com). Snacks, beverages provided.

**HARVEST FIRE CITYWIDE CAMPMEETING** - Family of God Church, Harvest Family FourSquare & In God's House present Evangelist Chad Macdonald revival services. Sunday & Monday 10/8-9, Family of God Church, 1231 NW Eugene St.; Tuesday & Wednesday, 10/10-11, 7pm, Harvest Family Four Square, 522 SW Polk; Thursday & Friday, 10/12-13, 7pm, In God's House, 1616 NE Seward. Come expecting! (785) 234-1111. [miraclevivalfire.com](http://miraclevivalfire.com) [FamilyOfGodChurch@hotmail.com](mailto:FamilyOfGodChurch@hotmail.com)

**MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** - Oct. 10, 2pm. Learn the basics of Medicare and all its options. Seminars are designed for those becoming eligible for Medicare and those considering making a change. Seminar will be held at the Heart Center at 929 SW Mulvane. For info or to sign up: [centuryinsuranceagencyks.com](http://centuryinsuranceagencyks.com) or 270-4593 or [info@century-health.com](mailto:info@century-health.com).

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**MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** - Oct. 12 & 19, 6:30pm. Learn the basics of Medicare and all its options. Seminars are designed for those becoming eligible for Medicare and those considering making a change. Seminar will be held at Cotton O'Neil North at 4505 NW Fielding. For info or to sign up: [centuryinsuranceagencyks.com](http://centuryinsuranceagencyks.com) or 270-4593 or [info@century-health.com](mailto:info@century-health.com). Snacks & beverages provided.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

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

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

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

**SHAWNEE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** - Wednesday's, 7pm, Croco Hall, 6115 SE Hwy 40, Tecumseh. Starting Sept. 20. Call 785-817-3071.

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

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


**SHEPHERDS CENTER HHHS WALKING GROUP** - meets 2nd & 4th Thur, 9:30-11 at HHHS, 21st & Belle. Entrance for walkers is on WEST side. People who would like to walk a shelter dog call Kelsey Scrinopskie, 233-7325.

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

**DOWNTOWN TOPEKA FARMERS MARKET** - Saturday's through Nov., 7:30am-noon, 12th & Harrison. The open-air market is full of fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, arts & crafts, flower, home-baked goods, more.

**SWAP MEET AT PREMIERE FARM & HOME** - last Sat. of

**All About The Kaw: A Speakers Series**

 This speakers series complements our current exhibit *The Kaw: A Prairie River Shapes a State* and is FREE to members. Non-members pay regular admission. Bottled water available but no food—bring your own lunch if you wish.

October 11, 12-1pm "Our National Water Trail - The Kansas River", Dawn Buehler. Dawn is the Kansas Riverkeeper with Friends of the Kaw. She monitors, responds and mediates suspected pollution incidents to Kansas River; schedules and facilitates educational river trips; and manages advocacy efforts to protect and preserve the Kansas River.

For more info, hours & admission: [www.greatoverlandstation.com](http://www.greatoverlandstation.com)  
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• Nov. 9, 11:30-1, Power Luncheon; Dr. Alvin Sanders, Interim President of World Impact  
• Dec. 14, 11:30-1, Christmas Luncheon at Fairlawn Plaza - Great Food, Music & Fun!

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**SAVING DEATH ROW DOGS ADOPTION BOOTH** - Every Sat., 11am - 2pm, Petco, 1930 SW Wanamaker. Some Sat. adoption booths are held at PetSmart, 2020 SW Westport Dr. Updates at [savingdeathrowdogs.com](http://savingdeathrowdogs.com)

**TOPEKA FOLK DANCERS CLASSES** - Sundays, 2-4pm, 2637 SE 41st St. Dances from 20 countries. No partners or experience necessary. No fee. 215-0968.

**HAUNTED WOODS** - Oct. every Fri. & Sat. night, 8-11pm, Forest Park, 3158 SE 10th St. We've partnered with the Boy Scouts of America and the Army to produce "Topeka Haunted Woods". This event includes a guided 1/2 mile hike through the old growth forest, 3 escape rooms designed by Keynundrum, a Zombie Laser Tag adventure, and food trucks. 234-8024 [TopekaHauntedWoods.com](http://TopekaHauntedWoods.com)

**KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** - Sep. 2 - Oct.

15, 10am-7pm; Weekends only plus Columbus Day and Labor Day. 628 N 126th St., Bonner Springs, KS. [www.KCRenFest.com](http://www.KCRenFest.com). 800-373-0357.

**GARY'S PUMPKIN PATCH & FALL FESTIVAL** - Sept. 22-Oct 29, Fri. - Sat. - Sun., 5991 17th St. Grantville, KS. 8 Acre Corn Maze, Pig Races, Corn Pit, 2 Jumping Pillows, Giant Slides, Animals, and more. Home Made Curly Fries, Hamburgers, Brats, Turkey Legs, Apple Cider Slushy and more. Admission \$12.95; Season Pass - \$27.95 at [garysberrys.com](http://garysberrys.com)

**STONE'S FOLLY ART FESTIVAL** - Sep. 29-30, 6-10pm, 18th & Stone. Free. "Art under the Stars" local, regional, and national art show & festival. Live bands, beer & wine, food, gift shop, & children's activities. Crafts, raffle. A Patron Party Friday evening Sep 29 5-7pm: \$35 in advance: 785-272-5590 Ext. 302

**KANSAS CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL** - Sep. 30, 10am-3pm. Downtown Topeka on Kansas Ave. Free. 234-1030

**AVIATION EXPLORER 65TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** - Sep. 30, 5:30pm, Downtown Ramada. Fly back in time with Betty Geiger-Darst, as Katharine Wright, sister of Wilbur and Orville, presents a living biography and personal account of the First Family of Flight. Join us to celebrate Aviation Explorer Post 8's 65th anniversary, bid in our silent auction, enjoy dinner, and tour the Holley Museum of History. Tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities at [post8.org/banquet](http://post8.org/banquet). 409-7026. \$65

**MIDWEST GATHERING OF THE TRIBES** - Sep. 30, 9-5, Forbes Field near KS National Guard Museum. Free bike and car show. Free tent camping. Food and merchandise vendors. Free candy, food, prizes & fellowship. MIA Vets Ceremony at nearby Combat Air Museum. Patriot Guard, American Legion Riders, Military planes, tanks and vehicles. Live music and special guest speakers.

**5K FUN RUN/WALK & CONCERT FOR FREEDOM** - Sep 30, 9:30am-6pm, Veterans Memorial & River Road, 100 Commercial St., Atchison, KS. 5K fun run/walk & concert for freedom. Performances by hip hop artist Aaron Ray with drummer Dan Johnson of the group

Red & Christian rock artist Break the Fall. Proceeds go to benefit Restoration House of KC to help stop human trafficking. Call: 913-426-7439

**HOGS & HORSES POKER RUN** - Sep. 30, 12-7pm. Topeka Hope and Healing Academy. \$25 per bike. Raffles, free BBQ, and live music at the last stop. For info: [hopeandhealingacademy.com/fundraising-events](http://hopeandhealingacademy.com/fundraising-events)

**LIFE CHAIN** - Oct. 1, 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 29th & California, 21st & Washburn, 21st & Wanamaker, 1600 Wanamaker near Best Buy and Walmart. For more information call Anita 230-5699

**APPLE FESTIVAL** - Oct. 1, 10-5, Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore. Live entertainment, demonstrations, heritage food and arts & crafts fair. Advanced tickets \$5; \$10 for 2-day pass; \$7 at gate; Kids under 5 free. 785-251-2993

**SWEET SPOT HOKA FUN RUN** - Oct. 5, 6-8pm. Garry Gribble's Running Sports. special fun run ending with some "Sweet" temptatious delicacies from Hazel Hill Chocolate but we will also have plenty of prizes to go with those treats.

