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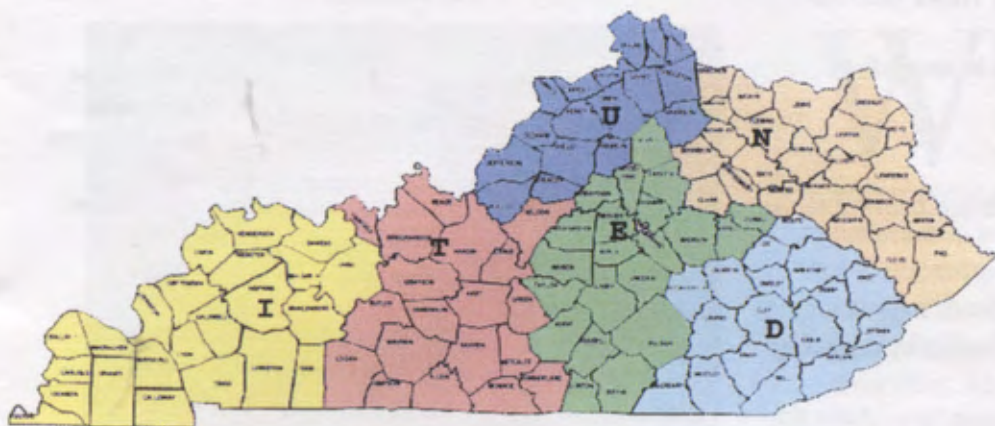
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**Kentucky District Conference Week
District Campgrounds Summersville, KY
April 17th-22nd**

Monday April 17th

2:00pm District Board Meeting

Tuesday April 18th

9:00am District Board Meeting

Wednesday April 19th

8:30am-4:00pm Licence Seminar

9:00am District Board Meeting

Thursday April 20th

9:00am District Board Meeting

7:00pm Media Missions Songfest

(Kentucky Talent)

8:00pm Ordination Service

Speaker Superintendent Scott Marshall

We are anticipating another great year for the Kentucky District. The District Conference will be an excellent opportunity for the ministry and saints of our district to come together and worship the Lord. Please make plans to attend the services on Thursday and Friday. Come expecting the supernatural and a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Please review the schedule and pray for the Lord to bless all of the business meetings and services. May God Bless You.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Scott D. Marshall

Scott D. Marshall
Superintendent

District Conference Schedule

Friday April 21st

10:00 am Conference Business and election of Officers

7:00pm Statewide Youth Rally

Speaker Scott Graham

**All meetings and services will be conducted on Eastern
Time**

The following Hotels are available in Campbellsville, KY

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The Necessity of Biblical Fellowship

By Steve Stevens

Many people today use the word fellowship when thinking about going out to eat after church, when several churches participate in a special service, or anytime Christians get together. While those things have an element of fellowship, they alone do not meet the biblical definitions of fellowship. A disturbing trend in American culture is the increasing isolationism that is bred by our modern lifestyles. The advent of such modern conveniences as air conditioning, television, and the Internet, make it easy for people to stay isolated inside their homes. Because some jobs now allow people to work from home, it is nearly possible now to never even need to leave one's own home. It is a sad reality that most suburbanites can live for many years without ever knowing their next door neighbors.

Because of these lifestyle changes, America has been called "the loneliest place on earth" by one author who pointed out that in most churches today, a Sunday gathering is usually a group of individuals who happen to gather in one location rather than a people in fellowship together. Isolationism and individualism has been substituted for accountability and biblical unity (fellowship). Many modern churchgoers would find it foreign or uncomfortable to be in an open and honest relationship with other Christians. This attitude is often passed along from the church leadership itself. Many pastors find themselves in an unhealthy situation where their wife is their only friend and confidant. Church leaders may well be loneliest people on the

planet. Without high trust, biblically based friendships, which hold men accountable to each other, leaders are modeling a flawed Christian lifestyle for church members. It seems that even the widely promoted idea of unity is often only given lip service because of the isolated nature of modern church organizational structure. It is almost impossible for leaders to have real unity with others who live in different cities, lead separate lives, oversee different churches, and see each other only on an occasional basis. Superficial relationships are the natural result of such a structure.

All of these factors combined have brought forth a growing discontent with the superficial nature of church. Many families are sadly opting instead to home church thinking that maybe further isolation is the answer. Some are moving from church to church looking for real relationships. People are realizing that just attending church and being involved in programs does not meet the deepest needs of the human spirit. Today, church leaders are scrambling to find answers and in so doing have birthed seeker friendly churches that use entertainment oriented presentations to hold people's interest. Whole multi-million dollar industries are spawned that supposedly give people purpose but people aren't missing purpose, they are missing a connection that the original New Testament Church had which made it so successful. They are missing fellowship. The answer doesn't lie within the structure of yet another church program or religious fad. The answer is found in going back to the Scripture.

