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Johnny Barnswell with children: Keymond far left, Jessica left center, Janna right center, Katrina far right, and wife front center.

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It is the mission of the Kentucky District News (KDN):

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Most of us have heard the old cliché, **"The Best Is Yet To Come."** We are entering a new year and I wonder if we are anticipating the fulfillment of this old cliché.

In John chapter 2, we read of the first miracle performed by Jesus during the marriage ceremony held in Cana of Galilee. Jesus and His disciples were guests at this wedding. For whatever reason the wine supply ran out during the festivities and Jesus' mother came to Him with the problem.

Jesus instructed the servants to take six stone water pots which were used for Jewish ceremonial purposes and fill them to the brim with water. These water pots held an average of twenty to thirty gallons each. When this was done He

told them to dip some out and take it to the master of ceremonies.

The servants were expecting the master of ceremonies to become enraged by being served water. Let's read in John 2:9-10, the response of the master of ceremonies: "When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him,

"Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

The year 2005 is now past and has become history in our lives.

The year was filled with its ups and downs, good and bad, successes and failures, but **"The Best Is Yet To Come."** Our churches have experienced victories, miracles, and healings. Many individuals have been baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost in our congregations, to God be the glory, but **"The Best is Yet To Come."**

Let's join together in prayer and praise and believe God for greater things to come to pass in 2006!

Let's say it together **"The Best Is Yet To Come!"**

Scott D. Marshall
Kentucky District Superintendent

The Dream God Gives

By Rasheda Abdullah & Alexis Weatherspoon

"Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream of things that never were and say, Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw made this statement decades ago, and it still rings true today, especially for Johnny Barnswell. Born on September 7, 1961, he grew up in the projects of Atlanta, GA. His mother drank heavily and his father was distant for the most part. Struggles were present, as with anyone, and at times things did not go right, but his determination to dream things that never were got the best of him and at the age of 17, he joined the United States Army.

While he was able to leave behind home and the truths of his past by entering the military, during his time in the army, something was still missing. Although he married the love of his life, Kitty, in December of 1981, it was not until the late 1980s that his world was truly complete when the life changing, soul reaching power of Jesus Christ filled him with the love of the Father-the Holy Ghost.



Pastor Johnny Barnswell and First Lady Kitty Barnswell

All the years of hurt, disappointment and pain were washed in the Blood of the Lamb on August 16, 1987. Since that time, Bro. Barnswell has been nonstop for Jesus and is persuaded to go all the way for Him.

In 1995, while stationed in Washington, Bro. Barnswell started an outreach ministry. God used him to do many mighty works in His name.

After leaving Washington, he went to Columbus, GA where Bro. Barnswell once again filled the position of outreach director at a church located in the city. When he, his wife and four children arrived there, the church had 30 members. Bro. Barnswell and his team went to work and soon began to see the fruits of their labor. Attendance increased from 30 to 60 to 200 to 600 people. God had blessed tremendously. During his time there, 253 receive the Holy Ghost, and 291 were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. God was giving Bro. Barnswell a taste of what was to come.



Home Missions

In October of 1999, after twenty years of Military service, Bro. Barnswell retired. He felt that God was about to bring him into some great things and eagerly awaited the voice of God.

In 2001, Bro. Barnswell got his answer. There was an opportunity for he and his family to move to Louisville, KY under



the direction of Pastor Randy Hollis, pastor of The Believer's Church. The offer to start a daughter work soon followed and they jumped at the chance.

Highest Praise Apostolic Ministries had its first service in 2001 at the Days Inn Hotel. The attendance was low, but the Spirit of the Lord was high. God continued to do a mighty work and Pastor Barnswell stayed under Pastor Hollis for three years. He and his family baptized many and souls were converted. At the same time, he received a job as a counselor at a nearby youth detention center. Within six months of getting this job, Pastor Barnswell was promoted to supervisor. However, this was only the beginning. In May of 2005, property purchased for \$75,000. With the favor of God, out of 5,000 churches, they were the only church to receive a

governmental church grant.

Currently the church attendance is running between 25-30 people consistently. 50 people have been baptized in Jesus' name and 43 have received the gift of the Holy Ghost. A lot of the people that have been freed by this wonderful gospel include people that Pastor Barnswell has counseled at the youth detention center.

"Burglars and convicted felons, are now ushers in the church," Barnswell admits with a smile.

Drug addicts, prostitutes-all walks of life have been changed by this wonderful Apostolic doctrine.

The dream however, doesn't stop there. Pastor Barnswell has only been in the building for seven months and he already has his eyes set towards the future. With most of the members focused on having consistent outreach and many home bible studies, he wants to continue training in these areas so that his members may be more productive in those fields. His short term goals are to expand the building so that there can be more classrooms to teach the growing number of children that are coming in to the assembly. His long term goals are to become a full time pastor and to really focus on the youth in the community. Pastor Barnswell has a sincere and loving heart for

the young people that he counsels. He eventually wants to start special outdoor training in the community that teaches survival skills for neglected and abused children while also having adult family counseling.

Pastor Barnswell has a passion for his work, and wants to share it with other pastors in the district.

