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## Will Public Prayer be Outlawed?

By Mike Johnson

The new year will bring many important battles for traditional values and religious freedom, but perhaps none are more important than the developing struggle to protect the important American

growing number of these conflicts are now pending in the courts.

On December 15, we received a long-awaited and disappointing decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in

of the Fifth Circuit, is difficult to decipher and provides little guidance for public officials. In essence, the three judges agreed that Berrigan's opinion should be revised. But two of the judges implied that while SOME prayers should still be allowed, such prayers in the future can only be non-sectarian in nature. That ruling strikes a great blow to religious freedom, so we are currently filing a request for a rehearing of the case by the entire Fifth Circuit. The stakes in this battle are very high.

Is Public Prayer Constitutional?

There is simply no question that a public body may open its meetings with an invocation. Public prayer has been an essential part of our heritage since the time of this nation's founding, and our Constitution has always protected the activity. Until now, it has always been understood that such prayer can be direct and sectarian without running afoul of the First Amendment.

The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly acknowledged that official proclamations of thanksgiving and prayer, and invocations before the start of government meetings, are an essential part of our culture and in no way a violation of the Constitution. This has been a consistent principle in our law.

The central case on this subject is Marsh v. Chambers (1983), where

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tradition of solemnizing public proceedings with an opening prayer.

Recently, elected officials in a number of American cities and counties have received correspondence from groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") that have made extraordinary demands for public invocations to be censored or altogether prohibited. Some of those local governments have tragically bowed to the threats, but others have accepted the assistance of the Alliance Defense Fund ("ADF") and our allied groups to stand their ground. A

the case, Doe v. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. In that case, the ACLU sued the school board to stop its long tradition of opening meetings with an invocation. We at ADF represented the board in its appeal of the original ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Ginger Berrigan, who held that school board prayers must henceforth be prohibited as a supposed violation of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. (Berrigan previously served as state president of the ACLU.)

The December 15 decision, by a deeply divided three judge panel

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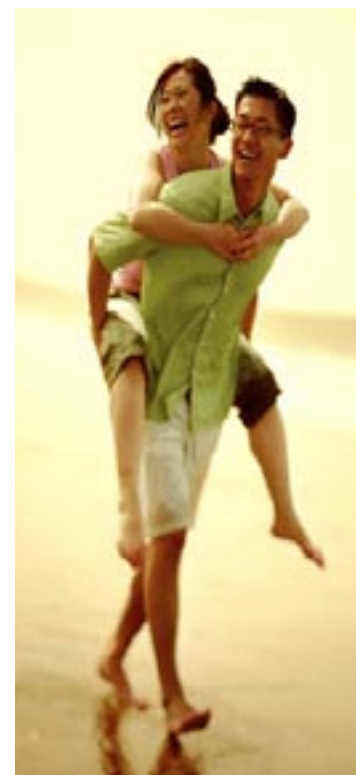
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## Law and Politics

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the Court invalidated a challenge to the Nebraska Legislature's practice of opening each day of its sessions with a prayer by a chaplain paid with taxpayer dollars. In the opinion, Chief Justice Burger concluded:

*"The opening of sessions of legislative and other deliberative public bodies with prayer is deeply embedded in the history and tradition of this country. From colonial times through the founding of the Republic and ever since, the practice of legislative prayer has coexisted with the principles of disestablishment and religious freedom."*

In fact, the Court noted that agreement was reached on the final language of the Bill of Rights on September 25, 1789, three days after those same members of Congress authorized opening prayers by paid chaplains. Clearly then, the Court concluded, "To invoke divine guidance on a public body . . . is not, in these circumstances, an 'establishment' of religion or a step toward establishment; it is simply a tolerable acknowledgment of beliefs widely held among the people of this country." Those beliefs help define who we are as a nation.

Ninety-one years before Marsh, the Court acknowledged in *Holy Trinity Church v. United States* (1892), that America had a "custom of opening sessions of ALL deliberative bodies and most conventions with prayer. . ." By simply following these traditions, government officials should run no

risk of violating any law. The lower courts have extended Marsh beyond the context of a state legislature, and applied it in deciding whether to permit prayer at meetings of local governmental bodies as well.