Acts 2:42 says: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and

fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Notice that one of the four elements described was fellowship. Apparently it was an important ingredient to the success of the church to be listed in a description of their activity. Why is this? Today, every church is following a blueprint of some kind. The way we do church will greatly affect the results that we get. The truth is that many American churches are following a non-biblical blueprint that dismisses the importance of fellowship or changes the meaning of it and whether they know it or not, this unbiblical pattern will yield the predictable results of isolationism, individualism and consumerism. That is why following the biblical pattern is so important, because it will yield biblical results. Who can best know the heart and soul of humanity beside the Creator? Can we really believe that Jesus established the Church without any pattern or blueprint to follow? Can we afford to dismiss any of the elements of the early church as optional? Can we expect the same success in saving souls and discipling Christians to maturity by using different methods? The answer to these questions is no, we cannot simply follow our own pattern and expect God to bless it.

So while some give the idea of true biblical fellowship lip service, the Acts blueprint called for every believer to be inextricably connected to other believers through fellowship. This one simple truth is greatly underestimated in modern American culture, but the Church is and was the most counter culture organization of its day. The need people have for fellowship is one of the strongest needs of human emotion.

The Abundant Life

By Greg Laurie

The story is told of an artist who sculpted a beautiful angel and wanted the master artist, Michelangelo, to inspect it and offer his opinion. So Michelangelo was called in. The master artist carefully looked at the sculpture from every angle.

Finally, he said, "Well, it lacks only one thing." Then he turned around and walked out. The artist didn't know what it lacked, and he was embarrassed to go and ask Michelangelo. So he sent a friend to Michelangelo's studio to try and find out what his statue lacked. The great artist replied, "It lacks only life."

The same could be said of a lot of people today. They have the house, the car, the husband or wife, and the kids. They have the career. They have money in the bank. They have everything going the way that things ought to go to supposedly live life to its fullest. But there is that is something still lacking. They are still lacking life.

Jesus has something to say about that, and in John's Gospel, He tells us what our lives ought to be about: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10 NKJV). Jesus was contrasting what He offers with what the devil offers. The thief mentioned here speaks of the enemy of our soul, Satan. He comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. But Christ has come that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

Campus Crusade for Christ International's tract, *The Four Spiritual Laws*, opens with the statement, "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life." And that is true. On the other hand, Satan hates you and has a horrible plan for your life. Now, he doesn't really broadcast this, because he doesn't want you to know. But what he ultimately wants to do is to steal, to kill, and to destroy.

In contrast, Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." The context of John 10 is that of a shepherd and his sheep, where Jesus is the Shepherd, while we are the sheep. But we are reminded that Jesus is not just our Shepherd; He is the good shepherd. It is important to know that the word used here for "good" doesn't just mean morally good, though it includes that. It also could be translated "beautiful" or "winsome" or "lovely," even "attractive." Jesus is the beautiful, attractive, winsome Shepherd, and the Shepherd's plan for His flock—more specifically, the Lord's plan for you—is that your life would flourish. It is His absolute joy to bless you.

Sometimes we have a false concept of God in which we see Him as One who is stingy with His blessings. But nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that God wants to bless you even more than you want to be blessed.

The abundant life that John 10:10 speaks of is not necessarily a long life, though it may be, but it certainly is a full one. Medical science will seek to add years to our lives, but only Jesus can add life to our years. Having been both an unbeliever and a believer, having been someone who was under the devil's plan for my life and then discovering the Lord's plan for my life, there is no question that living the life that God wants me to live is the best life.



If somehow the Bible read differently and there was no promise of heaven and no afterlife, if we simply stopped existing when we die, but everything else about the Christian life remained the same, I still would be a Christian on that basis alone. To have Christ in my life, to have His leading, to have His guidance, to have His blessing, to have these standards to live by and to guide my life by . . . I would be a Christian for these things alone. If neither heaven nor God's plan to live eternally were promised to me, it has been worth it just having the Lord in my life. But the good news, friend, is there is a heaven. There is an afterlife. There is the hope that every Christian has: life—and that more abundantly.

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Sharing of My Heart

By Sis. Phyllis Turner

It's that time again, so soon. It just seems like yesterday that all the Ladies were gathered together in Louisville, KY for the 2005 Ladies Conference.



The services were just packed with ladies from different cities and states. Such a refreshing, renewing and anointing of the Holy Ghost was ever present. Ladies felt the liberty to worship uninhibited and earnestly sought God for their needs and direction. Everyone enjoyed not only worship and spiritual uplifting, but we prayed, laughed, cried, rejoiced, and shared one another's burdens. There is strength in numbers!

The purpose of the Ladies Conference is to see souls saved, lives encouraged and strengthened, to laugh and just enjoy fellowship by binding together in one accord. This gives our ladies a break from home, family and church responsibilities so that they may focus on their individual needs from God.

My vision for the Ladies Conference is to see our attendance continue to increase. I remember when the Ladies Conferences first began and we were called *Ladies Retreats*. Lead by some awesome leaders such as Sis. White, Sis. Vittitow and others, we started out in a small room at the Holiday Inn, then grew into the Barren River Lodge, and now we are outgrowing the Executive Inn West with attendance exceeding 900 ladies. Without a vision, the people perish. We will not PERISH! We want to see lives totally transformed and renewed in every service.