**OUR CIRCUS OUR MONKEYS** - Oct. 6, 5-10pm. NOTO Arts District. Free. Stilt walkers, artists, aerialists, dancers, magicians, musicians, and fire spinners.

**BLACK BUSINESS FIRST FRIDAY EXPRESSIONS OF FREEDOM** - Oct. 6, 5:30-9pm. Freedom Fotografix Art Gallery, 112 SE 8th Ave.

**OKTOBERFEST** - Oct. 7, 10-10pm. Fairlawn Plaza. Arts, music, and family fun.

**OZTOBERFEST** - Oct. 7-8, 10am-7pm, Downtown Wamego. Great food, craft vendors, kid's activities, car show, beer garden, live music, street dance and more. Marketplace with unique artistic finds, homemade ice creams, veggies, arts, pottery, paintings, photographs, direct market items for the ladies. Free

**PUMPKIN PALOOZA** - Oct. 7, 10:30am - 2pm, Lake Shawnee Swim Beach Parking Lot

**CHILI FEED AND BAKE SALE** - Oct. 7, 10-5, Sunshine Connection, 3434 SW 6th. 785-232-0315

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE RIDE** - Oct. 7, 11-4pm. Gage Park Memorial. Ride to raise money for a new WWII memorial in Gage Park. Auction, raffles, food, etc. \$20

**UNMASKING STIGMA: A HOPE AND HEALING BENEFIT FOR VALEO** - Oct. 7, 5:30-8:30pm. Serendipity. For info: [valeotopeka.org](http://valeotopeka.org)

**HARMONIZING JOURNEYS: AN EVENING OF ART AND MUSIC** - Oct. 7, 6-7:30pm. Creations of Hope Gallery.

**CAPITAL CITY JAZZ & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL** - Oct. 7, 4:30-9pm, 9th & Kansas Ave. A great mix of jazz - local and national artists - paired with food truck variety from across the state. Concert is FREE to the community and hosted by Downtown Topeka Inc., Visit Topeka, Inc. and Topeka Jazz Workshop.

**VOLKSTOBER** - Oct. 8, 1pm, NOTO. Volkswagen Car Show.

**TOPEKA RITECARE GOLF TOURNEY** - Oct. 9, 11-4pm. Topeka County Club.

**ALL ABOUT THE KAW** - Oct. 11, 12-1pm. Great Overland Station. Second Wednesday of every month. Bring a lunch if you would like. Free. For info: [greatoverlandstation.com/exhibits](http://greatoverlandstation.com/exhibits)

**3RD ANNUAL KAAP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** - Oct. 11, 10am-3pm, Washburn University Convocation Hall in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, by Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals. "A Professional's Guide to Substance Abuse in Kansas" with Deborah Stidham, Johnson County Mental Health; KDADS Update from SUD Director Kim Reynolds; 42 C.F.R. Discussion with Kim Nelson, SAMHSA Regional Administrator, Region VII; and special guest Dr. David Willey of Cottonwood Springs.

**OUR NATIONAL WATER TRAIL - THE KANSAS RIVER** - Oct. 11, 12-1pm, Great Overland Station. Dawn

Buehler, the Kansas Riverkeeper will talk about educational river trips, pollution, recreational opportunities, etc. Bring your lunch if you wish.

**STUDIO 62 HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR** - Oct. 13, 6-11pm. BYOB. \$25 per painter. \$5 non-painter entry. Call for reservations and info: 431-3221

**EISENHOWER DINNER** - Oct. 13, 6:30-9pm, Garfield

Shelter. Hosted by Shawnee Co. Republicans.

**TODD OLIVER & FRIENDS** - Oct. 13, 7:30pm, TPAC. Comedian & ventriloquist in a fundraiser for HHHS.

**WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR** - Oct. 14, 2-4pm. Topeka ATA, Westridge Mall. Free. For info: 228-1617 or [topeka@myataworld.com](mailto:topeka@myataworld.com)

**FALL SWAP MEET + NOSTALGIA RACE** - Oct. 14,

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 The Comedy Cafe is underwritten by individual table sponsors: seating is limited

**Heartland Park Topeka.** Nostalgia drag racing from 9am -2pm, for cars / trucks / and front engine dragsters that are 1972 and older. Adm: \$5. 12 yrs & under FREE. Swap meet: Cars, trucks, motorcycles, parts & related items only. Camping is allowed.

**VETERANS FALL FESTIVAL** – Oct. 14, 3-11pm. American Legion Topeka North Post 400, 3029 NW US Hwy 24. Food trucks & beer garden. Open to the public.

**FIERCE-ISH COSTUMED 5K/10K WALK/RUN** – Oct. 14, Norsemen Brewing Company in the NOTO District, starting at 8:30 a.m. Hosted by Fierce Life Wellness. Benefiting Silverbackks and Fierce World Inc. [www.runsignup.com/Race/KS/Topeka/FierceLifeWalkRun](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/KS/Topeka/FierceLifeWalkRun)

**BONE APPETIT** – Oct. 14, 6-9pm. Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. Hosted by Helping Hands Humane Society. Live, silent, and wine auctions, as well as the opportunity to meet adoptable pets. \$50-\$75 or purchase a table of 10.

**MIDWEST CLEAN COMEDY** – Oct. 14, 7pm, Topeka Performing Arts Center. A one-of-a kind comedy show for the whole family. Tim McClendon, Louisville native Street Russell and national touring comic Clint Hall. (785) 2342787 [www.topekaperformingarts.org/events/2017/midwest-clean-comedy](http://www.topekaperformingarts.org/events/2017/midwest-clean-comedy)

**LOVE LIFE 5K RUN/WALK** – Oct. 14, 9am, Lake Shawnee. Registration at 8am. 5K / 1 mile Family Fun Run Hosted by Caring Pregnancy Options, empowering women two lives at a time. Register online: [cptopeka.org](http://cptopeka.org). 785-738-7248

**SCIENCE & TECH FEST** – Oct. 14, 10am-3pm. 700 Block of S Kansas Ave. Free. For info: 234-1030

**PANCAKE FEED** – Oct. 14, 7-11am, Woman's Club of Topeka, 5221 SW West Dr. (Across from Skating Rink on Fairlawn). Proceeds to Scholarship Fund for Washburn & Baldwin School of Nursing. Cost: \$7; under age 5 free. 273-6978

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER** – Oct. 15, 12-4pm. 5k non-competitive walk to raise money for American Cancer Society's breast cancer research. For info: 438-5608 or [topekaksstrides@cancer.org](mailto:topekaksstrides@cancer.org)

**TOPEKA MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM** – Oct. 18, 5:30-7pm. Washburn Univ. School of Law, Rm 114.