Can We Pray to God?

Our contention in these developing cases is that the Constitution has never required public invocations to be devoid of any sectarian reference. In short, the rule of thumb is that the government cannot compel someone to pray in accordance with one preferred religious viewpoint. For this reason, a policy which mandates only "nonsectarian" prayer would itself likely be unconstitutional. Instead, public bodies are much safer when they provide an open forum for individuals to offer prayer according to the dictates of their own consciences. This may work best on a rotational basis. Under such a policy, the viewpoint expressed—whether sectarian or nonsectarian—is then left to the individual prayer-giver, rather than the government.

In Marsh, the Supreme Court gave no indication that the mere mention of a sectarian deity or belief would violate the Establishment Clause. In fact, the Marsh Court noted the sectarian nature of its own opening invocation: "In the very courtrooms in which the United States District Judge and later three Circuit Judges heard and decided this case, the proceedings opened with an announcement that

concluded, 'God save the United States and this Honorable Court.' The same invocation occurs at all sessions of this Court."



The numerous appellate and district courts that have had occasion to apply Marsh have found no trouble with sectarian prayers—so long as they are not exploited and used for proselytizing. The lower courts have rightfully focused on the key guideline provided by Marsh:

The content of the prayer is not of concern to judges where, as here, there is no indication that the prayer opportunity has been exploited to proselytize or advance any one, or to disparage any other, faith or belief. That being so, it is not for us to embark on a sensitive evaluation or to parse the content of a particular prayer.

Even the very liberal Ninth Circuit agrees with this premise. In *Bacus v. Palo Verde School Board* (2002), that court held: "We need

not decide whether the prayers 'in the name of Jesus' would be a permissible solemnization of a legislature-like body, provided that invocations were, as is traditional in Congress, rotated among leaders of different faiths, sects, and denominations." In 2005, U.S. District Court in Delaware specifically upheld non-proselytizing, sectarian school board prayers in *Dobrich v. Walls*. The Dobrich court found it persuasive that in Marsh, "the Court went on to find no violation of the Establishment Clause based on the fact that the clergyman offering the prayers was from one denomination, used Judeo-Christian prayers, and was paid at the public expense."

It remains to be seen whether the Fifth Circuit will agree. Ultimately, this matter may need to be specifically resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court. Until then, we expect that many additional challenges will be brought to public invocations by groups like the ACLU in 2007 and beyond. The assault on religious freedom is escalating, and it should be a very interesting year in the culture wars.

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While prayer is protected inside the church, prayer is under attack outside the church. Read Johnson's article for details.

### Psalm 125: 1,2

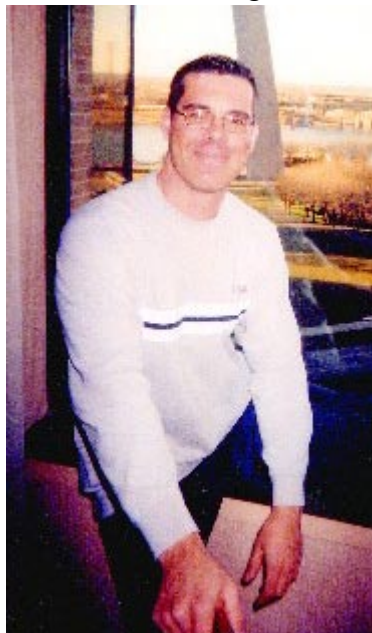
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
Which cannot be shaken but stands fast for ever.  
As the hills enfold Jerusalem,  
So the Lord enfolds his people, now and evermore.

*New English Version*

# Health and Fitness

## Ask Coach Jeff

Your exercise and diet questions answered by nationally syndicated health & fitness advocate, Jeff Consiglio.



Coach Jeff,

My New Years resolution for 2007 is to lose 20lbs. I'm torn between either a low-fat or low-carb diet. Which do you recommend?

Sue

Dear Sue,

I don't recommend either one.