Ladies Conference would never have been a success without a team effort. I must commend my Secretary, Lana Adkins, who keeps me on target and without the monthly reports, I would be lost. The Sectional Leaders, also, work so hard to see that everything runs smoothly....Jennifer Cox, Mary Browning, Beth Knox, Ruth Blanton, Cindy Oliver, Judy Clark. Unity, Communication and God are the key factors for any good working relationship.

Reflections of the Past



"Ladies Retreat is an amazing Opportunity to connect with an Almighty God! I anticipated the opportunity to attend for years, and finally when I turned 18 got my chance. Boy, was I NOT DISAPPOINTED! Ladies Conference is a time that God always ministers directly to my heart. For a young lady, meeting ladies who have walked so close to God and have made an impact For HIS KINGDOM is very inspiring."

-Kesha Simmons, Grayson, KY

"I would not wait until I was 18 so that I could go to The Ladies Conference. It is unbelievably awesome."

-Mandy McFarland - Lexington, Kentucky



"What Ladies Conference means to me....One more opportunity to see my mother alive, praying, worshipping, and helping others find their way to God...During the time of my 2nd pregnancy, about 11 years ago, my mother was diagnosed with an aggressive, fatal breast cancer with less than 6 months to live. I remember asking God... why did you give me this baby and

then turn around and are taking my mother away. Little did I know that some 15 years later, how God would intervene and change EVERYTHING!"

-Angie Myers - Nicholasville, Kentucky (Sis. Turner's Daughter)

"What an opportunity to attend the Ladies Conference....to be with the ladies of Kentucky in unity, one mind, and one accord, lifting up the mighty all powerful God."

-Stacy Gross - Lexington, Kentucky



For more information on the Ladies ministry of Kentucky District, contact Phyllis Turner @

859-887-1849



The Kentucky District Men's Retreat is coming soon and you don't want to miss it. Here are some words from our leader.

Men's Ministry Leader - Jim Adkins
2006 Apostolic Men's Retreat
DATE: March 31st-April 1st
SPEAKERS: Cheryl & Ron Becton
Nashville, TN
Location: Slone Convention Center
Bowling Green, KY
Theme: "Laborers Together"
270-646-3800

**I AM AN APOSTOLIC MAN
AN ARMY OF ONE!**

No one forced me to join this army
I volunteered!

No one has to beg me to stay
I choose to stay and fight!

I do not fear the night
For God is with me,
He lights my way.

I stand on His Word,
It never fails.

I cannot be moved!
I am not for sale,
I will not compromise.

I will not condone sin-I will not turn my head when I see it
And pretend it is not there.

I will confront it! Fight it! Over come it and destroy it!

I am an Army of One!
I stand for Truth,
Righteousness,
Holiness!

I will lead my family onward and upward
Ever climbing – going from Victory to Victory.

I will help my brother when he is in need-
For I am my brother's keeper.

I refuse to run.

I will not turn aside,

Lay down nor look in any direction but into my enemy's face!

I will engage and I will conquer!

For you see I am an Army of One –

I am an Apostolic Man!



For more information about
the Kentucky District's Men's
Retreat, contact Jim Adkins
@ 270-646-3800

Be Heart & Soul Healthy

Years ago, *Reader's Digest* ran a series of articles about different parts of the body. They would take your foot, your liver, your ear, your tongue or your eyes and write an article about the way that part functioned and what you could do to take care of it.

The stories would begin with something like, "Hi. I'm Joe's liver." Or, "Hi. I'm Jane's ear." Well, today I want to say, "Hi. I'm Edwin's heart." And I hope the story of my heart will speak to you.

It was a time in my life when my days were full of activity—and full of stress. There was the financial stress of our church having built a building...and the bottom falling out of the economy.

Then there was the stress of speaking at conventions, meetings and rallies all around the country. During those days I didn't think a plane could leave my hometown of Houston unless I was on it!

On top of all this, I was conducting funerals, performing weddings, adding to our church staff, needing to add another service on Sunday morning, etc., etc., etc. I was going full steam ahead day after day! In the midst of the craziness, I remember actually thinking, "Hey, I'm strong! I have so much



energy, I'm bullet proof. I'm OK!" But one day, my heart started to speak to me...and not in a way I wanted to hear.

It was in the middle of a particularly busy and stressful couple of days, and I decided I would exercise a little bit. As I was riding my stationary bike, I started getting those heavy, heavy forearms. And I said to myself, "You know, I think I may have a problem."

So I went to the doctor, and they did an electrocardiogram. They didn't like what they found and ended up wheeling me straight into the emergency room!

To make a long story short, they examined me at the hospital and found I had an artery that was 90 percent blocked. So they performed an angioplasty that day and opened the artery back up.

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But once I surrendered, there was a deep sense of relief inside of me. And I prayed the prayer found in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me."

I began to reorganize all of my life—my schedule, my activities—and I started a new walk. I realized that there was a direct connection between my physical health and spiritual health, and both needed to be addressed.

I realized my life was packed too full of activity. As a result, I had been doing my quiet time in sort of a hit-and-miss fashion, as was the case with my physical exercise.