**B&C EQUINE RESCUE PONY EXPRESS GRAVEL BICYCLE RIDE** – Oct. 21, 8am. Heartland Park Topeka. 25 and 50 mile routes available. Registration closes Oct. 13. \$50 entry fee includes t-shirt and goody bag. Helmets required. For info: [bikereg.com/b-c-equine-rescue-pony-express-bicycle-ride](http://bikereg.com/b-c-equine-rescue-pony-express-bicycle-ride)

**BOO AT THE ZOO** – Oct. 21 & 28, 9-3. Topeka Zoo

**MOTHER EARTH NEWS FAIR** – Oct. 21, 9-6pm, Oct. 22, 9-5pm. Kansas Expocentre. \$15 & up. 235-1986

**BE A LIFELINE RED KETTLE RUN 5K** – Oct. 21, 8-10am. Salvation Army Topeka.

**MEDICAL HEROES APPRECIATION 5K** – Oct. 21, 8:30-10:30am. Stormont Vail Health. [bit.ly/mh5k-topeka](http://bit.ly/mh5k-topeka)

**BOO-IT DOWNTOWN CANDY CRAWL** – Oct. 26, 5-7pm.

Downtown Topeka, Inc.

**THIRSTY THURSDAY FUN RUN** – Oct. 26, 6-8pm. Garry Gribble's Running Sports. 3-6 miles. Snack, water, and beer available after. Free event.

**HI-CREST TRUNK OR TREAT** – Oct. 27, 6:30pm-8pm, Avondale East, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd. Candy, games, pumpkin patch, face painting, inflatables, food, music.

**TOPEKA ATA HAUNTED HOUSE/TRUNK OR TREAT** – Oct. 28, 11-2pm. Topeka ATA. \$2 for one ticket, or \$5 for 3. Free to current taekwondo students. 228-1617

**GHOULS & GOBLINS** – Oct. 30, 5:50pm, Golden Corral Steakhouse, 1601 SW Wanamaker. Youth Court officers will be the servers that evening and all tips go to Topeka Youth Project. Silent auction items for all ages. 785-273-4141. [www.topekayouthproject.org](http://www.topekayouthproject.org) E-mail [wong@typ.kscoxmail.com](mailto:wong@typ.kscoxmail.com)

**2017 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE** – Nov. 1-3, 12pm. Capitol Plaza Hotel. Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. For registration or info: [bit.do/govconfregister](http://bit.do/govconfregister)

**ADOPT A TRAIL THURSDAY NIGHT FUN RUN** – Nov. 2, 6-8pm. Garry Gribble's Running Sports. This run/walk is to collect litter on the trails. Trash bags will be provided. Snacks and water provided afterwards.

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**HOLIDAY FOOD AND GIFT MART** – Nov. 3-5, Expocentre. Hundreds of merchants + entertainment

**CHINA CIRCUS** – Nov. 4, 7:30pm, TPAC 785 234-2787

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR** – Nov. 15, 10am-6:30pm, 214 SE 8th Ave. Free health screenings by Gil Carter Initiative Inc. Food, fun activities for the family!

**MEETINGS & CLASSES**

**C5Alive 8TH ANNUAL "PASTORS APPRECIATION" LUNCHEON** – Oct. 12, 11:30-1, at Great Overland Station. Invite your pastor! All Topeka area pastors will be treated to a FREE lunch and a gift bag of items donated by C5 members. Featured speaker: Dr. Corey Schliep of Christ First Counseling. Corey will speak about how to be of help to your church members, as well as yourself, co-workers, business employees and/or family members. Special meal by Aboud's.

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

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**October 14**  
**11am - 2 pm**  
 Games, Food, and Family Fun as we Celebrate God's Provision!  
**Highland Heights Christian Church**  
 29th & Tecumseh Rd • 379-5642



**SATURDAY NOV. 4**  
**9:00am – 3:00pm**  
**SUNDAY, NOV. 5,**  
**11:00am – 1:30pm**  
  
**LOWMAN United Methodist Church**  
 4101 SW 15TH STREET, TOPEKA, KS 66604  
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**Caring Pregnancy Options**



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# entertainment

## Steve McQueen's faith explored in powerful documentary

### movienews

by Michael Foust

He was the "king of cool," the highest-paid actor in the world, and the idol of moviegoers from coast to coast. Some even called him the next John Wayne.

But for Steve McQueen – who starred in more than 30 films and 20 TV series during the 1950s, '60s and '70s – it wasn't enough. Fame didn't satisfy him. Neither did women, motorcycles or cars.

In fact, McQueen didn't find inner peace until the final months of his life, when he accepted Christ and had plans to tell the world about his new-found faith. But that public testimony never came, as McQueen died in 1980 at the age 50, having told only a handful of people how Jesus had saved him.

A new documentary may change how we view McQueen. Called Steve McQueen: American Icon, it follows his journey from a troubled youth to Hollywood stardom and then tells us the rest of the story – that is, how McQueen converted to Christianity. It is hosted by Greg Laurie, a lifelong McQueen fan who serves as the senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship

in Riverside, Calif. Jon and Andrew Erwin (Woodlawn), along with Ben Smallbone (Priceless), direct it.

It is scheduled to show in theaters only two nights (Sept. 28 and Oct. 10), and is one of the most powerful and inspiring documentaries I've ever seen. It's also one that churches easily can get behind. (There's no language or sexuality.)

"The only time he was truly happy was when he became a born-again Christian," Marshall Terrill, the author of "Steve McQueen: The Salvation of an American Icon," tells Laurie in the film.

McQueen's pastor agrees: "There was a peace. There was a calmness" in McQueen.

Laurie also interviews McQueen's wife (model Barbara Minty McQueen), actor/director Mel Gibson,

stuntman Stan Barrett, and even the pilot who taught McQueen how to fly.

McQueen was known for such hits as Wanted: Dead or Alive, The Great Escape, Bullitt, and The Towering Inferno.

But toward the end of his life he dropped out of Hollywood and turned down major acting roles, sensing something was missing. He finally found it thanks to a series of providential encounters: one with a Christian on the set of a film and the other with a pilot. During the final hours of his life he even met Billy Graham, who gave McQueen his person-

al Bible.

Steve McQueen: American Icon is Ecclesiastes on the big screen: A man obtains fame and fortune and then reaches the end of his life and proclaims: All is vanity.

McQueen's discovery is one that all of us need to hear.



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

### streaming



Amy Adams plays Louise Banks in the 2016 film "Arrival," which begins streaming this month on Amazon and Hulu.

### Thought-provoking Arrival tops October streaming lineup

Arrival (PG-13, 2016) – which begins streaming Oct. 28 on Hulu and Amazon Prime – is not one of those films. It's the most thought-provoking alien invasion movie you've ever seen and perhaps the best one, too, despite not having a single laser shot, gun battle or abduction.

So if you prefer watching your movies without knowing even minor spoilers, then stop reading right now. But if you want to be convinced why you should watch Arrival, then stay put.

Got it? You've been warned! Arrival tells the story of translator Louise Banks (Amy Adams), who is one of the top linguistic experts in the world and whose knowledge is needed when gigantic, egg-shaped spacecrafts touch down worldwide. On paper, Banks' task is seemingly simple: communicate with the aliens and learn why they have come to Earth.

But in reality, her job is impossible. That's because the aliens and humans have no common frame of reference. How do you communicate with a creature who has lived its entire life in another galaxy? Our language sounds like, well, English. Their language sounds like a combination of dolphin sounds and organ music.

Banks, though, isn't the only linguist on the job. Language experts worldwide are trying to communicate, and when several of them decide that the aliens are trying to say "weapon," panic ensues. Banks argues that the aliens instead were trying to say "tool," but can she convince everyone before a cosmic war ensues?