Calories are the ONLY thing that counts for weight control. Many years of tightly controlled scientific studies have proven that on equal-calorie-diets, it simply does not matter where your calories come from (fat or carbs) in regards to weight loss.

You'll lose about the same amount of weight on a 1200 calorie low-

carb diet, as you will on a 1200 calorie low-fat diet. This is an indisputable scientific fact - despite what some "diet book gurus" say about carbs or fats being more important than calories for weight control.

Additionally, extreme low-fat and low-carb diets are simply not sustainable for most people. Both approaches are known to have huge dropout rates. And what's the point of starting a diet you won't be able to live with in the long run?

Yes, you can lose weight on low-fat diets, low-carb diets, grapefruit diets, high protein diets, soup diets, and many other fad diets...as long as the diet generates a caloric deficit. You could even lose weight on a chocolate cake diet, if you ate few enough calories. Although I would not recommend doing so!

Any diet that generates weight loss, does so by providing a framework for reducing one's intake of calories. This includes low-fat and low-carb diets, which are both simply low calorie diets in disguise.

For weight loss, my general recommendation is a diet based on minimally processed foods. God given foods like seafood, lean meats, fruits, veggies, dairy products and unrefined whole grains. These foods will fill you up without exposing you to excessive calories. That is if you don't drown them in calorie loaded sauces, dips or dressings or worse yet, deep-fry them.

Yes, I know, we Louisianan's live in the "deep fried food capitol" of the world. I mean, you gotta love those Cajun fried Holiday turkeys, right?

No you don't!

Just because we live in a "deep fried culture" doesn't mean we have to emulate its dietary customs. Considering that Louisiana was recently dubbed the unhealthiest state in the entire United States, it may be wise to take our dietary cues from elsewhere.

God's Word and sound nutritional science would be a good place to start. Both tell us that dietary moderation is a key principal.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men." - Philippians 4:5

Higher calorie foods (even deep fried turkeys) can be part of a weight loss diet, but you must use rigid portion control when eating such foods.

Sue, I congratulate you on setting a very realistic weight loss goal, and would advise you to pursue that goal by following a balanced diet of relatively lean meats, seafoods, fruits, vegetables and lower fat dairy products. These foods will fill you up, without filling you out!

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## The Congregation of Three: A Divine Appointment

By Donald Veatch

THUNDER BOOMED through the pine and oak forest like a war between cannons, resonating back and forth, and rattling the windows of the church. The steep hill, just west of the church house, had been selected as the final resting place for church members, friends, and family members who had passed on. Lightning flashed brilliantly, giving us glimpses of the silent sentinels guarding the dead. The flashes showed the gravestones, some new and white, others old and dark, crumbling at their edges like old cornbread. The view up the hill was totally dark except when the brilliant light from the lightning revealed this forest of stones standing out starkly against the threatening, dark, and stormy sky. At the age of eight, all this was pretty scary for me. The rolling thunder that rattled my bones didn't help at all, but the reassuring presence of Grandpa helped a lot.

He helped establish and build the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, was a charter member of the little rural congregation, and served it faithfully as a deacon for more than forty years. Almost every Sunday, several members showed up at his home after church to join him, his wife, and eleven children for their noon meal.

The church had been named for the little crossroads community of Hickory Grove where a dozen or so families made their homes. About three miles east of our farm, its setting was in a pine and hardwood forest at the end of a winding, rutted road, about a quarter mile from the main highway. It served its members and others as a place of worship as well as providing the primary center for socialization. All day singing and dinner on the grounds was a routine practice at the church in celebration of graveyard-workings, holidays, or most any other happening of interest.

We were a little early for the regular Sunday evening service, as usual, and were not too surprised that we were the first to arrive. After parking our wagon, we hurriedly tied our team of mules to the trees on the church grounds, as was our custom. The team was justifiably nervous as the thunder and lightning intensified. Just as

the hard, cold rain started to fall in heavy sheets on the cypress-shingled roof and stream down the window panes, we entered the sanctuary of the church.