"I have a desire to do what God wants me to do," said Barnswell when talking about home missions and daughter works.

It is important to support smaller churches through attendance of events and giving.

"Prayers are good, but it's good to see your face. Put forth the works. Home Missions churches have to be built around partnership. [We need to] continue building more UPC churches in the area. We need to expand the Truth throughout each city."

Pastor Barnswell is a great example of a man with a dream bigger than he is. His dream reaches farther than the four walls of his home to a city desperately in need of Truth. He is one of those men that not only say why not make a difference; but shows how to make a difference.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP THE EFFORTS OF KENTUCKY DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, CONTACT RONALD KNOX @ 606-475-3033

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By Elisabeth K. Corcoran

My husband, Kevin, and I were having one of those days where disconnection was prevailing. We both were handling the situation poorly, but life has to go on and sometimes you can't fix something before he heads off to work or you have to run the kids to school. So we had a day or so on not-so-good terms. It was run-of-the-mill stuff, nothing huge. In fact, I don't even remember what started it. (Okay, I do...but that's not the point...)

Later the kids and I were cuddling on the couch waiting for daddy to come home for dinner, and Jack snuggles close to me and says, "This is what daddy's going to do when he gets home." It was very sweet. But I said, "Probably not today, honey...daddy's a little upset with me." And Sara said, "Ah, Mom...", kind of like, 'what did you do now?' As we were talking, Kevin came home and the kids went running to greet him. I walked into the kitchen to get dinner on the table. He and I didn't really look at each



other, let alone say anything, while he was greeting the kids. Sara comes over to me, nudges me and says, reminiscent of two junior high girls at their first dance, "Mom, go talk to him, That made me smile. And it worked - we made up that evening.

This incident really got to me, for a

couple reasons. One, my four-year-old was able to imitate the kind of affection Kevin shows me - because he's seen him do it. Secondly, six-year-old Sara was visibly bothered by the knowledge that her mommy and daddy weren't okay. That didn't sit well with her. In fact, she wanted us to fix it. She took matters into her own hands to get me to initiate communication.

My children are watching. They are listening. They see how well (or not well) Kevin and I treat each other. They feel the distance just as they can feel the genuine love. We are showing them each what to expect out of marriage, which is really scary sometimes. Sara will make Kevin the standard from which she chooses her husband, and Jack will more than likely treat his wife the way he sees Kevin treat me.

So two points of challenge and encouragement today, ladies. Take extra care with your marriage - this is not just a relationship that affects you and your husband; it will have lasting effects on your children. Treat your husband's heart with gentleness, show him respect, display your affection for him openly. Secondly, pray for the spouse your child chooses. It will affect their lifetime's contentment level, their children's lives, and their spiritual effectiveness.

For more information on the Ladies Retreat on March 3rd-4th, contact Phyllis Turner @ 859-887-1849

Moments for Mom: The Children Are Watching!

The Importance of a Father's Love



By Rebecca Hagelin

Picture the scene: Boys and their parents gathered to discuss a “youthful indiscretion” and its consequences. I was once at such a meeting, and I was struck by the thought that what America needs perhaps more than anything else is fathers who will father.

On that particular evening, several parents had heavy hearts. Their sons, with no ill intent, had landed in trouble by making some pretty sophomoric decisions (specifically, entering a nearby abandoned house). Sounds pretty innocuous — except that there were “No trespassing” signs posted in clear view. That incident ended up being a lesson in life for the boys — a lesson that will undoubtedly help them avoid making bigger mistakes later in life. Why? Because their fathers stepped in to make certain that the lessons were learned.

My husband is my hero for many reasons, but one I am willing to discuss is the fact that he’s an amazing father to our three children.

I recently had the privilege of watching my eldest son become an Eagle Scout. I peeked my head around the corner just in time to hear the District Council representative of the Boy Scouts say to my son, “Congratulations.” For me, it was a night to reflect both on the man that Drew has become, and on the man

that helped him accomplish one of the greatest achievements possible for young men. I am proud of my son, but I am absolutely enamored with my amazing husband.

Social science research, statistics and real life unequivocally tell us that the safest, healthiest, most nurturing place for children is in a home with a mother and father who are married to each other. Yet, accord-



ing to the National Fatherhood Initiative, some 24 million children live in homes where fathers are absent, meaning one in three children “go to sleep in a home in which their father doesn’t live.”

Fatherlessness is the great American tragedy of modern times. Given that so many children lack the fathers they need and crave, why is it that the popular culture constantly devalues the role of fathers instead of building it up?

Flip on the television and watch for just one evening. You’ll find that virtually every commercial and sitcom portrays fathers as either wimpy or ignorant. The message to our kids is pretty clear: Dads are losers.

What does that say to our children about the value of their own fathers? To young boys about their own possible futures as fathers? To young girls about what to look for in a future husband? To the men who are already dads? The media must be crazy!

So as just one small voice in today’s mass media, I’m going to do my part to say to all the great dads out there, “Thank you. We need you.”

To the wonderful fathers of the families we are so thankful to have as close friends and allies in the effort to raise boys of character, I say, “Thank you. It is a true blessing to have you in our lives.”