Arrival is based on the 1998 novel "Story of Your Life" by Ted Chiang, and it will challenge what you think about cultural and language barriers. The lessons, though, go much deeper than that.

At its core, Arrival is a movie about the blessings and trials of life, as it urges us to emphasize the former rather than the latter. It also poses a mind-bending question: Would you (and could you) live your life with joy if you knew what trials lay ahead. And is a life capped by a tragic death worth the pain? Arrival is

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### New this month:

#### Netflix

Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG, 2017). Smurfette (Demi Lovato), Brainy, Clumsy and Hefty set out to find a village of previously unknown Smurfs. The first half is pretty good. The second half? Not so much. Rated PG for some mild action and rude humor. Oct. 20.

Meet The Robinsons (G, 2007). A intelligent 12-year-old orphan boy seeks to build a machine to learn more about his birth mom. Oct. 23.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG, 2005). A young boy named Charlie wins a chocolate factory tour, led by the unusual Willy Wonka (Johnny Depp). Based on a book by Roald Dahl. Rated PG for quirky situations, action and mild language. Oct. 1.

#### Hulu

March of the Penguins (G, 2005). Emperor penguins risk their lives to protect their eggs and then their young in frigid Antarctica. One of the best nature documentaries ever made, as it shows God's creation in all its glory. Narrated by Morgan Freeman. Oct. 1.



Love Finds You in Valentine (Unrated, 2016). A California woman inherits a Nebraska ranch with the intent to sell it, but falls in love with the area

(and perhaps a cowboy, too) after she visits it. Originally aired on the inspirational UPtv channel. Unrated. Oct. 1.

Priceless (PG-13, 2016). A man in need of a job agrees to drive a truck cross-country no-questions-asked, only to discover the cargo includes two women. It's a faith-based film that spotlights human trafficking. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving human trafficking, and some violence. Oct. 29.

Other notables: Tiny House Hunters: Seasons 1-2 (Oct. 1); Property Brothers: Season 5 (Oct. 1); America's Funniest

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## PLENTY OF MUSIC TO WELCOME FALL

### musicscene

I will start this article by saying Finally, we can go outside. As you read in my September article, our family enjoys being outside in the fall and spring. I'd much rather put a sweater on than sweat. Give me just a moment while I laugh a bit at myself. I really do hope you all enjoyed summer and having the kids home. While we wait for the leaves to turn, let's have some music news.

#### October New Releases

Jeremy Camp - The Answer - Capitol CMG Label Group - Capitol  
Higher Vision - For Your Kingdom - Independent  
Jonathan Wilburn - God & Country - Daywind Records - New Day

Gaither Vocal Band - We Have This Moment - Spring House - Capital  
Tye Tribbett - The Bloody Win - ESG - Capital

Cheryl Fortune - Simply Cheryl - Tyscot Records - Provident  
Micah Tyler -



Cedric Austin



Different - FairTrade Services - Provident

Tasha Page-Lockhart - The Beautiful Project - RCA Inspiration - Provident

The Perrys - A Very Perry Christmas - StowTown Records - Provident-Building

### The Journey of Jeremy Camp

Award-winning musician Jeremy Camp leads worship all over the world every year. Jeremy says his success was born out of a life filled with personal suffering. It began with his marriage to Melissa, a marriage Jeremy entered into knowing that the woman he loved was dying. Jeremy remembers the day he met Melissa. He was leading worship for a church group in San Diego.

"I was singing and I looked up, and there was Melissa with her hands raised up so high. You could tell she was really worshipping Jesus," remembers Jeremy. "I kind of joke around now and say, 'I hit the wrong chords and sang a little flat.'

"After only a few months of dating, Jeremy was in love. 'I said, Melissa, I need to tell you something, 'I love you.' But she said, 'I don't feel the same way.' 'However a few months later, Jeremy received a call from Melissa, who gave him some devastating news. She had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.'

"I remember walking into the hospital, and she had just found out she had



cancer, and she was smiling. I was like, 'Why is she smiling?' "She said, 'I am doing okay, because I have been thinking, if I were to die from this cancer, if one person were to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, it would all be worth it.'

Today, Jeremy is re-married and his thriving ministry is shared with his new wife, recording artist Adrienne Camp. "From that, you have the ministry of God bringing

us together -- Adrienne and I, and what we have together to minister to people. And from that, three amazing children, who have changed my life radically. My encouragement... do not lose heart, because our affliction is just momentary and what He is preparing for us, what He has in store for us, it will blow us away." You can find all of Jeremy's music on all digital media outlets.





## LOCAL AUTHOR USES FICTION TO HELP READERS WITH TOUGH FACTS

### bookscene

by **Jeanette Littleton**

In the past several years, society has focused more and more on dementia and Alzheimer's disease as more individuals—and their families—face the heart-breaking diagnosis.

One local author, Rebecca (R.J.) Thesman of Olathe, has chosen an unusual—and highly effective—way to address the issue. She wrote a book. But not a book on new treatments for Alzheimer's or practical help for caregivers. She chose the unusual vehicle of fiction to bless, inspire, and encourage readers. And from her series of books has grown a ministry to Alzheimer's patients and their families...and anyone who wants a good read. One book turned into a whole series and even a non-fiction book and Facebook support group to offer those practical helps.

We asked Rebecca to tell us more:

**MV: Tell us about your Reverend G books. What is the premise?**

Reverend G is a woman minister who is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimers. She has to leave her position and her congregation as she transitions to assisted living. Her greatest fear is the possibility of forgetting God. The trilogy takes her through the disease and shows the affects of Alzheimers on her family—but also includes some of the more humorous moments with a cast of characters. All my followers love Gabriel, the cat.

**MV: How did you come up with the idea for this?**

As a lifetime nonfiction writer, the idea took me by surprise. I woke up one day with this story in my head, and all I can say is that God gave it to me as therapy and to teach me that I could indeed write fiction. My father suffered through trauma-induced dementia for 10 years, and my mother is currently in Stage 6 of Alzheimer's.

**MV: Why did you choose fiction as the method to share your insights?**

Years ago, I heard this statement and I have found it to be the truth: Nonfiction tells the facts, but fiction shows the truth.

**MV: Do you see any of yourself in Reverend G?**

Yes, because years ago I wanted to be a minister and earn my MDiv. At the time, women were not allowed in the



Rebecca (R.J.) Thesman of Olathe

seminary of my denomination unless they wanted to teach Sunday school to children or become pastors' wives. So ministry for me has become Plan B—working in nonprofits, becoming a certified Christian coach and a biblical counselor, becoming a Stephen minister. And of course, I consider writing to be a ministry.

**MV: What have been the results of writing this series?**

I found out I could indeed write fiction. I have met people all over the world who are caregivers, and I started an encouragement group on Facebook, "Sometimes They Forget." I have blogged extensively, written articles about caregiving and I have spoken in various venues. In February 2017, on my mother's birthday, I released my nonfiction book for caregivers, "Sometimes They Forget—Finding Hope in the Alzheimer's Journey."

**MV: What's been the most unexpected result?**

How much fun it is to write fiction.

**MV: How have you grown or changed through the process of writing these?**

Being more aware of how stress affects caregivers and how many caregivers actually become ill because of the stress. So I am more careful about setting boundaries. Being more aware of how the brain works and the importance of nutrition and exercise, so I am more determined to take care of myself. Understanding the importance of humor—to nurture the brain but also to help relieve stress.