Depend on God, Not Your Spouse, for True Fulfillment

Dr. Gary Smalley



When my wife stopped fighting me about my obsession toward work, as well as other issues, she unleashed a powerful force in my life, though neither of us understood it at the time.

Independent of me, Norma learned how to get in line and bring her needs to God. Rather than complain to me, she prayed, "Lord, thank you that all I need is you. You know I want a good relationship with Gary and that I want him to spend more time at home. You also know that I'm not very strong physically. I'm so tired that I don't feel I can last much longer under this strain. I'm coming to you with these requests because I know that if I need Gary at home, you can make it happen. Or you can take away my desire for him to be home. I'm going to stop fighting Gary and instead ask you either to change him or to meet my needs in some other way."

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God's fulfill-steps similar covered. She life from me to God. She would not, but her life, so source of life energize her.

The results were startling. I noticed the change almost immediately. When I came home from work, I sensed a calm spirit in our house. Norma's face was peaceful, no longer tense. Instead of the usual harsh words, her conversation was quiet and she was more interested in asking me how my day had gone that in relating her activities with the children.

It was in that context that Norma talked to me about her need for help. A few days later, I couldn't keep from asking what had happened. "Gary, I got tired of fighting you," she explained calmly. "I realized that I wasn't trusting God concerning our marriage and family, and so I decided to stop complaining and start praying. I've told God that I would like you to spend more time at home, and if I really need that, I know God will make the necessary changes." Imagine what that did to me. I was instantly convicted that my priorities were wrong. And that wasn't all. Because Norma had changed, I wanted to spend more time at home. That was the week I asked Bill to change my job so I could spend more time meeting my family's needs.

What Norma did summarizes the conclusion of the first four chapters of this book. She stopped looking to people, things, and her work, and turned instead to a trustworthy God who answers the persistent prayers of His children. God promises life — and God delivers!

Some may think Norma just disguised her selfishness by asking God to change me instead of nagging me to change. I disagree. I encourage wives to ask God for a good relationship with their husbands and children. That request is not selfish. A good relationship benefits not only the wife, but the entire family, the Christian community, and ultimately our nation and the entire world. It also glorifies God, because a godly marriage is a picture of our relationship with Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 5:22-25).

Once we're into the habit of seeking fulfillment from the world, we won't learn overnight to look to God as the source of life. It took Norma and me several years before looking to the Lord became our natural, first response, and we still catch ourselves focusing on someone or something other than God.

A Parent's Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd. My family will never lack for anything which we really need. He helps us enjoy your places of plenty. He provides restful, quiet surroundings. He guides us along the path of goodness.

Although we may walk through discouraging days - even to the point of death - we know that we need not fear, for He is with us. His shield of protection will guard us and His arms will embrace us and lift us to safety. He prepares a table of security in the midst of an unraveling society. He touches our souls and minds with healing; our cup of life overflows with joy. Surely His goodness and love shall fill my house and remain with my children; and we will live with the Lord in heaven forever.



I don't know about you but when I translate that Psalm into a new format that allows me to see the goal of parenting from the Lord's perspective, it gives me great relief and takes the pressure off my life. It helps me realize the Lord is ultimately the shepherd of all.

Today it might be that you needed to pause and think of the places of plenty you have enjoyed with your family. Think of the times the Lord has built a shield of protection around your home. As a family take time to pray together for God to continue to protect you from Satan's attacks.



The Fire Still Falls

By Pastor Maroney
KY District Youth President

On Friday afternoon January 20th the Marriott Starbuck's started hopping, the turn-style at the valet desk started turning, and bellman had never seen the likes of clothes and shoes. The "I Love Me Some Winter Retreat" t-shirts started popping up everywhere and that was just the beginning. Later that evening almost 1,800 teens and adults gathered to the Marriott Ballroom most recently used for a Ballroom Gala; that night was turned into a sanctuary, a different kind of dance floor, an altar, a musical blowout by Gateway College of Evangelism, and a pulpit where Rev. Wayne Francis-Promotional Director for the General Youth Division of the United Pentecostal Church International challenged the youth of the state of Ken-



tucky with the message "Last Call." The altar call exploded with dancing and worship and many recommitments to fulfill the call. At least twelve received the gift of the Holy Ghost. On Saturday morning, we reconvened with over 750 pre-registered participants. The service

opened up with praise and worship led by Kentucky's own Sister Angie Blanton. The atmosphere ignited with a powerful spirit of worship; the overflow from Friday evening service continued to build



through the end of Bro. Francis's message "Filling Your Wounds With Salt and Wood." The conclusion; one of the most powerful and commitment oriented altar services that I can recall. Young people could be found all over the room slain out in the floor. Tear streaked faces, and young people praying for one another lingered past the last dismissal and the equipment being taken down.

Gateway Chorale expressed their heart-felt gratitude for the way that they were ministered to at our Retreat. They too were found praying and worshipping long past the close of the service. Four more people received the Holy Ghost on Saturday morning, for an estimated total of sixteen people whose lives will never be the same. In fact, one of the Marriott's stage workers was so touched, he was crying and testified to me that he used to go to a little Apostolic Church in downtown Louisville when was a little boy, and that not until today and he ever felt

that spirit as he did then. There was an unbelievable spirit of brokenness, repentance, forgiveness and unity among the youth of Kentucky. As your Youth President, I would like to thank you for coming into Winter Youth Retreat 2006 with a spirit of praise and driven desire. **You** raised the bar for every Youth Retreat from now until the coming of the Lord. We have only ONE direction to go from here. With this direction I challenge you to help us go higher!