Don't forget the Kentucky District Men's Retreat March 31st - April 1st! Contact Rev. Jim Adkins (270) 646-3800.

The Maker and His Diet

By Evelyn Crow



As a community, we are inundated with the notion of diets and diet supplements. There are all types of commercials flashing before and after pictures of people who have overcome the battle with their weight and ill health. The question is, do these miracle drugs work and what are the long term effects?

We continually seek science and doctors for the cure to our increasing medical problems, but we fail to ask our creator how to take care of it. Why do we not go to God on how to nourish and maintain our vessels?

Dr. Jordan Rubin has sought our Creator on the subject and has written a book entitled "The Maker's Diet" (Siloam Publishing). The book describes the author's infection, and numerous ineffective medications he tried to rid his body of its sickness. The only way he emerged healed and healthy was by following the diet laid out in God's Word.

The Maker's Diet addresses many topics pertaining to health and nutrition, such as myths about vegetarian's diets, red meat and saturated fat. Also how the popular

processed food rob us of enzymes and microorganisms vital to a healthy digestive system. Dr. Rubin examines how our diet affects our health and what God has placed in His Word to aid us in achieving optimal health. The book also offers a "40 day health experience", which provides daily menu and hygiene practices to help detoxify the body and set you in the right direction for good health. This program will improve your immunity, give you more energy, and help you maintain a healthy weight, amongst numerous other things. It is shown to improve all aspects of life.

The book also provides recipes as well as a list of health food suppliers. There are also supplements to the book such as a shopping list, hygiene products and even a video showing you how to find the best products at your local grocery store.

In all, The Maker's Diet is an examination of the biblical principles of nutrition and hygiene. It has been proven to work and was ultimately designed by the Maker of our bodies. What better source is there on how to maintain ourselves than the Inventor Himself.

For more information on the diet that could change your life, log on to: www.themakersdiet.com



Kentucky Health & Wellness

Did You Know?

As of June 30, 2005, there have been 4,253 AIDS cases reported in Kentucky to the Department for Public Health's HIV/AIDS surveillance system. Of these reported cases, 2,359 are still reported as living. In 2004, there were 204 new AIDS cases diagnosed. As of June 30, 2005 also, 57 new AIDS cases have been diagnosed and 132 new cases have been reported.



The Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program of the Department for Public Health provides breast and cervical screening and follow-up services, professional education, public education, outreach, quality assurance and surveillance. Screening and follow-up services are provided from local health care providers through contracts with local health departments. The program is funded by both state and federal funds and is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. In 1990, Senate Bill 41 was passed, establishing a breast cancer screening program in the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Recognizing and Responding Properly to Trials

Jay Sklar



Christian couples need to address trials in their marriage the same way that doctors address sickness in

their patients. When a good doctor has a sick patient, that doctor will take the time to carefully examine the patient and to ask the patient all sorts of questions: When did you start feeling this way? How long has it been going on? The reason that the doctor asks such questions is simple: he or she wants to know the cause of the sickness so that he or she can prescribe the proper course of action. Stated differently, a good doctor takes time to *recognize* the sickness so that he or she can *respond* appropriately.

Trials in marriage are no different. It is absolutely essential that couples learn to *recognize* the source of the trial so that they can *respond* to that trial in

the proper way. First, recognize what the trials are.

Like a good doctor, you will need to recognize the root of the symptoms if you are going to respond to them properly. Sometimes this will be very apparent. One couple I know became aware that they had been snapping at one another much more frequently. They did not have to think long before they realized that they were both exhausted from work and a new baby and thus both a bit more cranky than usual!

At other times the root cause of marital strife or discord will not be so easy to identify. When this is the case, it may be wise to consider getting counsel from older and wiser believers or from a Christian marriage counselor. Whether or not the cause of the strife is readily apparent, however, it is very important that couples work together to understand the cause of the problem and to come up with a solution together to address it.

Second, respond with God's perspective. Sometimes we bring trials upon our marriages because we do not



follow God's laws. When this is the case, we need to confess it to God and ask for His forgiveness. We then

need to take the appropriate steps to resolve the wrong that we have done (see Matthew 5:23-24). When appropriate, this will mean seeking forgiveness from others. In other instances, trials in our marriage are due to the sin of others (spouse, in-laws, stress from workmates), or they are simply a part of life (infertility, death of a loved one). When these trials hit full force, it is very easy to become discouraged and downhearted.

It is essential at times like this to remember God's perspective on trials: He wants to use them in our lives to make us "mature and complete" in our faith (James 1:2-4). Ask the Lord in faith for wisdom to deal with the trial in a way that honors Him. Know that God has a plan, and no matter what you are going through, you will come through if you go to God first.

One Nation, "Under GOD"

One day, a 6 year old girl was sitting in a classroom. The teacher was explaining evolution to the children.

The teacher asked a little boy: Tommy do you see the tree outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Teacher: Tommy, do you see the grass outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Teacher: Go outside and look up and see if you can see the sky.

Tommy: Okay. (He returned a few minutes later) Yes, I saw the sky.

Teacher: Did you see God?

Tommy: No.