—Thesman's books are available on Amazon or her website, RJThesman.net. You can learn more from Rebecca as she speaks at the Heart of America Christian Writers Network conference Oct. 19-21 in Overland Park, Kansas. For more information, see [www.HACWN.org](http://www.HACWN.org)

## What does it really mean to be Christian in Iraq?

### bookscene

by **Joan Nienhuis**

#### The Last Christians by Andreas Knapp

Plough Publishing House, 233 pages

We read the headlines of Islamist terrorists taking over a city in Iraq. What that means for Christians in Iraq became a reality for Knapp when he began to get to know Iraqi refugees who had moved into his Leipzig neighborhood beginning in 2014.

He shares here the stories of many as well as his own visit to Ankawa and the refugee camp.

I was shocked, as was Knapp, when he heard the stories of those having to flee Mosul. Terrorists overran the city in June of 2014. Christians were given an ultimatum, convert, pay a tax or leave. He writes, "...there is no place for Christians under ISIS's black banner."

(Loc 120/2695) Christians had flourished there for 1,600 years but were now forced to flee to Syria. There may be no Christians in the city now as it has been declared a "Christian-free" zone by the Islamic State.

I was appalled at the suffering

Christians had to experience as a result of the U.S. and British invasion of 2003.

"In response to the American invasion of Iraq, Muslim clerics called for a holy war." (Loc 189/2695) Western countries were associated with Christianity and Christians in Iraq were the ones who suffered the attacks.

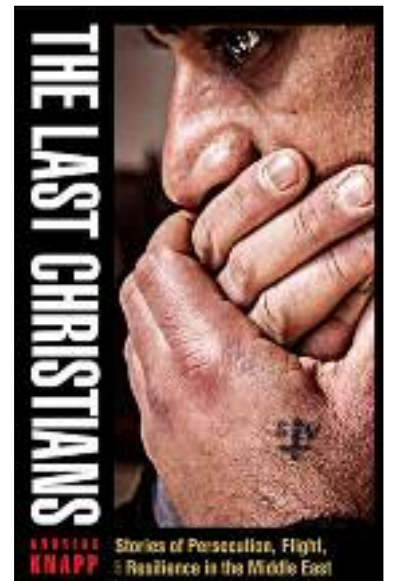
The personal stories Knapp has included are heart breaking. Yet the global community has not risen to protect Christians in Islamic states. He shows that this has often been the case historically. The brutal treatment of Christians in the Middle East over the centuries has been generally ignored. Knapp spends quite some time on the Armenian genocide of 1915, a topic Turkey would like to see erased.

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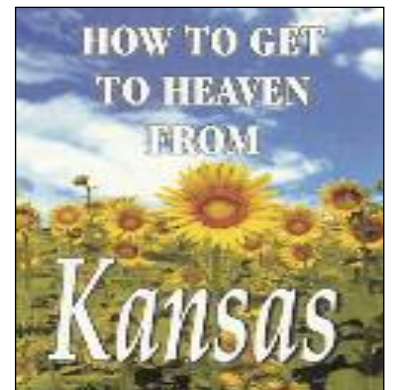
I highly recommend this book. It will be shocking to those who have not paid attention to the persecution of Iraqi Christians, particularly those in Mosul. It will be enlightening to those who have opposed Syrian Christians entering the U.S. as refugees. It will bring to light the human tragedy that

has caused those Christians to seek asylum.

You will receive insight into the history of Christian persecution as well. It is not a pretty story. Body mutilations and repeated rapes do not make for easy reading. The first



hand accounts of such atrocities still happening today are difficult and shocking but they cannot be ignored. They are clear evidence of a Christian faith worth dying for.



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

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

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

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

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

### bookreview

By **Mary Meens**

#### Emerging From The Shadows


by Gregor Southard

This is an easy, entertaining read. The format is in short "daily blog" chapters, which I love – easy to pick up and put down, whenever you have space in your day. Southard takes the reader on an introspective journey of his personal life from his blogs written 2012-2014, following the sudden loss of his 18-year career. He is constantly inquisitive in his relationship with "J" - his reference to Jesus.

However, after all the questions, which he answers himself or allows to remain

unanswered, Southard finds peace after years of bitterness and despair. He concludes the book with the restoration of his relationship and The Many Names of God, including Friend.

I was pleasantly surprised to be reminded in the Chapter entitled, J's Love Breaking Through, of a favorite old song of mine, sung by Keith Green, When Your Love Broke Through. Southard said that he identified with the lyrics that referred to, "clouds over his eyes and they raised like a curtain," when he came to know Christ. I had a similar experience, and I wondered how many others have.



**"Emerging From The Shadows"**  
by Gregor Southard

Detailing the process of searching for the "abundant life," and finding peace in Christ after years of disappointment, bitterness and despair.

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*Book Review by Mary Meens*

### STREAMING

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not faith-based, but its view of life approaches that of a heavenly perspective. It also includes a pro-life message.

By Hollywood standards, Arrival is a mostly clean movie, with no sexuality and about four coarse words (f-word, b----rd, h-ll, OMG).

I've watched Arrival only once, but I'm wanting to watch it again.

### NEW THIS MONTH

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Home Videos: Season 28 (Oct. 9).

#### Amazon Prime

Fight for Space (G, 2016). Experts discuss the past and future of space exploration and explain the benefits it brings the United States. Documentary. Oct. 18.

Priceless (PG-13, 2016). Oct. 29.

# 50+ Lifestyles A Guide to Enjoying Life in the Best Years

## healthyliving



### Stay physically and mentally active

#### Move around

By being more physically active you can enjoy many benefits, so it makes sense to do as much as you can, and that includes within your every day normal activities.

- Stand up while on the phone.
- Take a walk during breaks.
- Vacuum your carpet more.
- Walk around the room during every commercial break.
- Wash the car by hand
- Be active shopping, walking around the shops, carrying, loading/unloading purchases
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Park further away and walk to the store entrance.
- Walk or cycle instead of taking the car for short journeys.

#### Work your mind

The more active your brain is, and the greater the variety of the ways in which you use your mind, the better you'll be mentally as you age. Find something that you enjoy and continue to try new variations and challenges.



- Enjoy a daily puzzle or the crossword.
- Opt for mental arithmetic rather than use the calculator.
- Read more of anything.
- Play mind-stretching games, like bingo, bridge, or chess
- Stay socially active.
- Take up a new interest – learn to knit or embroider, even gardening is good for the brain.
- Start a course, day or evening class.
- Go out more with a friend – enjoy the cinema, theatre, galeries.

### Recommendations for health care after 50

As people hit their 50s, health screenings become more important.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the goals of routine health care after 50 are to develop and maintain the doctor-patient relationship, encourage a healthy lifestyle, screen for disease, assess risk for medical problems (including mental health issues) and update immunizations.

Ask your health care provider about routine exams, screening procedures and immunizations and follow their recommendations. In general starting at age 50 you should get:

- Physical exam (check-up)—at least every two years or as recommended; height, weight and BMI calculation, blood tests, urinalysis and mental health screening
- Dental exam and cleaning—every six months to one year or as recommended
- Comprehensive eye exam—every two years or as recommended
- Blood pressure screening—

## A FIRST AID KIT FOR A CARE-GIVER

### thecaregiver

By Nancy Schonwalter, caregiver.com

One of the many training courses that I teach in the community focuses on caring for the caregiver. I give each participant a "Caregiver First-Aid Kit" as a reminder of the special significance they have in their role as a caregiver for their loved one.

