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HOW TO VOTE INTELLIGENTLY

by Bill Ellis
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SCOTT DEPOT, WV (ANS) -- We are getting closer by the day to what may be the most important election in the history of the United States. The date to help determine the destiny of our nation is November 2.

State and national elections are extremely important this year. America faces political, moral, economic, military, diplomatic and security problems. If we ever needed to vote intelligently, it is this year.

When millions of Americans go to the polls to cast their votes, millions of others will not vote. They want somebody else to choose for them.

Those who vote become active participants in public policy. They have a voice in deciding how they will be governed. This is true in every country where there are free elections.

Those who do not vote should never complain. They have forfeited their right to do so. Complainers, however, will continue to be part of the problem rather than the solution. They seem to like it better that way.

Carefully examine the issues and the candidates for each elective office. How do they relate to your core convictions and basic beliefs? Who will more accurately carry out what you believe is best?

For example, if you are strongly opposed to abortion, it would make little sense to vote for a candidate who believes

that abortion is acceptable. That would hold true also on such issues as bigger government, higher taxes, same sex marriages, social security, health care, gun control, environmental policies, international trade, homeland security and victory over terrorism.

When righteousness does not rule, evil will reign with a strong and destructive hand.

What if both candidates hold positions you do not agree with? It then becomes necessary to choose the "lesser of two evils" or decide on some other basis. When we have poor choices, and we sometimes do, it is time to do some real soul-searching before we vote.

There may be some candidates you definitely do not want elected to office. If that is the case, then be sure your vote will contribute to their defeat.

When righteousness does not rule, evil will reign with a strong and destructive hand. We urgently need to stay on course. We must decide who has the moral qualities to lead us on the right road.

There are three Latin words that serve as voting guidelines for me. The words are

gravitas, veritas and integritas.

Gravitas has to do with maturity, wisdom, thinking, experience, judgment and understanding. I do not want just a "talking head" to be in leadership. I want someone who is thoughtful and mature.

Veritas is related to truth and truthfulness. I want a leader who knows what he is talking about, one whose words I can believe, one who knows what he believes.

I do not want a leader who gets so caught up in his own self-importance and determination "to win at any cost" that he deceives the public with lies, exaggerations, and distortions. Any person who does not speak the truth is not qualified to lead.

Integritas deals with integrity, honesty and character. No leader is without sin or fault, but every leader should be honest.

If we cannot believe in the moral integrity and simple honesty of a person, they are automatically disqualified for a leadership role. We have had too many immoral, dishonest, hypocritical and unqualified men and women elected to public office.

It is not my responsibility to tell any person who to vote for in political matters.

Those who do not vote should never complain. They have forfeited their right to do so.

I do, however, urge you to exercise your right to vote intelligently.

We must never forget that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

The positive and good promise of God says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33: 12).

It is very important that all who care about communities, states, and our nation vote. Vote intelligently!

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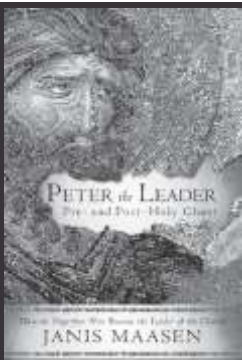
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Lean In By Paula McBride

The floor was strewn with toddler toys and preschool paraphernalia. In the midst of the glorious mess, I lay on my side with my granddaughter pressed into the curve of my body. She leaned in with the warmth of her weight as we played with her butterfly book, unaware of the effect she was having on me. I was in a state of rapture, overwhelmed by the innocent trust of the beautiful little person I call my own.

Another little friend of mine wasn't quite so trusting. When we met at Walmart the other day, she hid so completely behind her mother that I couldn't see any part of her. I played a little peek-a-boo game that earned a bit of a giggle, but it was evident that I was not in her social network.

What made the difference in the reactions of these two little girls? I spend more time with one that's mine. My granddaughter first saw my face and heard my voice the day she was born. Since then, we have had frequent visits--at first one-sided as I initiated contact. But one memorable day she voluntarily grabbed my hand with the command to come and play. Then she found comfort in being close. If pharmaceutical companies could bottle the euphoria of a grandparent, stores wouldn't be able to keep enough in stock!

Another overwhelming feeling comes over me when I realize that God delights in me even more than I delight in my granddaughter. Does it seem strange that God would have the emotion of delight? The prophet Isaiah didn't think so. His book speaks of the delight the Lord has in His chosen people, and that delight

applies to us. Zephaniah writes, "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" (Zeph. 3:17). But still...the Lord delights in ME? How can I move that from head knowledge to the energy that drives my worship?