Teacher: That's my point. We can't see God because He isn't there. He just doesn't exist.

A little girl spoke up wanting to ask the boy some questions. The teacher agreed — the little girl asked the boy:

Little girl: Tommy, do you see the tree outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Little girl: Tommy do you see the grass outside?

Tommy: Yessssss!

Little girl: Did you see the sky?

Tommy: Yessssss!

Little girl: Tommy, do you see the teacher?

Tommy: Yes

Little girl: Do you see her brain?

Tommy: No

Little girl: Then according to what we were taught today, she doesn't have one!

People go to great lengths in order to ensure that property and wealth are bequeathed to favored family members or charities. Some people tragically spend so much time preparing for material possessions to be passed down after death that they overlook what their *life* could impart now.

One of the Christian's most vital asset is faith. While belief involves personal choices, our children and friends can receive from us an inheritance of righteous principles and a model for godly living.

A faith worth passing down is based on biblical truth and the confident conviction that God is who He says and will do all He promises. We cannot hand down principles we have only read or heard about from someone else — it simply will not work.

A question we should ask ourselves is, *Am I comfortable dying with the faith I have lived by?* A faith worth passing down can face the end of life with the knowledge that we are eternally secure in the living God[- Jesus, who died at Calvary for our sins.]

Don't forget KY District Family Camp from June 19th-23rd!

Kentucky District Bible Quizzers Are On Fire



On August 6-10, 2005, the bible quizzing team representing Kentucky from Russellville United Pentecostal Church, attended the North American Bible Quizzing Nationals in Columbus, OH. The team consisted of Rachel Marshall, Justin Clark, Laura Nightingale and their coach Kenny Clark and asst.coach Pastor Scott Marshall.

There were a total of 50 teams present for the competitions.

The top 8 teams were nationally ranked and awarded a trophy in recognition of their divisions.

Congratulations to Kentucky for coming in 7th place. Let's continue to support the Green Berets of God's Army Bible Quizzers. We are so proud of their representation for Kentucky District. Thanks team for your hard work and dedication!

For more information on KY District Junior Camp from June 12th-16th, contact James Maroney @ 502-532-7229

“While Alone, Many Teens Often Pray And Read Their Bible.”

A recent poll of American teen-agers dispels the notion that teens usually go through the motions of worship and religious study only in response to parental pressure, according to the Princeton Religion Research Center.

To the contrary, "many teens do not confine their religious practices to formal worship or religious instruction sessions but when alone will pray or read the Bible, at least occasionally," said a report in the October issue of *Emerging Trends*, the center's publication. The study also cites widespread belief among teens in the divinity of Jesus and in a God who loves them.

Students doing above-average work were more likely to pray and read the Bible than their less-achieving counterparts. Praying alone is practiced by three out of four teens—42 percent on a frequent basis, according to the study. 44 percent of teens read the Bible in private—13 percent on a regular basis.

The report, based on a survey conducted by the Gallup Organization, which the center is affiliated with, says young women are more likely than young men to pray or read the Bible privately. Protestant teens are more

likely to engage in those activities than Catholics, as are teens that live in the South and Midwest.

About 83 percent of teenagers living in the South say they pray when alone, and 55 percent say they read the Bible by themselves. Figures for prayer and Bible reading in other parts of the country are, respectively, 74 percent and 51 percent in the Midwest; 67 and 31 percent, East; and 68 and 45 percent, West.

Among Protestant youth, 80 percent say they pray privately, and 52 percent read the Bible. Among



Catholics, 71 percent pray and 34 percent read the Bible.

The great majority of teens say they believe God loves them, and a surprisingly high number report they have experienced the presence of God.

86 percent of teenagers, say they believe in the divinity of Jesus—that He is either God or the son of God. Telephone survey interviews

with 513 youth, ages 13 through 17, showed that 95 percent believe in God or a universal spirit and that 93 percent believe God loves them. Just 2 percent said they believe there is no God or that, if there is a God, they are not loved by God.



Belief in a loving God decreases slightly as teens grow older, with 96 percent of teens under 16 professing such a belief, compared to 88 percent of teens 16 or 17 years old.

About 29 percent of teens report that they have personally experienced the presence of God while 67 percent deny having such an experience.

Among Protestant teens, 41 percent say they have experienced the presence of God, compared to 27 percent of Catholic youth.

The percentage of those reporting such an experience rises slightly with age—from 27 percent among teens 15 and under to 32 percent among teens 16 or 17 years of age.

Taken From www.apostolic.edu



For information on KY District Teen Camp from July 10th-14th, contact James Maroney @ 502-532-7229

Herb Stuff Tenderloin

Prep: 25 minutes
Roast: 50 minutes



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard, 18 ounces pork tenderloin 1-1/2 cups shredded romaine, 1/2 cup assorted snipped fresh herbs (such as sage, thyme, rosemary, dill, and/or basil), 3 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs, 1 slightly beaten egg white
- 2 teaspoons olive oil or cooking oil, Coarsely ground black pepper, Snipped fresh chives (optional). 1 recipe Mustard Sauce

Directions

1. Trim any fat from meat. Using a sharp knife, make a length wise cut down the center of roast, cutting to, but not through, the other side. Spread the meat flat. Place tenderloin between 2 sheets of plastic wrap and pound meat lightly with the flat side of a meat mallet to about a 13x8-inch rectangle. (If necessary, use a portion of a second tenderloin to make 18 ounces. Overlap and pound the pieces to make a single rectangle.) Fold in the narrow ends as necessary to make an even rectangle. Spread mustard evenly over tenderloin.
2. Stir together romaine, herbs, bread crumbs, and egg white in a medium bowl. Spoon evenly over pork. Roll tenderloin up jelly-roll style, beginning at narrow end. Tie meat with string, first at center, then at 1-inch intervals.