The kit includes the following items:

The **MATCH** is to strike up and rekindle friendships and call on those friends when needed. Friends can help you when you need a break from the demands of providing care to your loved one.

By touching the match to the **CANDLE**, you are able to let the light shine through in your daily role as a caregiver.

The **POST-IT PAD** is for you to be creative and draw.

The **CRAYON** is for you to use in play, to color your world and to be creative.

The **LIFESAVER** is to remind you that you are a lifesaver to your loved one by your willingness to be a caregiver and that others can be a lifesaver to you when you need it. Just ask for help, and you'll be happily surprised at the results.

The **MINT** is to remind you that you're worth a "mint" to those who know you.

every year or as recommended; more often if you have hypertension or other conditions like diabetes, heart disease or kidney disease; ask your health care provider about the benefits and risks of aspirin therapy to reduce heart attack and stroke risk — five years or as recommended

- Diabetes screening—as recommended
- Skin exam to determine your skin cancer risk—every year or as recommended
- Baseline EKG (electrocardiogram)
- Colorectal cancer screening—beginning at age 50; earlier if at increased risk (e.g., due to family history of the disease)
- Immunizations—annual flu (influenza) vaccine, tetanus booster (every 10 years) and whooping cough, pneumococcal and hepatitis vaccines (as recom-

mended)  
 • Screening tests for women in their 50s—annual clinical breast exam, pelvic exam and mammogram; Pap test, HPV test and bone density test (as recom-

mended)  
 • Screening tests for men in their 50s—testicular exam at every physical exam or as recommended; prostate cancer screening as recommended.



The **HERSHEY'S KISS** is a reminder that you are loved and appreciated.

The **HEART-SHAPED GEMSTONE** is a symbol of how SPECIAL you are to your loved ones.

I remind each person that they **DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** and **I THANK** them **FOR ALL THAT** they **DO!**

For all of you caregivers who are tirelessly providing care for your loved one every single day, you are appreciated! Remember to ask for help if you need it, even for an occasional break. Studies show that those who receive an occasional respite break come back refreshed and recharged, and are better able to cope with the demands of daily care.

## SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Question:

My brother had an accident at work last year and is now receiving Social Security disability benefits. His wife and son also receive benefits. Before his accident, he helped support another daughter by a woman he never married. Is the second child entitled to benefits?

### Answer:

The child may qualify for Social Security benefits even though your brother wasn't married to the second child's mother. The child's caretaker should file an application on her behalf. For more information, read our publication, Benefits for Children, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf)

### SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

### Question:

What are the limits on what I can own to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

### Answer:

SSI provides payments for people with limited income and resources. We count real estate, bank accounts, cash, stocks, and



bonds toward the limits on what you can own and still receive SSI. You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. If you own property you are trying to sell, you may be able to get SSI while trying to sell it. Social Security does not count everything you own in deciding whether you have too many resources to qualify for SSI. For example, we generally do not count: the home you live in and the land it is on; life insurance policies with a face value of \$1,500 or less; your car; burial plots for you and your immediate family; and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for you and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for your spouse. Learn more about SSI at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

### Question:

I am a single mother and I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Can my daughter receive SSI

benefits based on my SSI?

### Answer:

No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. There are no spouse's, children's, or survivors benefits. However, if your daughter is disabled, she might be eligible to receive SSI benefits. To learn more about SSI benefits, read our publication on the subject at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html).

### MEDICARE

### Question:

How do I get a copy of the form, Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs?

### Answer:

If you wish to apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, we recommend you use our online application at [www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020/). Meanwhile, you can view a sample at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp). There, you can also find instruction sheets in many different languages to help you understand the English application. Soon, the online application also will be available in Spanish.

If you prefer not to fill out this application on the Internet, you can call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to ask for a paper application. Also, you can make an appointment at your local Social Security office to apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call our toll-free TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Answer:

If an interviewer is available when you call the 800 number, he or she can take your application over the phone. If an interviewer is not immediately available, we can schedule a telephone appointment for you. For the fastest and most convenient way to apply for Medicare prescription drug help, go online to [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp).

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



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This fall offers another annual election period for Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) and Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Plans). Do not be afraid to understand your Medicare insurance options! With the assistance of a trained and certified insurance agent, Medicare can be less frightening and understandable.

The annual election period for Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D is from **October 15, 2017 through December 07, 2017**. Due to regulatory and industry changes, annual reviews are necessary to maintain an affordable and effective health insurance plan. Insurance contracts have annual rate and benefit updates. The provider and pharmacy networks can change as well as the prescription drug list or formulary. The worse time to learn about these changes is after you have incurred a claim.

**This Halloween, conquer your fear of Medicare by working with a trained insurance professional at Century Health Solutions.** Our staff will take the time to explain your coverage options and the plans available to meet your needs and fit your budget. After enrollment, we continue to answer your questions or assist you with claims. With our services and support, having Medicare does not have to be a scary experience!

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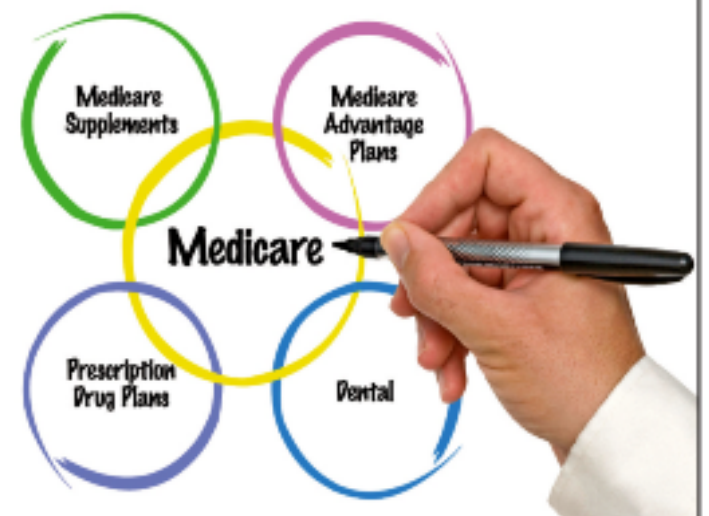
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# sports

## Kurt Warner's Hall of Fame Career Defined by Faith

By **Tim Ellsworth | BP**

Kurt Warner's faith in Jesus Christ is more than a personal, off-the-field commitment that had little impact on his success as an NFL quarterback.

That's the conclusion reached by Dan Bickley, a sports columnist for azcentral.com, as he wrote about the former Arizona Cardinal who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Aug. 5 in Canton, Ohio.

Warner played 12 seasons in the NFL for the St. Louis Rams, New York Giants and Cardinals, appearing in three Super Bowls and winning one.

"He was one of the best clutch performers in history partly because he wasn't suffocated by external pressure, the



need for individual achievement or the fear of criticism," Bickley wrote of Warner. "He always believed he was serving a higher purpose, where success and failure were equal tests of his character. He was liberated from performance anxiety on the football field because he never believed he was serving himself."

# FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By **Rob Mooney**

This seems to be getting out of hand. This country has been divided for quite some time but it appears as though we're taking it to a new level. Of course I'm referring to the kneeling during the National Anthem controversy that has taken the nation by storm.