Time and trust. We've got to spend time with the Father to learn His face and hear His voice. He's always near. At first, we see the provider face: save me! feed me! help me! give me! But one day we finally grow to say, "It's not about what I want, God! It's all about who You are. All I want is to be with You, to enjoy Your presence, to marvel at the wonders You have made, to lean in to the comfort You offer. I trust You enough to be the precious child that brings you delight." And the Father will answer, "I made you just for this. Be complete."

If you haven't been around any kids lately, the church nursery always needs help. Kids are good medicine. It may take some time to earn their trust, but I guarantee, when you have them leaning all over you, you'll also learn a lot about leaning on Jesus and letting Him delight in you. So, lean in!



EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE

by Chaplain Christian Biscotti

Our Worldview's Affect On Our Families - Part II

Often during marriage counseling, I'll share the story of contemporaries Max Juke and Jonathan Edwards, who lived way before our time but whose impact reaches us today. A researcher traced the family lineage of both men, several generations starting from Max and his wife, and Jonathan and his wife. This is what they found. Max had approximately 1026 descendants, of which 300 were convicts, 190 prostitutes, and 680 alcoholics. Jonathan Edwards had approximately 929 descendants, of which were 430 ministers, 75 authors, 86 college professors, 13 college presidents, 7 congressmen, 3 governors, and 1 Vice President of the United States. Okay- I realize all research can be biased and one person asked me, "Chaplain, how many of Edward's 430 ministers were alcoholics?" That is a fair question. The bottom line, however, is that there

is some empirical evidence/truth in this research. What does your family tree look like? Mine looks more like the Juke family. Max Juke had a humanistic, self-centered worldview that he instilled in his children, and children's children. Edwards instilled a theistic, God-centered worldview filled with purpose, hope and character. You make the call. I counsel a lot of "Juke" couples today with hopes to steer their worldview away from "self" and lay a foundation that will positively impact their family for generations to come. "I am the vine, you are the branches... and apart from Me you can do nothing...", Jesus said to His disciples (John 15:1ff). Our worldviews affect much more than ourselves, evidenced in the generations of Max Juke and Jonathan Edwards. God- help us to teach our children about You, Your Truth and Your Laws...

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Service Through Suffering

By Jon Skillman

“... The Son of Man did not come to be served, He came to serve...” Matthew 20:28

Jesus came to earth fully man and fully God. He experienced all the emotions and trials that we experience. He faced the same temptations we face, but He resisted and rebuked them with the truth of scripture. This is a valuable lesson we all should, not only learn, but heed as well.

Jesus came as a servant. He taught, He healed and performed many miracles, but His ultimate service came on the cross. He endured more pain and suffering than any of us could ever imagine. He was ridiculed, mocked, humiliated, beaten and hung on a cross to die. But we know great good came out of that great suffering. Jesus was a true servant because He endured it all in order to fulfill God’s wonderful plan of salvation.

God has a servant’s plan for each and every one of us too, and it might just come through our own suffering. But herein lies another valuable truth... Of pain is born perseverance and character while suffering also breeds compassion and understanding.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28.

Okay, so here’s the main point I wish to convey: God can open our servant hearts through suffering. This means God wants us to use the experience of our suffering to help others get through theirs.

For example: Our church conducts a

recovery program every Friday night. Many people come who are suffering from the far-reaching and devastating effects of addiction. I cannot express in words the depth of darkness into which their lives have fallen, or the shame and hopelessness they have felt. There is an old adage that says: “There but by the grace of God go I.” But to those who are already there, I believe God is saying; by your will you are there and by My grace I will raise you up... and you will become My servant. This is what He has done in our recovery program. He is using those who have overcome their addiction to help others overcome theirs. All the leaders in our recovery program have been there and done that. As a result, their servant’s hearts are filled with sensitivity, compassion and an understanding for those who are going through the same experience.

What an awesome display of God’s wisdom and power. But, if we don’t drop the “poor me” attitude we won’t be able to recognize the needs of others.

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Psalms 55:4-8
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I shake with fear,
I shudder from head to foot.
"Who will give me wings," I ask—
"wings like a dove?"
Get me out of here on dove wings;
I want some peace and quiet.
I want a walk in the country,
I want a cabin in the woods.
I'm desperate for a change
from rage and stormy weather.

Talk about stress! This man knew stress! As a shepherd boy he had faced up to a lion, a bear, and a warrior intent on killing him.

Stress... Do you have any in your life? Do you have a job, kids, a spouse, bills? Who doesn't have stress? How does stress affect us and what are we doing about it?