Comic...

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein



Your flaws, My gifts

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

Quote of the Month

"The tragedy of life and of the world is not that men do not know God; the tragedy is that, knowing Him, they still insist on going their own way."

Audio Book

100 Bible Verses Every Kid Can Sing 'n' Learn, 3-CD Set



Even if your little ones can't read yet, they can still memorize Scripture! Here's a fun-filled way for kids ages 2 to 7 to sing and memorize the Bible. With the help of Skittles the Mouse and Boo Bear, kids will enjoy 100 Bible verses set to music by Stephen Elkins and sung by The Wonder Kids. Each of the three CDs in this set focus on a specific age group. Disc one is filled with Beginner Verses for ages 2 to 3, and has songs like "The Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22), "He First Loved Us" (1 John 4:9), and "Wait on the Lord" (Isaiah 40:31). Disc two has I Am Growing Verses for ages 4 to 5, including the songs "Building Others Up" (Ephesians 4:29), "I Know the Plans I Have for You" (Jeremiah 29:11), and "Imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1). On the third disc, there are Young Discipleship songs, like "Jesus Loves the Little Children" (1 John 4:7), "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (2 Samuel 22:4), and "He's Got the Whole World" (Daniel 6:27).

Music

Sara Groves at Her Best on "Add to the Beauty"



Sara Groves' voice is presented in a new light on her newest disc, "Add to the Beauty." And she's at her best, sounding versatile and

confident on all 13 tracks.

Jeremy Camp Unplugs on Latest Disc



He's sold more than 1 million albums and he's the reigning Gospel Music Association Male

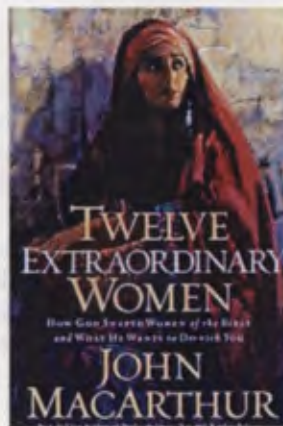
Vocalist of the Year, but Jeremy Camp is getting back to the basics.

He's unplugged for his latest project, aptly titled "Live Unplugged," which features concert versions of his biggest hits and fan favorites from "Stay", "Carried Me" and "Restored."

Book Reviews

By John MacArthur

Join Bible teacher John MacArthur as he studies the lives and faith of key women from both the Old and



New Testaments. Written in the same style as his popular book *Twelve Ordinary Men*, each chapter in *Twelve*

Extraordinary Women includes a biographical summary of each woman as well as spiritual lessons drawn from her life. Let Pastor MacArthur show you how God transforms ordinary women into extraordinary servants of Christ.

"Say Goodbye to Stubborn Sin"

Dr. Clark Gerhart



Dr. Gerhart seeks to show Christians how thoroughly fleshly they are by helping them understand where their sins originate in his book "Say Good-bye to Stubborn Sin".

According to Gerhart, the human body becomes physically involved in recurring sin. "If you think about it, everything we do in life begins first with some sort of sensation," he explains. "Whether it's taste or touch or smell or sight or sound – one of our senses is giving us information to then process and then give a response to in absolutely everything we do."

Islam's Effect on America

By Jerry Higgins



In today's society, people receive mixed messages about the Islamic world. They see televised images of protesters carrying guns, spewing hatred about the United States and Israel, then they hear soundbites from Muslims decrying unfair depictions of Islam, instead describing it is a religion of peace, love and understanding. Which is correct? Is it somewhere in the middle?

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The Mystery of God



By G. T. Haywood,

"All things are delivered to me of my Father; and No Man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father, and who the Father is, but the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him (Luke 10:22)."

According to the words of Jesus, no man can know who the Father nor the Son are, except it be revealed. The Jews declared that they knew God the Father, but Jesus they did not (John 8:19,54,55). Even to this day, they claim to know God, but Jesus said He alone can reveal the Father to those who rejected Him.

That Jesus Christ is the Mighty God was declared by the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 9:6); acknowledged by the apostle Thomas (John 20:28,29); revealed by the Spirit (Rev. 1:1); and spoken by the glorified Christ himself, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega ... the First and the Last . . . I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen (Rev. 1 :8-18)."

"I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My Son (Rev:21:6,7)."