To our Kentucky District Youth Secretary and Youth Committee, we could not have pulled this retreat together without you and your wonderful wives. You stepped to the plate at a very crucial time. Know that Brother and Sister Maroney love and appreciate all of you.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Statewide Rally on the Campground at the conclusion of District Conference. This will be our Sheaves for Christ Kick-Off Rally. Bro. Scott



Graham our former General Youth

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

ALLEN'S ALLEY

by Jay Allen



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**Hawaiian Fish with Pineapple**

Original recipe yield: 2 servings.

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Cook Time: 25 Minutes

Ready In: 35 Minutes

Servings: 2 (change)**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 (4 ounce) mahi mahi fillets
- 2 cups lemon juice
- dried thyme to taste
- dried basil to taste
- 1 (8 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained
- 1/2 cup milk

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line a baking pan with aluminum foil. Arrange the mahi mahi fillets in the prepared baking pan. Pour lemon juice over the fillets, and sprinkle with thyme and basil. Top each fillet with pineapple. Pour milk into the pan, not directly on the fish. Bake 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Nothing Compares To You

I'm sitting here filled with wonder
At the amazing things you do
How the waters stay in the oceans
And the vast beauty of the view

How the stars are hung in the sky
Within them is written your word
How we are the following sheep
And you are the only Shepherd

How the sky is painted with color
Bursts of orange in the sunset glow
How much knowledge it took to make
And how little us humans know

How intricately you planned it
There was nothing you left unthought
From the delicacy of a baby
To all the sins of ours you bought

There's no other love that's out there
As deep and as faithful and true
No other comfort to be found
Because nothing compares to you

Nothing compares to your miracles
Or the listening time you spend
How you always take good care of us
And our broken hearts that you mend

To us, our problems like mountains
To you, they're no problem at all
You're ever so watchful and there
To help catch us, when we do fall

I'm just sitting here filled with wonder
At the awesome things that you do
At being our Lord and Savior
Because nothing compares to You!

Quote of the Month

Error does not become Truth because it is widely accepted; Truth does not become error, even when it stands alone!

Never get so busy doing the work of the kingdom that you forget who the King is.

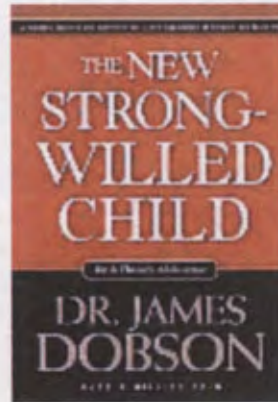


The One Year Book of Christian History.

by E. Michael & Sharon O. Rusten

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The New Strong-Willed Child

by Dr. James Dobson

If you find your child has more negotiating skills than Condoleezza Rice, open up a copy of James Dobson's book *The Strong-Willed Child*.

You may have to keep this one under lock and key, because when you get it out (and you will, again and again), your kids will know that there are going to be some changes. Dobson is about love, boundaries and consistency.



Living with Less

by Mark Tabia

You have nothing to show for all the money you've earned over the past twenty years except a heavily mortgaged house; a car that you owe twenty-seven more payments

on, even though it's already showing symptoms of Fatal Transmission Disease; numerous malfunctioning appliances; huge mounds of books you never read;

We authors tell you to radically alter your lifestyle. Stop depending on material possessions for your security! We shout trust in God instead. Then we tell you to stop hoarding and instead adopt a lifestyle of generosity. And be content, we add. Accept God's just enough as enough, for contentment is the key to really enjoying life. Above all, we tell you to move your focus off of the world of time and place it squarely on eternity.



Stand

by Alex McFarland

With humor and stories gleaned from decades of working with youth, McFarland encourages teens to build a foundation of faith that will

stabilize their lives and help them take a stand for Christ. Key concepts of biblical Christianity are presented in an easy-to-understand style: biblical inspiration, the Virgin Birth, the deity of Christ, the Atonement, and the Resurrection and return of Christ.

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Unconditional Eternal Security



Each week millions of people file into thousands of churches

and around the world, where they hear sermons telling them that it is impossible to live above sin. Although their pastors may encourage them to strive towards living a good life, they are reminded to not be overly concerned if they fail periodically. After all, a Christian is still human, and God expects him to sin a little each day. With regularity the words come ringing from the pulpit, assuring them that salvation is in no way dependent on a life free from sin, but on a one-time acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Yes, the doctrine of Unconditional Eternal Security has persuaded millions that it is impossible to lose their salvation once they have "made a decision for Christ." Proponents of this theory point out that since man is saved by "Grace" and not "Works," he is not required to maintain a relationship with God or make any attempt to conform to His requirements as a prerequisite to salvation. Teachers of this doctrine go on to say that the very fact that man is saved by grace precludes even the most remote possibility of ever falling from a saved state.