In itself, stress is not all bad. It can help us face up to a challenge or difficult situation. Countless feats of strength and performance have occurred thanks to the surge of adrenaline our bodies create when stressed. The problems begin; however, when the stress is continuous and our bodies fail to relax. It is said that stress is the number one threat to our health and well-being. It has been linked to anxiety, headaches, muscle tension, high blood pressure, disturbed digestion, stroke, heart attack, kidney

failure cardiovascular problems and diabetes. This list is not all inclusive!

How do we combat stress? I would submit that there are three primary areas which can make huge reductions in this ever increasing problem. The first is staying fed with the word of the Lord. Some great methods are daily devotionals, small group studies, prayer groups, personal prayer time, family worship time, and attendance at church. The second is improving your diet. Try to eat several small, well-balanced meals a day composed of nutritious foods rich in vitamins, minerals and anti-oxidants. Cut back on sugars, saturated and trans fats, processed foods, and white flour. The third is to incorporate some form of exercise into your daily routine. It only has to be as complicated as you make it. Walks around the neighborhood, play time with kids, workout videos, bike rides, gym workouts and personal training are varying degrees of exercise but they are all exercise! One of my favorite responses when people ask me what they should do for exercise is, "Just move!"

So, in summary... practice your faith, eat well and move!

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FALL

By Elizabeth Hexberg

There's a nip in the air this evening.
Autumn drawing nigh.
and far across the mountain peaks,
God's splendor lights the sky.
So very glad to See You Lord,
when Faith is wearing thin.
Sometimes Lord, just sometimes....
I let the world come in.

There You are, reminding me,
everything is fine.
Just the way You want it,
Your Plan Lord,
not mine.
Autumn when the old leaves fall,
Summers pages spent.
Every season learning more,
Let go, let God ,repent.

We get caught up in worldly webs,
despite every promise made.
God untangles all our mess,
and by His Blood we're Saved.
We fall like leaves, in seasons.
He rakes us in a pile,
to one by one uncrumple,
with Love and Mercy's smile.

Sunsets ever Golden.
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All we ever need to do
is keep our eyes on You.
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anointing so my heart.

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I try to listen. I try to ignore the people who aren't listening. I try to listen as hard as I can.
~Chloey Walchesky, age 7



When I feel tempted to do something with my hands, I sit on them.
~Sydney Dowden, age 7



I keep my eyes on the teacher. I listen. I do my best.
~Katelyn Marr, age 8



I listen to what my teacher is saying. I sit or stand up straight. I think about what she's saying.
~Daniel Wickline, age 7



My brain tells my body to stay still because I am paying attention. My brain tells me to follow directions.
~Joshua Myers, age 8



I do things right away before I forget them. I don't swing my feet. When the coach tells me my position, I know it right away.
~Tye Morrison, age 9



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New Life Ministries

1. Recognize and praise even small acts of patience. When your child requests a drink and patiently waits for you to get it, compliment her on his/her patience. When you notice him waiting patiently for his turn on the slide, be sure to let him you were watching and were proud. This for older kids as well. When they've waited patiently for something, let them know pleased you are with their character.

2. Study biblical examples of men and women who were blessed because they waited versus those who experienced pain and sorrow because they didn't wait. The story of Joseph is a great example of a man who faithfully waited upon God and was blessed. Contrast this to first Samuel chapter thirteen where Saul's lack of waiting costs him his kingdom. Exodus chapter thirty-two is another tragic example of impatience "When the people saw that Moses was long in coming down from the mountain they constructed a golden calf to worship."

3. Confess with your children to God how difficult waiting can be. 'How long must your servant wait? When will you punish my persecutors?' laments David in Psalm 119:84. God knows our hearts. Tell him specifically what your heart desires and how you are having trouble waiting on Him.

4. Plan something special with your child and celebrate waiting. Use the time to anticipate the event. For example, if you're going to the zoo, explore a good book about animals. If you're going to vacation in a new city or town, research the spot's history together, as well as what there is to do and see.

5. Remember what God has done for you. 'But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his counsel' (Psalm 106:13). The Bible is filled with stories of people who've forgotten what God has done in their lives. One of the best things you can do for your children is to help them remember God's goodness and provision. One way you can do this is to record your top five highlights of the season. For example, when winter passes, ask your children what their favorite moments of the season were. If the kids are older, you can ask them about the entire year perhaps around Christmas time. Then, keep a record of these things to pull out next winter or next year!