To acknowledge Jesus Christ as the only true God does no more detract from His Sonship than does acknowledging Him as our High Priest detract from His sacrificial office as a Lamb slain for our many sins. It is the "veil of flesh" assumed by the Mighty God that is causing men to stumble at the word. In the flesh, He was the Son of Man and Son of God. As a man, He walked, wept, prayed, suffered and died. As God, He raised Himself from the dead (John 2:19-21) and shined forth in the radiance of eternal glory. "Yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet, now know we Him no more (2 Cor. 5:16)." When He came in the flesh, He was beheld in the Glory as the Son (John 7:14), but when He comes again He will come in the glory of the Father (Matt. 16:27 with Matt 25:31). Compare Isaiah:6:1-9 with John 12:39-41,

also verses 44 and 45.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. All things were made by Him and for Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not (Psa. 24:1; John 1 :1,2,10; Col. 1:16,17). The God that created the heavens and earth (Gen.: 1), is our Lord Jesus who made them all by Himself (Isa. 44:24). Jesus Christ our Lord is LORD of all creation. He created it for His glory and His own pleasure, but Satan has usurped the authority and made himself the god and prince of this world (See Rev. 4:11; and 2 Cor. 4:4; John 14:30). The world is now being ruled by Satan and his people, but thank God, the kingdoms of this world shall soon become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, or anointed.

Since Jesus is our Lord, we then, are this anointed. The church anointed with the Holy Ghost is the body of Christ (1 Cor.12:12-14). As God called all the children of Israel in Egypt His son, saying, When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my Son out of Egypt (Hos.11:1), even so does He call the body of baptized believers "His Christ, or anointed," We shall reign here with Him, if we suffer here with Him.

The only way that a person can really "deny the Father" is to fail to acknowledge that Jesus is the true and living God (1 John 5:20; Jude 25). When you are baptized in Jesus' name, you thereby acknowledge that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost "are one" (1 John 5:7) and that in Christ Jesus dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead in a bodily form (Col. 2:9). Be not faithless, but believe (John 12:44,45; 20:26-8).

Coming Alongside Single Christians



By Wendy Widder

God understands humanity. He knows that we are so very weak, in spite of our best efforts to be strong. God has showered us with promises that ought to be enough to send us anywhere, to do any job. But the truth is, we don't. We freeze in fear. Thankfully, God in His mercy doesn't zap us for our timid resistance. Instead, in His compassion, He dispenses grace beyond what we even thought to ask.

God's grace is like manna. You remember the small loaves of bread God supplied for the Israelites morning after desert morning. Do you remember how He supplied it? Just what they needed, just for the day. God didn't let them stockpile manna in the pantry. Every morning, the wanderers awoke to little loaves outside their tents. If they tried to store it up, it rotted. If they didn't bother to gather any, they went hungry. Singles often wander in the wilderness of broken relationships, with fear

as their companion. Having been deeply wounded by the rejection of someone they loved, they greatly fear future relationships. It's hard to even think about getting close to anyone in a dating relationship again. There are no guarantees about how things will turn out, so facing the risks can be a Herculean effort. Fortunately, for those who muster the guts, there are guarantees of grace loaves at their feet.

One of the greatest sources of manna in my life comes from people around me. While everyone needs encouragement, singles especially need people who will walk with them. Regardless of the road – relationships, careers, habits, involvements – as a single adult, I don't have the built-in support system provided by a spouse. I don't have a constant someone to recognize the difficulties I face and help me find my way through them. It's a matter of survival for me to have friends who can lend faithful support and encouragement. Like fearful Moses needed Aaron, I need constant encouragements beside me, friends who see the things

that make me afraid and help me move right through them. They are friends who become what Isaiah might call "pools of water" in the desert (Isaiah 41:18). There was a time in my life when I wasn't willing to let people walk so closely with me. In fact, when I was in college, I nearly lost a dear friend who was frustrated with my lack of vulnerability. I wouldn't even let the people closest to me see where I struggled, much less ask for any help.

Somewhere along the way, I learned better. I look around at several key friends now and can only imagine how horrible it would be to walk tough roads without them. They have been "gifts of Aaron" to me when I perhaps would have shrunken back from divine direction. Friends like this don't lurk behind every corner, but they are worth looking for. They are worth every ounce of vulnerability I can squeeze out, because they are the ones who push me forward when I cower in fear from the risks of relationships, new ventures, and changes.

Don't forget Senior Camp from July 19th-21st. Contact James Maroney @ 502-532-7229

Jesus is the Reason For Every Season

By Shamilya Mitchell

The world has tried to distort the true meaning of Christmas. This time of year is a time of giving and celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For some of us, it is the only time of the year when we “esteem others better than ourselves.”

As we celebrate the new year and enjoy spending time with our loved ones (while exchanging gifts and pleasantries), let us not forget those who have given up the comforts of home to preach the Gospel to every creature. Foreign missionaries deny themselves the comforts and pleasures of home to obey the command of God given in Matthew 28:19. During the holiday season, missionaries need our support the most. We can support them by sending gifts to missionaries and their families, sending cards, sending money and most importantly, praying that their work and labor will bring forth a bountiful harvest of souls.