For, they reason, if man were required to make any effort towards a continuing condition of salvation, he would be gaining it through works and not by grace.

The Bible does not teach the doctrine of Unconditional Eternal Security! Admittedly, one can take a few isolated scriptures and construct a doctrine that seems to imply such a condition. However, it is possible to

formulate a multitude of inaccurate and totally absurd theories by using isolated scriptures or taking scriptures out of context.

We find in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." When God's Word is carefully read, correctly interpreted, and properly applied, it is easy to see that it strongly teaches that salvation is a day-to-day relationship with God; one in which a man can fall and return to an unsaved state. The Bible is replete with examples of men who had once walked with God, but allowed sin to enter in, and lost their salvation. Hebrews 12:14 tells us that without holiness (an absence of sin) it is impossible to be saved. But at the same time we are told in II Peter 3:9 that the Lord is, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." With these two thoughts in mind, we must conclude that it is indeed possible for man to live above sin, but if a man has sin in his life he cannot expect to enter heaven. The Apostle Paul, writing in II Timothy 1:12, said, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

When Jesus Christ lived on earth, He was tempted in every way that you and I are tempted. Yet, He remained free from sin (Hebrews 4:15). The reason for the spotless life of Jesus was twofold: 1. To provide a blemish-free sacrifice for the sins of the world and 2. To set an example for us, showing us that man can live above sin. If the Holy Spirit is the motivating force in our lives, then we are ruled by the same Spirit that dwelled in the body of Jesus. Having the same Spirit will cause our actions

to resemble those of Jesus. The teaching of Unconditional Eternal Security is not new. It's far older than any of the religious denominations that presently regard it as cardinal doctrine. In reading the Book of Jude, which was written approximately A.D. 66, or 37 years after the establishment of the Church on the Day of Pentecost, we find that Jude was alarmed by this false teaching that was creeping into the churches.

In his closing remarks, Jude says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling. . . ." It's quite evident that if the Lord can keep us from falling, then there is a danger of falling.

We are fond of using the term "saved" when making reference to someone who is serving God. The truth of the matter, however, is that no one is truly saved until he hears those Pearly Gates click behind his heels. Although we may be in a saved condition at any particular point in our lives, we have not yet attained eternal salvation. We merely have a promise of receiving eternal salvation if we continue to live above sin by serving God according to His commandments.

Right this very minute millions of humanity are taking just such a ride. They have been assured by the crew that all precautions have been taken, and that nothing is going to interrupt the voyage. One day soon, however, their ship is going to hit an iceberg, and without warning it will be eternally too late.

Yes, man can fall from grace. But at the same time, it is possible for him to live above sin. The Bible tells us that while it is impossible for a man

Your Life, Your Story, Your Gift



With every step of our lives we enter into the middle of some story which we are certain to misunderstand.

—G.K.Chesterton.

You know how no matter which lane you choose on the freeway you seem to have this magical ability to end up behind the one oblivious slow driver? Or you know when you finally make time to go for that bike ride you've been craving all week, and one mile into it you get a flat? Or when you go to the grocery store only to realize you forgot your wallet at home?

When frustrating things like that happen, I have this terrible habit of letting out a sigh, then muttering under my breath, "It's the story of my life."

It's an awful habit. Horrible! Why? Because even though it's mindless – I usually don't even realize I'm saying it until after the fact – I know it has a subtle impact on my perspective on my life. Is it really the "story of my life" just to encounter one frustration after another, day after day, with no progress and no end in sight? Of course not! But if I begin to believe it is – even subconsciously – then that is probably all I will see, regardless of the actual truth of my life story.

So what is the "actual truth" about your own life story? When you peel back all of the habitual perspectives and automatic thinking, and step way back and take in the grand view of your life's journey so far, what do you see? What really is the story of your life? This question actually points to a fascinating coaching tool I love to use with clients. I offer it here for you to try for yourself. Set aside several hours over the next few weeks to write a 3-to-5 page synopsis describing the story of your life. In other words, if the life you've lived thus far were captured in story form, what would the story be? What are the key events? Who are the primary characters? What are the driving themes? What is the message – or messages – your life's story is telling the world?"

From there, let dreaming take over: What do you want the story of your life to be? What theme or message do you want your story to ultimately broadcast to the world? What would you have to begin doing now for your life's story to move in the direction you want? What would you have to let go of in order to move your story in the direction you desire? What is the even bigger story here? What is the story that God is wanting to



tell through your life? What is the story God wants to tell through your life this year? How will you let that story unfold, beginning today?

Viewing your life as a grand story really lets you connect with the true essence of your heart's desire. And it gives you a clear vision for the direction and focus you really want your life to have. But more than this, the tool connects you to a deeper truth: God really does have a story he wants to tell through your life. It's a beautiful story, a grand tale of adventure and redemption and freedom and love. But he isn't the only author working on the narrative. You are co-writing with God the story of your own life. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the two of you chose to work as intimate allies this year in co-creating the next chapter of your story? What would be possible then?