6. Try redeeming those times when waiting is unwanted and unavoidable. Instead of dreading the traffic jam, the waiting room at the doctor's office, or the long line at the grocery store, make an effort to redeem the time. What are some things you and your child can do? Make a picture for a friend or family member or if the child is bigger write a letter telling someone how much you love him or her. Tell them a story from the Bible or make up a story together. Read a book, sing some favorite songs but whatever you do, don't miss the opportunity to talk. Deuteronomy

11:18-19 instructs parents to fix God's words on their hearts and to share them with their children: 'Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.'

7. Encourage your children with God's word. "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:14). "We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20).



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ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA

C. S. Lewis Bible To Be Released

By Jeremy Reynalds

Senior Correspondent for ASSIST News Service

The first Bible pairing Lewis' spiritual writings with corresponding Bible passages.

A news release from the publishers said the Lewis Bible offers one of the most respected Christian thinkers as a companion to a reader's reflection and study of scripture.

The news release said Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century, and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University. That was a position he held until his retirement.

Lewis' contributions in literary criticism, children's literature, fantasy literature, and popular theology brought him international acclaim. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience. His works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year.

"The C.S. Lewis Bible offers a unique way for readers to reflect upon important Biblical passages," said Mark Tauber, senior vice president of Harper One, publisher of the C.S. Lewis Bible, speaking in a news release.

He added, "By pairing Lewis' writing with scripture, this Bible offers readers the opportunity to gain fresh insight into Lewis's writings, his own spiritual journey, and to the scriptures themselves."

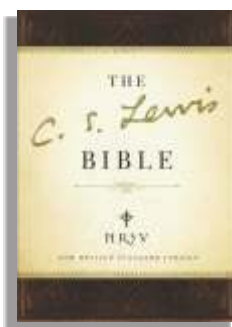
According to the news release, the Bible includes such features as over 600 selections from C. S. Lewis for contemplation and devotional reading, introductory essays on Lewis' view of scripture, and indexes to guide readers to each reading from Lewis.

The Lewis Bible publishers commented in a news release, "(It) offers an unprecedented window into the Bible and draws upon the distinctive wisdom and spiritual insight from one of the most thought provoking and influential Christian writers of our time."

For more information about Lewis, go to www.cslewis.com

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Additional details on some of Reynalds' previous books are available at <http://www.HomelessBook.com>. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information contact: Jeremy Reynalds at jeremyreynalds@comcast.net.



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A Peek At My Bookshelf

Recommended Reading by Deena Peterson

"In A Heartbeat"

by Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy
(with Sally Jenkins)

Entertaining. Engaging. Enlightening.

Three words that describe the new book by the couple made famous in a beloved movie, "The Blind Side". With their new book, Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy share the full story behind the motion picture, and their philosophy of life.

"In A Heartbeat" does more than tell how Michael Oher came to be the son of the Tuohy family. Both Leigh Anne and Sean grew up going without, and both are committed to helping others with what they now have in life.

Much of what is in "The Blind Side" is in the book. Some of the events in the film are embellished; some meshed together for the sake of telling a story; and some 'tweaked' for dramatic purposes.

While the film has been criticized for telling the story simply and showing adversity easily overcome, the same cannot be said of the book. "In A Heartbeat" shares how Leigh Anne and Sean (along with their children, Collins and SJ) have reached out to many young people.

The book also shows Michael's determination to push forward, forgetting what was behind, and reaching for what many said was the unattainable. He truly is a remarkable person, and the Tuohy's helped him shine.

But not just Michael...

Their philosophy is simple: it's 'The Popcorn Theory'. "You can't help everyone. But you can try to help the hot ones who pop up right in front of your face," (pg. 1).

That's what the Tuohy's have done. That's what they've taught their children to do...all three of them. And that's something we all can do...help the ones who pop up right in front of us.

It doesn't take much. Sometimes it takes a lot. The thing is, it's always worth it.

I'll warn you..."In A Heartbeat" has some language in it...nothing more than we heard in the motion picture "The Blind Side". The more crass words are tastefully included...but they're there.

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this book, though, you'll be missing something unique and special. The story you saw in the movie is nothing compared to what you'll read.

I laughed out loud, and had to read parts to my husband. I cried at some points, so thankful for people like the Tuohy's. And I decided to live more by The Popcorn Theory in my own life.

"In A Heartbeat" isn't a Christian book, but it's a book about Christians (all of the Tuohy's demonstrate and claim faith in Christ) living out their faith. Living it so much so that it made a HUGE impact on the Academy Award winning actress who portrayed Leigh Anne in "The Blind Side".

I loved the book. I believe you will love it as well. And, goodness, I wish I was from the South! My only quibble is I would love to see the Tuohy's as vocal about their love for Jesus as they are their love for Ole' Miss.