This year, while you are living in the peace and comfort of your own home, take the time to consider those who have so selflessly and willingly left their homes, schools, jobs and families to win souls abroad. We must

take a moment to contemplate the importance of the goals we have set and where our priorities are for this year. While we are making our New Year's resolutions, and setting personal, professional and spiritual goals, let us take into consideration foreign missions.

Throughout last year, we received praise reports and stories of healings and deliverance. Thousands of souls were saved, baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Ghost.

Think about this. How much importance is placed on foreign missions in your life? How do you feel about your own contributions to foreign missions? What can you do to help someone hear the Gospel? Would the foreign missions division of UPCI survive if everyone's contributions were equal to yours? These are questions we must ask ourselves this year.

Saints of God, this is a time for self evaluation. Colossians 3:1 tells us to set our affections on things above not on things of the earth. When we set our affections on things above, we will never view giving to the kingdom of God as losing money. We will view it as contributing to the salvation of souls and laying up our treasures in Heaven.

The monthly pledges that have been designated for foreign missions are vital to global outreach. Missionaries need all of our support. They need our prayers, our encouragement and our love, but most of all they need our financial support. Many of us as individuals and as churches are Partners in Missions. As a body, we have to ensure that our corporate pledge is paid every month without burdening our churches. If everyone, even those who have not partnered with a specific country, gives to foreign missions consistently, churches will far exceed their monthly PIM pledges.

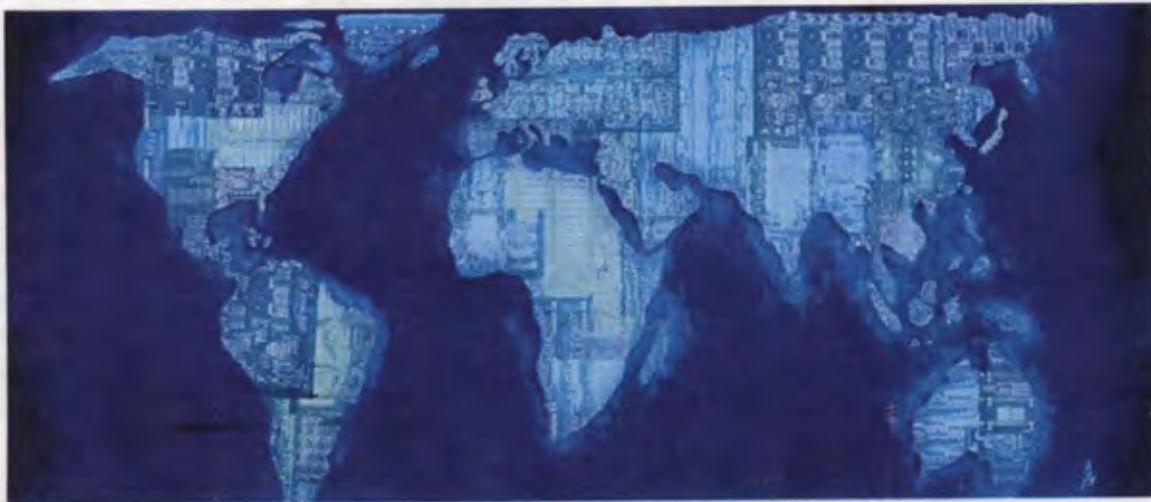
The best thing we can do to show Jesus our obedience is to heed His word and support His laborers. This year let us live with a burden for lost souls all over the world and put our money where our burden is.

One of every person's New Year's resolution should be a commitment to giving faithfully and consistently to foreign missions.

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National

The Truth about Bird Flu

Chuck Colson

The media tells us that there are many reasons to worry about a global flu pandemic. What it does not tell us is that there are reasonable and credible people who think that the entire story has been over-hyped.

Nearly every story about the H5N1 strain of the flu virus invokes the flu pandemic of 1918-19 which killed an estimated 100 million people worldwide. Like H5N1, that virus is believed to have originated in birds and then jumped the species barrier.

The parallels between the two have led to predictions of an H5N1 outbreak that could kill as many as two million Americans. Where did that number come from?

Someone simply multiplied 675,000, the number of Americans killed in 1918, times three, the increase in population since 1919.

Now, if that methodology does not sound too rigorous to you, you are not alone. Both the New Republic and the Weekly Standard have recently featured articles on the avian flu hype.

Science writer Michael Fumento points out that the 1918 flu usually did not kill its victim directly; they died from secondary infections. This matters because we have something that they did not have in 1918: antibiotics.

What's more, there is no evidence as yet that H5N1 has mutated into a form that can be transmitted from person to person. It's not for lack of time: Contrary to what you might have been led to believe, H5N1 has been around since at least 1997 and possibly as far back as 1992.

But part of the problem also is that scientists are as prone to group-think and ideological rigidity as the rest of us. Twenty years ago, Fumento's book, *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS*, challenged another reigning orthodoxy: HIV/AIDS would "break out" into the general heterosexual population. Then, as now, he pointed out the inconvenient facts. Fumento argued that ideology and group-think, not science, lay behind the dire AIDS predictions; and then, as now, he was attacked for his truth-telling. Eventually, Fumento was vindicated

although his critics still do not admit it.