I believe that most people know the backstory here when San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick began kneeling during the National Anthem to protest against social inequalities. Of course it grew when he walked away from his job and has been unable to catch on with another team. Many players began to follow suit, some kneeling for inequalities and others kneeling in a show of support for Kaepernick.

Has the purpose behind these protests been forgotten? It seems like it's the fad lately. You want to take a stand for social injustice? That's great. You want to stage a demonstration of some sort to raise awareness for your cause? That's fine too. We've lost focus on what the real issues

are. This has been turned into a war against the anthem. It's been turned into a war against the President. It has been turned into a war against anyone who doesn't agree with you. It needs to stop. It needs to stop at the top as well. It does no good when a President lashes out and calls citizens cuss words. It just fuels the fire, as we saw over week 3 of the NFL season. Maybe the President needs to stay off of Twitter.

There are other ways to protest and not disrespect the flag of the nation that we all live in. Look at the Dallas Cowboys in their Monday night game against the Arizona Cardinals. The entire team, including coaches and the owner, took a knee to show their frustration with the issues. Note that they did that before the anthem was played. They then stood for the anthem as a team, showing unity! That's what we need. Unity.

I understand the issues here. I understand that people are unhappy with the

way things are and have been and are kneeling in the hopes of seeing change. I understand that people are frustrated with the kneeling during the anthem. I understand that everyone has an opinion and with social media, those opinions are seen more than ever.

But I also understand that the flag is a sacred symbol of our country. I understand that my grandpa, my father-in-law, a couple of my uncles, many cousins, nephews, many friends and even my own son have all served or are currently serving in the military. I understand that when they kneel during the anthem, it's disrespecting those people.

I also believe that those kneeling have the right to do so and are not intending to disrespect those people, but to simply draw attention to their cause. It's also my right to not watch NFL games or frequent the companies that support the NFL. Those are our rights that our military has paid for. So there is the quandary. That's why they should find another way to protest, like the Cowboys did.

It was Abraham Lincoln who stated in 1858 while paraphrasing the Bible, "A house divided cannot stand." Well my friends; this house is divided. What are we going to do about it before it falls?

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Warner would undoubtedly agree with that analysis. In his half-hour speech at the induction ceremony, wearing the traditional gold jacket given to Hall of Fame inductees, Warner recounted his unlikely and unorthodox journey to NFL stardom after a collegiate career at Northern Iowa University. He went undrafted in 1994, and the Green Bay Packers cut him after a brief tryout. His rise from stocking shelves at a grocery store in Iowa to starring for the St. Louis Rams in 1999 has been well documented.

In the Rams' Super Bowl win in 2000, Warner connected with wide receiver Isaac Bruce for a game-winning touchdown with less than two minutes remaining. Warner won the game's MVP award after throwing for a Super Bowl-record 414 yards and made a strong statement about his faith in a post-game interview with Mike Tirico.

"Kurt, first things first, tell me about the final touchdown pass to Isaac," Tirico asked Warner.

"Well, first things first, I've got to thank my Lord and Savior up above," Warner replied. "Thank you, Jesus!"

That exchange proved to be a defining one for Warner, who referenced it at the conclusion of his induction speech.

"Many felt I was thanking Him for orchestrating a Super Bowl win, or making my passes fly straighter, or causing my opponents to make more mistakes," Warner said. "But those people had it all wrong."

Instead, Warner said, that gesture was his way of expressing gratitude for all that Jesus had done for him.

"Now, love it or hate it, that opening scene captured the imagination of the sports world, and the words became the heart of my story," Warner said. "The rest, as they say, is history, bringing us to this: The famous last words, and the only place this extraordinary journey can end.

"His final moment was for me," Warner told the crowd. "Mine is for Him. Thank you, Jesus!"

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

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

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

**BOY'S TRAIL LIFE & AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROUPE** - Every Mon. 6pm, Cornerstone Comm. Ch., 7620 SW 21st. Faith-based scouting programs, age 5-18. Register at [cornerstonetopeka.com](http://cornerstonetopeka.com). 478-2929.

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

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

**LADIES' SMALL GROUP** - Every Sun., 6pm, Bethel Baptist Church, 4011 N. Kansas Ave. Studying the book of Esther, using the DVD series "It's Tough Being a Woman" by Beth Moore. All welcome. 286-0467.

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

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

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

**TIBA NETWORKING GROUP** - 2nd Tues, 11:30a.m.-1 p.m. MUST RSVP: [taradimick@gmail.com](mailto:taradimick@gmail.com). Lunch is \$10. [www.topekatiba.org](http://www.topekatiba.org)

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

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

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

**PARENTS OF ESTRANGED ADULT CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP** - Third Tue. Ea. Month, 6:45-8:45pm, Topeka Public Library, Rm 202. Info: Jeff Landers - 224-5946

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

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES** Aerie 4319: First & Third Tue. 7pm; Auxiliary: Third & Fourth Tue. month 6pm, 2941 SE Fremont Street. The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. [www.foe.com](http://www.foe.com) 785-266-7307

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

**DADDY'S GIRLS EMPOWERMENT MEETINGS** - Do you want MORE... Come Join us for our More Luncheons where Real Women get together: share, learn and grow to return to our homes, families workplace, churches & other places of influence restored and rejuvenated to pursue God's MORE...at Topeka Public Library, 12 noon, every 3rd Wednesday. Sponsored by

Daddy's Girls Inc. Please to RSVP make lunch reservations: [daddysgirlsincc@gmail.com](mailto:daddysgirlsincc@gmail.com) or 785-969-0491

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

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

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

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

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

**MACHINE EMBROIDERY CLUB** - 1st Wed., 9am-3pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th Street (east door). Anyone with an Embroidery machine is invited to attend, there are no dues or formal meeting agenda. Lunch is on your own. Teach each other, enjoy fellowship & complete projects. Call 379-5159.

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

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

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

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

**Intentional Mom** - 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9-11:30am, Topeka Bible Church Auditorium, 1135 SW College. For all moms, helping them to be intentional! 234-5545.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FREE ENGLISH CLASSES** - Every Sat. 9-10:30am,

Central Congregational Church, 1248 SW Buchanan. For info: 235-2376.

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

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

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

**UPPER ROOM COMMUNITY** - second Sat., 10 am, Capitol Building

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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For All Groups: Call for start dates and info packet. Group and individual grief support available upon request. For info: 785-232-2044 ext.341

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

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS** - for friends & families of alcoholics. For info: 785-409-3072 or [topekaalanon.org](http://topekaalanon.org)

**PURSUIT FOR SEXUAL PURITY** - Men struggling with pornography & sexual addiction. This bible study/accountability group uses the Pure Desire book by Ted Roberts. For info: 249-9509. All inquiries confidential.

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

**"HEALING HEARTS" support group/Bible study** - For women whose husbands struggle with pornography addictions or have had affairs. Videos & workbook will give you hope for your marriage & emotional healing. For info: Jane Goble, 249-0983.

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

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

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

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

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT** - First Monday each month, 3:30-4:30pm, 400 SW Oakley. Call Donna Park for info: 783-7527 or [valeotopeka.org](http://valeotopeka.org). Open to public. Free.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** - Sponsored by Heartland Hospice for those dealing with death or major loss: 1st Mon., 5:30-7:30pm. Individual appointments; other times are available. Call Terry Frizzell at (785)230-6730.

3rd Thurs., 11am, Lunch After Loss, Paisano's Ristorante, Fleming Place, SW 10th & Gage Blvd., Dutch treat luncheon to meet new friends who have sat where you are sitting. For reservations or info: 785-271-6500.