Maybe in another book they will be. I have to say, they definitely live their love more than others I know and have read about. That's why I'm giving "In A Heartbeat" the Golden Bookmark for Inspiration and Encouragement, and voting it "Best Non-fiction Read of the Summer".

My thanks to Audra at The B&B Media Group for my copy. If you enjoyed "The Blind Side", you're going to adore "In A Heartbeat", available now from Henry Holt Publishers in bookstores everywhere! Happy Reading!

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POLITICS/CULTURE

What Churches May & May Not Do

What Churches May Do:

1. Conduct nonpartisan voter registration drives.
2. Distribute nonpartisan voter education materials, such as voter guides and scorecards.
3. Host candidate or issue forums where all viable candidates are invited and allowed to speak.
4. Allow candidates and elected officials to speak at church services; if one is allowed to speak, others should not be prohibited from speaking.
5. Educate members about pending legislation.
6. Lobby for legislation, and spend no more than an insubstantial amount of its budget (five percent is safe) on direct lobbying activities.
7. Endorse candidates as private citizens. A pastor does not lose his right to free speech because he is an employee of a church.
8. Participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church.

What Churches May Not Do:

1. Endorse candidates directly or indirectly from the pulpit on behalf of the church.
2. Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees.
3. Distribute materials that clearly favor any one candidate or political party.
4. Pay fees for partisan political events from church funds.
5. Allow candidates to solicit funds while speaking in church.
6. Set up a political committee that would contribute funds to political candidates.



Group Offers Exemption From Healthcare Reform

Charlie Butts - Onenewsnow

Christian Care Ministry says because of a little-known exemption in the new healthcare reform bill, Christians can choose "not to conform."

Many Americans are unhappy to learn that when the new healthcare reform bill is fully implemented, it will require people to have insurance, even if they don't want it.

But Robert Baldwin of Christian Care Ministry explains that an exemption in the law provides an alternative "that will allow members of healthcare-sharing ministries, and they're certainly defined in the law itself, but it will exempt them from that requirement. It will exempt them in a way that they no longer would be subject to IRS penalties for not having insurance."

So that exemption includes Christians who are members of organizations like Medi-Share, where affiliates share financial resources to pay one another's medical costs.

Baldwin points out that this type of system provides several advantages as it is not just insurance, but it is also a community of Christians who pray for and encourage one another.

But another "obvious" benefit is that "they know that those monthly amounts that they give aren't going to subsidize unbiblical lifestyles as they would be in a health insurance environment."

Smokers and drinkers are not permitted under Medi-Share, and the plan does not pay medical expenses related to abortion. Sharing medical bills through Medi-Share has saved individuals an average of 32 percent per year, and it has saved families a yearly average of 47 percent.



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Right to Life Monthly Meeting

1st Wed., 7pm (1st Wed of every month)
St. Isidore's Community Parish Hall Conference Room. Business Meeting open to the all interested in pro-life issues. For more info, visit www.ystrtl.org

ME Dessert (Marriage Educators)

Mon 6:30-8PM (Monthly 2nd Monday)
@ The Cookie Tree, YC
All Times Welcome! Have a cup and a cookie while listening to what others are & planning to do to strengthen relationships and families. If you have an interest in strengthening relationships, we can fan your flame. Call Robbie @671-6069 or visit www.YubaSutterMarriage.com

Free Coffee Friday (New)

7-9am Hallwood Church of the Nazarene, 2825 Hwy 20, Marysville
2nd & 4th Friday of each summer month. Free coffee and donuts to help your morning commute.

Souper Mondays

First United Meth. Church, YC
Monday's 12-1pm
Enjoy a free car wash while you have a BBQ lunch on us"

WISE (Women In Search of Excellence)

Bible Study
Cornerstone Church
Tue. 7pm

FREE Karate Classes

First Baptist Church of Olivehurst
Mon 6:30pm
FREE karate classes taught from a Christian perspective. 743-1831 for info, Pastor Miguel.

Divorce Care

Church of Glad Tidings
Every Wed. 7pm - 8:30pm
A Divorce Care group is a special place of encouragement, information and sharing, and will provide an ongoing support teams as you walk through the issues surrounding your separation or divorce.

Weekly Recovery Groups

Crossroads Community Church
Sundays 7-8pm and at Noon on Thursdays.
We also offer a Grief Recovery Group on Wednesday Evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call Joyce Jordan at: 674-3441.

Celebrate Recovery

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Tues 7pm - 674-9210

Celebrate Recovery

Loma Rica Community Church - Moy Hall.
Fri., 7pm.
Call church office for more information 743-5435.