Now, the flu concerns need to be taken seriously. But it is our job to help neighbors see things in perspective and not be carried away by fear.

Christ's Name Removed from Indiana House: Opening Prayer Called Illegal; Speaker Incensed

INDIANAPOLIS - A federal judge issued a permanent injunction barring Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma from allowing sectarian prayer and requiring him to advise clergy and others not to use Christ's name to open up sessions of the Indiana House of Representatives.

The ICLU argued that many of the prayers offered crossed the line into proselytizing for Christianity and violated the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. District Court Judge David F. Hamilton - the son of a minister - gave numerous examples of such activity in his decision, noting that at least 29 of the 53 opening prayers last session were offered in the name of Jesus, Jesus Christ, the Savior or the Son. On April 5, the Rev. Clarence Brown delivered an invocation using Christ's name several times. He then sang "Just a Little Walk with Jesus" during which a number of legislators, staff and visitors stood and clapped. At least one House member walked out in protest.

And on Feb. 21, the ruling said, the prayer contained a feature especially offensive to Jews by including the Hebrew name for God, known as Tetragrammaton, which Jews do not mention aloud. "The actual practice amounts on the whole to a clear endorsement of Christianity, sending the message to others that they are outsiders and the message to Christians that they are favored insiders," Hamilton wrote.

The injunction requires the speaker to advise people offering prayer that it must be non-sectarian and must not be used to proselytize or advance any one faith or belief.

Bosma also must tell clergy to refrain from using Christ's name or title

or other denominational appeal, the ruling said the judge recognized that some clergy or officials might find it impossible to offer prayers under these parameters.

Kentucky Lottery Winner Dead for Days Before Found

NEWPORT, Ky. (Nov. 26) - A woman who won a \$65.4 million Powerball jackpot with her husband five years ago was found dead at her home overlooking the Ohio River, where she had apparently been for days before anyone found her, police said. Virginia Metcalf Merida's son discovered her body Wednesday. Police were awaiting autopsy and toxicology results before announcing a cause of death.

When the woman and her husband, Mack Wayne Metcalf, won the jackpot, they told lottery officials they were going their separate ways to fulfill their dreams. Merida planned to quit her job making corrugated boxes and buy a home. Metcalf, a forklift operator, wanted to start fresh in Australia. He never did.

Metcalf died in 2003 at age 45 while living in a replica of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate built in Corbin, Ky. His death followed multiple run-ins with the law, including a child-support dispute from a previous marriage and a drunk driving charge filed before he hit the jackpot.

Neighbors said Merida stayed out of public view until last December, when a body was found in her 5,000-square foot, custom-built geodesic dome house. Campbell County Deputy Coroner Al Garnick confirmed that the man died of a drug overdose.

Merida used part of her winnings to buy a second home, but when she tried to evict the resident, the renter sued. Carol Terrell Lawson, who is still renting the home, said that she never met Merida in person and only learned of the death after reporters began calling her.

January

February

March

1- New Year's Day
Bread begins Save Our
Children Kickoff

18- Official License Re-
quest Deadline

20-21- Youth Retreat in
Louisville/Downtown
Marriott.

27 - *Section D Sectional
Conference/Corbin –
7:30 pm*

28 - *Section E Sectional
Conference/Lexington –
1:00 pm*

29 - Missions of Hope
Offering Deadline Fifth
Sunday Camp Offering.

31- Ladies' Missionary
Christmas Offering Dead-
line.

3 - *Section U Sectional Con-
ference/Eminence – 7:30 pm*

10 - *Section N Sectional Con-
ference/Morehead – Anderson
-7:30 pm*

11 - *Section T Sectional Con-
ference/Bowling Green*

14- Valentine's Day

16 - 17 - District & Section Au-
dits/Executive West/Louisville

17 - District Conference Resolu-
tion, License Application &
Home Missions Application
Deadline.

21 - 22 - Tupelo Board Meeting

23-24 - *Section I Sectional
Conference/Clarksville, TN –
7:00 pm*

25 Sunday School Seminar –
Middletown -Mike & Vickie
Oliver

3-4- Ladies Conference in Louis-
ville/Executive West, Marvin &
Claudette Walker/ Gwen Oakes

6- Kentucky Institute

10 - Raceland Youth Rally/SOC
Promotion – Robbie Knox

11-SOC Crusade – Location -
Elizabethtown

13-Kentucky Bible Institute

15-17- Apostolic Restoration Con-
ference (Hopkinsville, KY) Pastor
Gerald Adams

18-SOC Crusade – Location –
Morehead/Binion

19 - License Seminar Registration
Deadline

20 - First Day of Spring/ Kentucky
Bible Institute

27- Kentucky Bible Institute

31-1st quarter district tithe/dues
deadline Men's Retreat/Bowling
Green

Hey, got an event that needs to be promoted? If you are having revivals, anniversaries, special services, etc. we want to know about them. Submit your church's special events and we will put them in the Kentucky District News calendar section for free. If you want to have even more exposure, you can buy ads at inexpensive prices to maximize coverage of your special event. Call 931-648-8577 for ad rates or send an email to rkn123@hotmail.com if you have special events that you want put on the Kentucky District News calendar.

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