A World Wide Legacy

By S. Mitchel

We all believe that the children are our future and that we must leave them a legacy of holiness and Godliness. This does not only apply to children in the US it also applies to children abroad. The enemy is seeking to destroy the spreading of the Gospel by causing future generations to be deceived. When we are all dead and gone the children of today will replace us in the army of God.

All across the globe foreign missionaries are ensuring that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not eradicated like a deadly virus. In Uganda missionaries Arlon and Darlene Royer are winning the souls of hundreds of children through their Apostolic Schools ministry. With a combined attendance of over 400 students in the schools during the 2005 school year, they have had great opportunities to impact the students with both secular and spiritual training. The children and teenagers who come from various ethnic and religious backgrounds are exposed to the Bible message via songs, Bible verses, stories, lessons and chapel. A significant "fruit" of the school ministries is that the majority of the teachers have received Truth and have been baptized and filled with the

Spirit. Several of them are now an integral part of the church ministry team.

During this school year more of the students have been baptized. Recently a lady from Burundi who is the mother of a nursery pupil began attending church and has been baptized and filled with the Spirit. God is pouring out his Spirit on all flesh. Everyday new souls are added to the Kingdom and people get to hear the Truth. None of this is possible without our financial contributions to UPCI Foreign Missions.

In order for the work of these missionaries to continue we must keep our word. God holds us to our word. It is imperative that we honor our pledges and give our money faithfully. God's vision is to see everyone saved before he returns. It is not his will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. When we support foreign missions we afford everyone the opportunity to come to repentance and find eternal life in Jesus Christ. God Bless.

For more information on Foreign Missions in the KY District, contact Andy Carpenter @ 270-871-7725

Unemployment rises in most counties

If you were looking for work in December, it's likely you were facing more competition for a job than you would have a year ago. Kentucky's unemployment rate increased in 117 of the state's 120 counties, when compared with numbers from December 2004, according to a news release yesterday from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. The statewide rate also increased; it was 4.6 percent in December 2004 and 6.0 percent last month. The only counties in which the jobless rate fell during the year were Hickman, from 7.4 percent to 6.4 percent; Bracken, from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent; and Mason, from 5.7 percent to 5.6 percent. Central Kentucky continues to enjoy the lowest jobless rates in the state. Woodford County had the lowest rate in December, at 4.1 percent. Other counties recording low rates were Scott, 4.5 percent; Fayette and Oldham, 4.6 percent; Jessamine and Webster, 4.7 percent; Franklin, Madison and Warren, 4.8 percent; and Boone, 4.9 percent. On the other end, Magoffin County listed the state's highest jobless rate at 11.3 percent.

Also in double-digits was Cumberland County at 11.1 percent. Other counties notching high rates included Wolfe and Lewis, 9.8 percent; Elliott, 9.7 percent; Clay, Menifee and Morgan, 9.5 percent; and Leslie, McCreary and Rockcastle, 8.9 percent.

Bill on religious postings changed

By Peter Smith

FRANKFORT, Ky.—House Democrats had worked for two months crafting a bill they believed would allow postings of religious documents such as the Ten Commandments as part of historic exhibits.

Constitutional lawyers told them the bill, which never mentions any religious text by name — is permitted under federal court decisions such as a recent ruling allowing a display at the Mercer County courthouse.