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AWANA

Wed's, 5:45-7:45 PM during the school year
Evangelical Free Church
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For information please call 533-6866

Awana is a boys and girls club consisting of small group time, games, large group time. Awards are given for Bible verse memorization and handbook achievement. For ages 2 through the eighth grade.

Prayer Vigil for LIFE!

Last Wed of each month, 4-5pm
Join us as we gather with people of faith throughout our area, as we peacefully pray on the sidewalk at the Yuba City Planned Parenthood. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month. For more info, please contact Heather Pugh (530)751-9349.

WestWord Riders Motorcycle Ministry

Gridley Grill, 484 Hwy 99, Gridley
Oct. 16th, 8:30am
The WestWord Riders motorcycle fellowship meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meetings are followed by a planned ride so dust off that helmet and join us! For any other information contact Willy Longi at 701-1045.

FREE YARN CRAFT Class

First Baptist Church of Olivehurst - 1777 8th Ave, Olivehurst
Monday's, 10am.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Hope Point Nazarene, 600 N. George Washington Blvd, Yuba City
Each Wednesday, 6:30pm
Hope Point Nazarene, 150 Ford Avenue, Gridley (in the Grace Lutheran Church Bldg)
Each Friday, 6:30pm

Join us for this Christ-centered recovery group that provides a safe place for you with people who will love you through your pain, and celebrate with you during your victories. The group meets weekly, so visit us any time. Contact Jim Myers at 635-4688 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

UPWARD SPORTS - BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Hope Point Nazarene Church, YC
Registration is Oct. 1 to Nov 3
Registration for the 2010-11 season of Upward Sports begins Oct. 1st To receive a discount, register by Nov. 3rd, practice begins week of Dec. 6th, games January 8th. Cost: \$75 includes uniform. Kindergarten through 6th grade. Check it out, www.hopepointnaz.org.

JOHANNES CONCERT

Loma Rica Community Church
11234 Loma Rica Rd. Loma Rica
Fri. Oct. 15, 7pm
A Love Offering will be taken. The band Johannes performed and led worship the past two summers at Mt. Hope Bible Camp in Forbestown for the High school age and Jr. High age kids.

CBA MARKETPLACE MONTHLY

What Is Truth?

By Dave Kugelman - Marysville

This famous quote is from Pontius Pilate. He said this after Jesus said, "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." And in John 14:6 Jesus said that he is truth. Many Christians and Christian denominations have drifted from the truth and are now lost in deception. The result is Oxymoron Christians who are pro-choice, pro same-sex unions and proponents of "all roads lead to heaven." How can anyone call themselves followers of Jesus (the Truth) and completely ignore His Word? We are to be in the world but not of the world. We are more politically correct than we are Biblically correct. If we ignore the truth of God's Word, we will fall into deception. This article is a call to action. Genuine followers of Jesus are the only (that's right only) people who have God's truth. The world may not like that statement, but it is true. I recently had a Christian woman who confronted me while I was working a prayer booth at the fair because our sign at the booth read, "Are you going to heaven?" She was offended that I would dare question whether or not someone was going to heaven. I wonder if she ever reads her



Bible. She obviously is deceived. The remedy for deception is the desire to know truth. And Truth has a name and His name is Jesus Christ. The world is looking for answers and we have them. Let's sincerely represent Jesus in the Yuba Sutter marketplace by pointing others to Him and His truth. In John 8:32 Jesus said, then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The CBA meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Bonanza Inn Convention Center. The format is a buffet luncheon with a featured speaker. The balance of the Tuesdays we meet at various businesses in the Yuba Sutter region. Recently, we discovered a great location to pray- the mall food court (yes, CBA'ers do like to eat!). We are visible to the public and even had one man come up to us in a wheel chair and ask for prayer. What a blessing that was! Now that I have convinced you to be a part of what God is doing through the CBA, contact Seth Halpern at editor@ambassadornewspaper.com to be included in our weekly email blasts.

A WOMAN'S FRIEND PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC 2010 FALL BENEFIT BANQUET

Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, YC
Sat. Oct 16, 6:30 - 9:00pm
A Woman's Friend Fall Benefit Banquet will feature guest speaker, Jim Daly, President of Focus on the Family. All proceeds will be going to support the free and confidential services offered at A Woman's Friend.

GORDON MOTE IN CONCERT

Crossroads Community Church, 445 B St., YC
Sun. Oct 17, 7pm
At the age of three Gordon surprised his parents when they heard beautiful piano music and found him sitting at the piano playing "Jesus Loves Me" with both hands. Gordon Mote is one of the most gifted and talented musicians and song writers of our time. Don't miss Gordon Mote in Concert.