Since my earliest recollection of my grandfather, I thought he looked old, probably because of his grey hair and mustache. He was tall with a muscular frame. He was dressed in his white shirt and black trousers without a jacket on the night we rode in the wagon alone to the Sunday night service. I felt special, to be the only one in the wagon with him.

I usually sat with my parents, but tonight Grandpa let me sit with him on the Deacon's bench. After a while, he looked at his gold pocket watch, got up, went to the back of the church and opened the back door against the stormy wind and rain and looked around the area where the wagons were usually parked and horses tied. When he came back, he took his Bible from the seat beside me, went to the pulpit and started the service. I didn't know what to think. Nobody was there but the two of us.

I watched and listened in wonder as he followed the regular format of the Sunday night service: singing, prayer, and even an offering. Just the two of us. We sang a couple of familiar songs, without books or music, and mostly off-key. It didn't matter, for there was no audience. And since he was substituting for the preacher who hadn't shown up, he chose his subject and preached his sermon from the Gospel of John, emphasizing the love of God and "way of salvation." For the first time, I realized that all people have sinned and that the ultimate love offering was made by God when his son, Jesus, took our place and died on the cross for all the sins of the world. And most of all, he explained that we must have a personal experience with Jesus in order to be saved. I understood, and I knew his sermon and message were meant for me.

WE WERE NOT ALONE in this service after all. Grandpa knew that I had not yet become a Christian, and I'm sure he was led by the Holy Spirit in his choice of a message. He, the Holy Spirit, was the third person who was there with us. On this night Jesus came into

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## Fun at Home

Sometimes what is fun to one or a party of two is not funny to someone else, as this little story reflects. Looking back on it myself, I still laugh about "wanting another glass of water," but what a disaster it could have been. It wasn't just our property at stake.

### 911 to the Rescue!

"Mama, can I have a glass of water?"

"But you just had two a minute ago. How can you be thirsty again?"

"I've been playing hard, mama!"

"Is there something going on I need to know about?"

False alarms are always a dilemma of parents, grandparents, and babysitters. Think back, and you probably remember at least one incident where a child called 911, for a good reason or not – just to see what would happen. I remember getting in a rather large amount of trouble from my grandfather when I was small for calling 911 for no reason. They called back to see if it was a false alarm, and then boy, was I in trouble.

Probably the most memorable event of 911 for me was one where I did not call them, but others did. My older brother and I were small, probably 5 and 7 at the time, when we decided one day to play with matches. We both loved fire! We took a box out of our house and went to a far corner of the 3 ½ acre-yard so we wouldn't get caught, and began to strike and watch them burn. My memory at this point becomes foggy, but was filled in many times by my mother and brother since. Apparently we had the misfortune to strike matches right by one of the biggest and oldest pine trees in our yard, and also unfortunately, it happened to be a hot, dry summer.

To our horror, the bottom of the tree and the pine straw on the ground around it began to burn and smoke. We did not want to get in trouble, so we took turns running to the house and asking mama for a glass of water in order to put it out. About the third time we got water, despite our protests that we were just really thirsty from playing, mama must've looked out the window and seen the fire and called 911. My own memory comes back in watching the fire truck trying to get through our gate and not fitting, and finally dragging the hose over the fence to the tree.

I don't remember getting in trouble; I guess our parents were so thankful we were alright they didn't punish us, thinking we had learned our lesson. And well we had, or at least I, because I never played with matches again!

*Submitted by Katie Phillips*

"Fun at Home" is a compilation of true stories, short conversations, and those fun and funny events that happen at home. If you would like to submit something for print, please e-mail it to [kbcl\\_radio@bellsouth.net](mailto:kbcl_radio@bellsouth.net) for our consideration.

## Local Ministries

### YEAR OF HOPE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

#### **We are Called by God! The People are Worth It! It is the Right Thing to do!**

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission was founded on that very humanitarian principle more than 50 years ago and still works diligently today to deliver emergency and long-term human services to the homeless in the Shreveport-Bossier community.