**OVEREATERS / UNDEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** MON., 7pm - Westminster Presbyterian, south door, upstairs in Library; 233-6724.

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

SAT. - 9am - St. Francis Hospital meeting room 8, 2nd floor; 862-2326.

For info: 357-8774; [sunflowerintergroup.org](http://sunflowerintergroup.org).

**NAMI TOPEKA** - Every 2nd Tue., 6:45pm, lower level of Valeo, 330 SW Oakley. If door is locked, call 608-1317 to get in. 1st hour is often a discussion of an important topic or video. 2nd hour is usually a support talk time, w/ separate consumer & family groups. 608-1317.

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tue, 6:30pm, East Side Baptist Church, 4425 SE 29th St. 13 weeks starting Aug. 22. Welcome to ESBC. Video seminar, support group & workbook for journaling and personal study exercises. (785) 379-9933; [esbcs.org](mailto:esbcs.org); [\[tary@esbcs.org\]\(mailto:tary@esbcs.org\)](mailto:secr-</a></p>
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**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS:** a 12 step program for those suffering with emotional instability such as depression, anxiety, grief, etc. Meets at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, weekly, Tuesdays, Noon-1:00. N/C. For more information contact Sharon at 785-633-7764

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

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

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

**"HEALING AFTER THE SUICIDE OF A LOVED ONE" ("HEAL")** - or Survivors of Suicide" (SOS). 1st & 3rd Tue., 7-8:30pm, Pozee Education Center of Stormont Vail Hospital, 1505 SW 8th St. Serving anyone who has lost a loved one by suicide.

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

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

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

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

**DIVORCECARE PROGRAMS** - (For updates check [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)) locations and times:

WED. - 6:30pm, Topeka Bible Church, 1101 SW Mulvane. Cost: \$15. Child care provided. For info: 379-0505 or [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

WED. - 6:45 - 8:45pm, Walnut View Christian Church, 3634 SE 37th St. (just East of 37th & Croco). Cost: \$10 registration (scholarships available). The video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery topics, combined with support group discussion of the materials. Complimentary child care children up to the fifth grade. Info: 266-7550 or [walnutviewcc@att.net](mailto:walnutviewcc@att.net).

WED. - 6:30pm, Northland Christian Church, 3102 NW Topeka Blvd. No Cost. 286-1204, [www.northland.cc](http://www.northland.cc)

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

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

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

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Every Fri., 6pm, 1912 Gage Blvd. A Christ-centered program, based on 8 principles found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Applying these Biblical principles, become free from addictive & dysfunctional behaviors. [crtopekaks.org](http://crtopekaks.org).

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Sun. Service 10:45 am  
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Worship: 8:00 - 9:30 & 11am  
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- 4. NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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286-1204  
Worship Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11am  
www.northland.cc
- 5. FAIRLAWN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
730 SW Fairlawn Rd., Topeka, KS  
(785) 272-6322 • www.FairlawnNaz.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:40 am  
Adult, Youth & Children's Sun. School 9:15
- 6. FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST**  
1912 SW Gage, Topeka, KS  
272-0443 www.fsbctopeka.org

- Sunday Services:  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
9:45 AM Bible study--all ages  
11 AM Contemporary Worship
- 7. TOPEKA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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4500 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka  
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Traditional Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm  
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  - 9. GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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  - 10. LORD'S HOUSE CHURCH**  
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  - 11. COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1819 SW 21st St., Topeka  
233-3537 www.CommunityChurchKS.com  
Sun. 9:30am - Sunday School for all ages  
Sun. 10:30am - Worship & Word, Children  
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- 12. BUCK CREEK COUNTRY CHURCH**  
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Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.  
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Scott Bond 423-0406, Jack Snavelly 760-3513
- 13. WANAMAKER WOODS NAZARENE**  
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Children's Worship 9 & 11 am  
Sunday School 10 am, all ages  
Sun. Evening Various Children's Programs  
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Wed. 6:30 pm Adult & Teen Life Groups  
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- 14. GRACE LIFE CONNECTION**  
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- 19. SEAMAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Adult Sunday School - Sun. 9:30am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30am  
Children's Sunday School: 10:30am  
Youth group 1st & 3rd Sundays 4-6pm
- 20. HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1937 NE Madison St,  
Topeka, KS 66616 • 785-506-4594  
Pastor Dale Stockburger  
Sunday Worship: 10 am and 6pm  
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Wed. Evening Worship: 7pm
- 21. HARVEST FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**  
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785-220-5418  
Pastor Rey Rodriguez  
Sun. Worship 10 am  
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- 22. NEW CITY LIFE CHURCH**  
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Topeka, Kansas 66606  
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### 7 Steps for a Healthier Home

(Family Features) As homeowners become increasingly aware of the impact their homes can have on the environment – and on their health – making eco-conscious choices is as important as ever. From controlling the types of materials used within your home to keeping an eye on indoor air quality, these tips can help you create a healthier, more earth-friendly indoor environment.

Use a water filter. Depending on where you live, different contaminants could reside in your tap water. Rather than risk consuming these contaminants or drinking bottled water, which can generate significant waste, consider purchasing a refrigerator with a fil-

tered water option, attaching a water filtration device to your faucet or using a filtered water pitcher.

Ditch plastic food containers. Some plastics are not as high quality as many think and may contain toxic materials, making them potentially harmful – especially when used for storing food. Instead, opt for glass, silicone, cloth or stainless steel storage containers, which are friendlier to the environment and pose fewer toxicity risks. Plus, many of these containers can be placed directly in an oven or microwave to safely reheat food.

Install eco-friendly insulation.



Certain materials in your home, such as insulation, can be replaced with sustainable options that also improve indoor air quality. Consider replacing your existing attic insulation with sheep's wool insulation, such as all-natural options from Havelock Wool. This renewable, high-performing and safe-to-handle material excels at managing moisture while improving indoor air quality through the absorption of formaldehyde, nitrogen oxide and other harmful substances. Learn more at havelock-wool.com.

Clean "green." Cleaning products can be made with ingredients that are harmful to the environment, as well as your family's health. Make sure you know what is in your household cleaners before using them and, whenever possible, look for cleaners that have been certified as green.

Deal with dust. Even if you don't struggle with allergies or asthma, over time, dust particles can be unhealthy for you and your family. Vacuum frequently and use a wet mop on floors without carpet to limit the formation of dust bunnies throughout your home. Clean and replace your vacuum's filter frequently to ensure you're trapping maximum dust. Also regularly wash towels, linens and other textiles, including window treatments.

Replace air filters. Older, dirty air filters can circulate dust, pollen and other particles throughout your home. They can also cause your air conditioner and heater to run less efficiently, which can result in higher energy consumption. Rather than pushing potentially harmful dust particles into your house and causing your systems to work overtime, inspect your air filter often and change it regularly. You might also want to consider installing a whole-home air purifier or placing portable air purifiers in frequently used rooms.

Reduce energy and natural resource usage. Try installing timers on your lights so they turn on only at specified times. To take it a step further, consider installing lighting with vacancy sensors that automatically shut off the lights

when a room isn't being used. Choose energy-efficient appliances, low-flow toilets and consider adding a rain barrel outside to collect rainwater, which can be used for chores such as watering plants, irrigating the lawn or washing your car.



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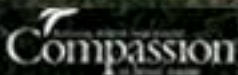
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