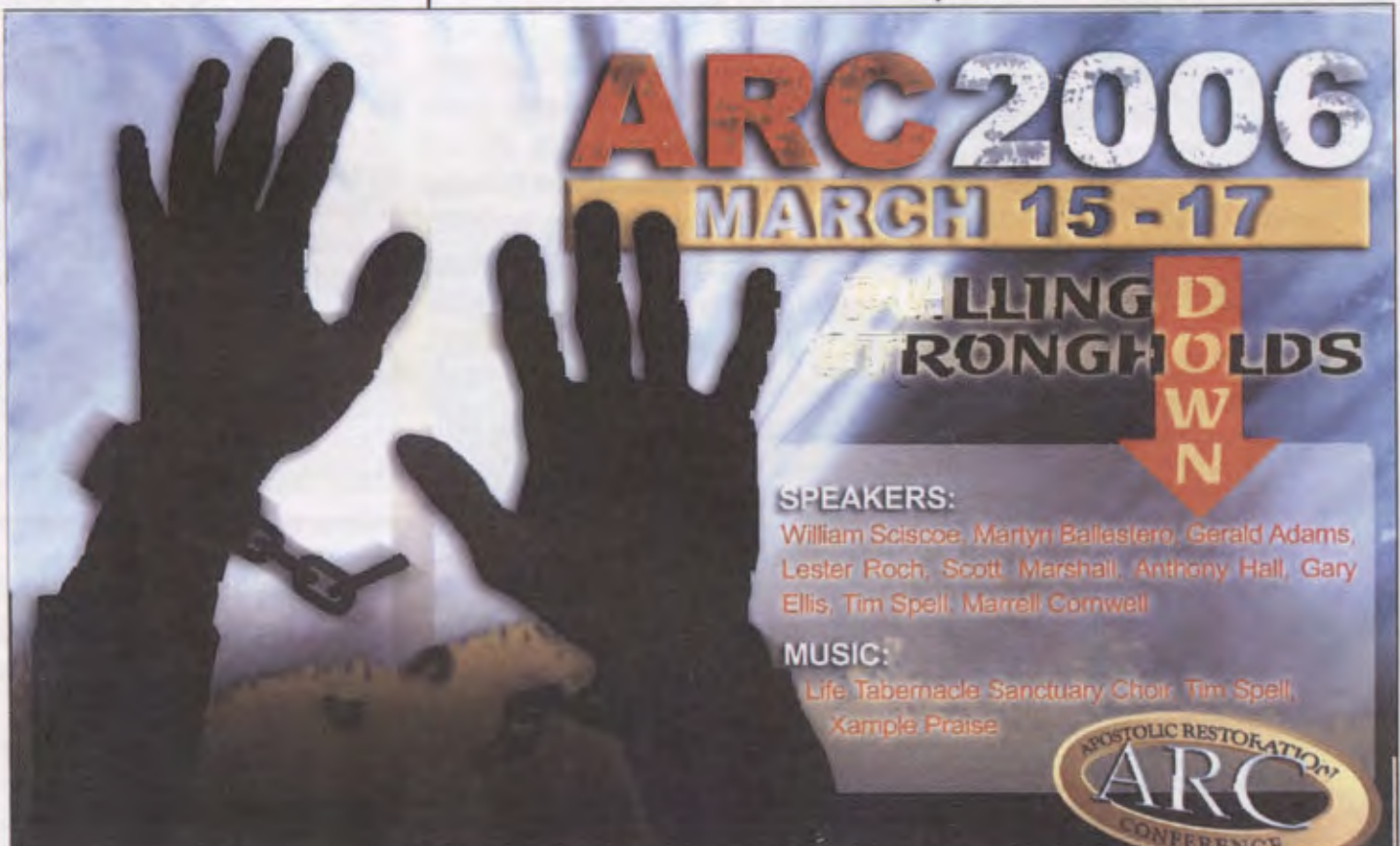
But at a House committee hearing yesterday, Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, introduced a surprise amendment calling for the posting of "In God We Trust" above the dais of the speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives. Some committee members chastised their colleagues for mixing

religion and politics. And Rep. Mike Cherry, chairman of the Committee on State Government, concluded the debate with a different expression: "God help us all." Cherry, D-Princeton, and others said they support the "In God We Trust" posting but prefer that it come in a separate bill. The original legislation — House Bill 277 — was filed by Reps. Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro, and Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, who is chairman of the majority caucus.

In all, about 35 lawmakers, most of them Democrats, including Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green, signed on to the bill, and the conservative Family Foundation of Kentucky endorsed the measure.

It replaces an earlier bill filed by Nelson that would have specifically authorized displays of the Ten Commandments.

The new bill is more general. It authorizes state and local governmental agencies and public schools to display "historical artifacts, monuments, symbols and texts, including but not limited to religious materials." The displays would have to have historical rather than devotional or sectarian purposes.



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 Life Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir, Tim Spell, Xample Praise

ARC CONFERENCE

The advertisement features a background image of two hands raised in prayer, one with a wristlock. The text is overlaid on this image.

Calendar of Events

March

- 3-4- Ladies Conference in Louisville/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 Conference (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

April

- 1 - Men's Retreat in Bowling Green
- 2 - Daylight Savings Time begins
- 3 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 8 – Pre-Conference Camp Cleanup
- 10 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 16 - Easter
- 17 – Kentucky Bible Institute District Board Meeting at Campgrounds
- 18 - District Board Meeting
- 19 - District Board Meeting License Seminar
- 20 – District Board Meeting Media Missions Pre-service Songfest Ordination Service – Superintendent Preach
- 21 – Bible Study Conference Business SFC Awards District Youth Rally
- 22 - Youth Committee Meeting Deadline
- 24 – Kentucky Bible Institute
- 26 - Secretaries' Day
- 30 - Save Our Children Offering Fifth Sunday Camp Offering

May

- 1 – Ministers Deadline to register for Family Camp Kentucky Bible Institute
- 4 – National Day of Prayer
- 8 – Kentucky Bible Institute
- 14 - Mothers' Day Mothers' Memorial Offering
- 15 – Kentucky Bible Institute
- 19-20 – Growth Conference/ Kenneth Haney
- 22 – Kentucky Bible Institute
- 27-Prom Alternative Abundant Life Outreach Center Clarksville, TN Pastor Gary Ellis
- 28 – Official License Request Deadline
- 29 - Memorial Day
- 30 - Mothers' Memorial Offering Deadline

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.

Mark your calendars and make plans to
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There's one coming to your area!

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3:00 PM

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Pastor David Aldridge
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Special Singing by Children's Choirs

Speakers
Brother & Sister Harvey Crouch
Madisonville, Kentucky

October 7, 2006
3:00 PM

Greater Lighthouse Pentecostal
Pastor Ron Hendricks
2860 North Main Street
Madisonville, Kentucky

March 18, 2006
3:00 PM

First Apostolic Church
Pastor Kenneth Binion
2750 West US Highway 60
Morehead, Kentucky

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