ISAACS IN CONCERT

Crossroads Community Church
Tue. Oct 19, 7pm
The Isaacs: Lily, Ben, Sonya and Rebecca, are a multi-award winning family group with a unique style that blends tight family harmony with contemporary acoustic instrumentation. They are a favorite! It's a Free Concert!

CHRISTIAN STORE DAY!

Crosspointe Christian Books & Gifts, 646 Plumas St., YC
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Crossroads Community Church
Thur. Oct 28, 7p.m.
An elegant three-course dinner will be served followed by the sounds of praises by the Teen Challenge Choir. Joan Smith of Twin City Crisis Center will be the special speaker. Enjoy Raffles, Door Prizes and a Silent Auction. Tickets may be purchased through the church office at 445 B Street, YC. For more info- 751-9168.

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A Half Century of Doing Business by "THE BOOK"

Richards Tree Service

Richard's Tree Service is built on a foundation of Faith, Family, Integrity, and Safety. It was founded in 1957, by Richard Graham. Richard met his wife, Joyce, in a local church, and eventually married. Together they grew the company into the largest local tree service. Richard's Tree Service is a licensed contractor and employs certified arborists. They are available for large or small projects. They have seen many competitors come and go, but through prayer, faith and God's favor, Richard's Tree Service has persevered.

Richard and Joyce raised their four children with faith in God and regular participation in church. Joyce's mother was a prayer warrior who left an indelible mark on her children and grandchildren. There is a long, rich heritage of faith that is stitched into this family. Joyce taught Sunday school for 25 years while attending Emmanuel Faith Tabernacle for a staggering 55 years and currently is serving and attending Calvary Christian

Center. While two of the Graham children are attending church in the Sacramento area, Trina Cox and Mark Graham, coupled with their spouses, are involved in multiple ministries within the Church of Glad Tidings and our community. Both of these families believe in "finding hurts and healing them, finding needs and meeting them." Fred and Trina have cared for three Guatemalan children in need of life-altering medical attention. Mark has been on several foreign, short-term mission trips, aiding other ministries in hospital and bible college construction.

As the business continued into the 1970's, Richard purchased a 100 ft. crane/man-lift which revolutionized the business. It allowed the company to take on much larger and more difficult jobs, both locally and out of town. Mark started helping his dad in the family business in his pre-teen years - it's the first and only job he has ever had. All of Richard and Joyce's children and a majority of their grandchildren at one time or another has worked for Richard's Tree Service. Presently, Mark's sons, Ericson and Joshua are employed by the company. In 1990, Richard retired from the business and passed the day-to-day operations onto Fred and Mark. They incorporated the business and moved it from northern Yuba City to its current Oswald Road location. Richard and Joyce took advantage of their free time to attend a bible school and help different

ministries; but especially enjoyed serving at church youth camps. Currently, Joyce manages the accounting and corporate records for Richard's Trees Service. Trina handles much of the financial end of the business. Mark and Fred manage the operations side of the business; with Fred specializing in negotiating and facilitating contracts. You can still find Mark, at times, in the top of a 200' Eucalyptus tree in the Napa Valley or the base of Half Dome in Yosemite grinding up large trees, or carving out a chair or bench from an old stump with his chainsaw. Mark and Fred are certified arborists and continue to be leaders in the local tree service community. The company donates their time and equipment to perform tree maintenance on historic trees in several counties, the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, the Colusa County Fairgrounds and little league parks. They have multiple municipal entities and companies that rely on them with some of the most difficult and dangerous work a tree service can perform - emergency work. In the 1990's they became licensed as a wood waste recycling facility. This allows them to recycle wood waste generated from their business and from the public. This wood waste, which previously would have gone to a landfill, is now being turned into usable products such as firewood, landscape material, or fuel for co-generation plants.

While the recent economy has caused a decrease in their staff and revenue,



Richard's Tree Service won't sacrifice their integrity - every employee is protected by Worker's Compensation and every client is protected because the company is bonded and insured. They have a drug-free workplace and perform random drug testing to ensure a safe environment for employees and clients. The Cox and Graham families strive to maintain a reputation that would make Richard proud. In fact, one of Richard's favorite statements was "It takes a long time to build a good reputation, but it doesn't take long to destroy it."

In 2007, Richard went home to be with the Lord. He instilled in his children grandchildren and employees that reputation and integrity are not to be compromised. His legacy of generosity has continued to flourish within Richard's Tree Service. The business continues to donate time and equipment to a variety of churches and ministries. Richard's children are continuing the foundation, led by their father, of Faith, Family, Integrity, and Safety. Richard's Tree Service has sustained more than five decades of repeat business and is confident new customers will value this foundation as well.



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Sun. October 31, 3 to 5 pm
Christian alternative to Halloween. Games, Awards, Candy and treats. Hay Ride, Giant Maze for kids. Pumpkin Carving Contest, Pie-Eating Contest and Chili Cook-off. To register for the contests, Email Marci Dena mdenastar@yahoo.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Night Around the World
Hope Point Nazarene Church, 600 N George Washington Blvd, YC
Sun, October 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dress up in any international style, from a Scottish kilt to a colorful African robe or ??? No scary costumes, please!
We'll have games galore, jump houses, slides, a hayride, great food, a terrific maze and "Trunk or Treat Alley." New this year is "The Holy House."

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Crossroads Community Church
Sun. Oct 31
Bring the kids and join in a night of fun and games. Candy, hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and cotton candy. You'll have a blast and it's FREE!

HARVEST FAIR

North Valley Calvary Chapel, 613 Bogue Rd. YC
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Stephen Hawking's Leap of Faith Unnecessary Science

By Chuck Colson

The great Stephen Hawking now says God is unnecessary.

Western culture has an undeniable fascination with scientists, and with good reason. Patiently using the scientific method, they have brought us many good things, from the telephone to the airplane to antibiotics. And I don't think it's a coincidence that many of the world's first scientists were Christians who were seeking to discover not whether God created, but how he created the universe. Because science is based on the premise that God created an orderly universe. And the scientific method was a Christian contribution to our civilization. But later some scientists, in their pursuit to find the Holy Grail, began to question the God hypothesis. Many today (at least the most outspoken among them) have become determined atheists, insisting that science makes the God hypothesis unnecessary.

Well for a while, Stephen Hawking, the brilliant scientist at Cambridge, was more in line with the traditional view. In his famous book, *A Brief History of Time*, he said, "If we discover a complete theory, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason—for then we should know the mind of God." Unfortunately, in his new book, *The Grand Design* and in a companion piece in the *Wall Street Journal*, Hawking now says God is unnecessary after all.

Hawking and his coauthor, American physicist Leonard Mlodinow, are seeking a so-called "theory of everything" to explain life and the universe. They first address the undeniable reality that the cosmos seems incredibly fine-tuned for life. This reality, called the Anthropic Principle, has led many thinking scientists to make room in their equations for a Creator.

But not Hawking. In *The Grand Design*, he takes refuge in the unproven,

un-testable, and completely theoretical hypothesis that we live in one of a multitude—perhaps an infinite number—of universes, each created spontaneously, run by unplanned physical processes that in a few cases could make life possible. But is this flight of fancy called the multiverse any more scientific than the simpler and more satisfying declaration, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"?

Of course not! It's based on an unscientific, unproven presupposition. But opting for atheism, Hawking still gives human beings—who are apparently alone in the multiverse—at least a fig leaf of dignity. He writes, "Although we are puny and insignificant on the scale of the cosmos, this makes us in a sense lords of creation."

Lords of creation? Those are stirring, but meaningless words. Actually, a godless multiverse would make us the puny inhabitants of a dead creation—a creation, mind you, without a Creator!

Whether or not there's anything to Hawking's theory—and Christians, who believe in heaven and hell, should be the very first people to acknowledge the possibility of dimensions that we cannot see—the fact remains that the great physicist has left the world of science with a breathtaking leap of faith.

Which, after all, is easier to believe—an infinite, soulless, universe-making machine, or a loving and powerful Creator who has set in motion the awesome, just-right creation we are still only beginning to explore?

Which answer you choose is, of course, ultimately a matter not of science, but of faith.

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AS WE SEE IT

Biblical "Faith & Family"

By Seth Halpern



Seth Halpern - Editor

I was troubled by a profile in our local daily paper recently. It was in the "Faith & Family" section and featured a homosexual woman. The woman is involved in a New Age "church". It is not my purpose to condemn the woman. Her lifestyle is condemned by the Word of God. Every one of us needs the grace and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and you and I are no exception. What does concern me, however, is that our only local daily newspaper legitimizes this lifestyle which is contrary to both Faith AND Family according to biblical principles. I also understand that the local daily is not a biblically-based operation, so I don't expect that they will run stories that only appeal to Christians. But in our fairly conservative area is homosexuality the norm? My primary point here is to ask YOU, the Christian

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