As 2007 begins its course and the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission Shelter for Women & Children prepares to welcome homeless families into its walls, we must reflect on the accomplishments of 2006 and ready ourselves for the year ahead. By doing so, we will energize ourselves with the hope, faith, and charity that will take us through our challenges and lead us to the bountiful opportunities that God has for provided for our lives.

The Rescue Mission Board of Directors, administrative staff, volunteers and our clients would like to extend our greatest, heartfelt thanks for the Shreveport-Bossier community's outpouring of generosity and support in 2006. We would also like to thank you in advance for the God-inspired support that many of you will bless our efforts with this year. As we look forward, let us look back and be encouraged and remember that God is still in control.

#### **2006 MARCH AGAINST HUNGER**

The Rescue Mission's first March Against Hunger was held Saturday June 3 in observance of National Hunger Awareness Month. The purpose of the march was to increase awareness of the growing problem of homelessness and hunger nationally and in the local community.

A group of nearly 100 participants, including several Girl Scout troops, marched from First United Methodist Church at the head of Texas Street to the Rescue Mission's new shelter, located at 901 McNeil Street. We will march again this year and hope that you will help us by walking right beside us.

#### **2007 MARCH AGAINST HUNGER Saturday June 2**

#### **2006 FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS**

The Third Annual Festival of Choirs, held Sunday June 11 at Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral, was a praise and worship experience that

drew from all faiths and races to help increase awareness of homelessness in our area. The event not only raised funds to benefit the Shelter for Women & Children, it also formed partnerships between churches that may otherwise have not been blessed to share the word and works of God. We invite you to participate in this year's event or come to enjoy the spirit-filled

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message of hope through song and dance. Come and be blessed so that you may bless others.

#### **2007 FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS Sunday June 10**

#### **2007 WHEELS FOR MEALS CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

This year is the first time the Rescue Mission has attempted a fundraiser of this type, but we are excited about the opportunity to bring an event of this magnitude to the community for such a worthy of cause as that of helping to shelter, feed and clothe homeless women and children. This event will be held at First Baptist Church Shreveport and all proceeds will benefit the Shelter for Women & Children. If you want to compete in this amateur show, serve as a sponsor or just enjoy it with other car and motorcycle enthusiasts, we invite you to come out, bless others and be blessed

#### **WHEELS FOR MEALS CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW Saturday September 29**

#### **2006 ANNUAL SPONSORS GOLF CLASSIC & ULTIMATE BIG BREAK GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This year's tournament drew nearly 200 area golfers to Northwood Hills Country Club & Golf Course

and raised more than \$30,000 to help pay for the construction of the new SBRM Shelter for Women and Children. The event, sponsored by the David Toms Foundation, also increased community awareness about the Mission and its vital community services and how this ministry helps to bring hope and faith back into the lives of those in need. So, if golf is your game, join us this year on the greens for a tournament unlike any other and help give a voice to those who have been silenced for far too long.

#### **2007 SPONSORS CLASSIC & ULTIMATE BIG BREAK GOLF CHALLENGE Monday October 1**

It is critical that the community understands that the Rescue Mission could not have accomplished everything that it has during 2006 without the help of every individual, every church, every business and every other nonprofit organization that has supported our cause during the past 51 years. That is why we are asking that anyone who wants to become involved with any facet



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of the Rescue Mission do so when their spirit leads. And we hope that time is now.

If you never made a monetary donation, an in-kind donation of food or clothing, volunteered to serve a meal or help at our Thrift Store, we invite you to do so now as we expand our services to reach more of those in need. The people who make up the Rescue Mission's heart need every dollar, every hand, every article of clothing, every canned food item and every prayer to finish the race that God has commanded us to run. If ever the Rescue Mission needs the support of every individual in the community, it is now.

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission has made great strides during the past year that will take the organization forward and allow it to expand the critical services to the homeless in our community. The Rescue Mission is also making internal changes that will enhance its future and that of the clients we serve. Some of those changes include revamping the Discipleship Program, enhancing the Workforce Training Program and improving its Mental and Physical Health Services Programs. These are just a few of the changes, along with the program services partnership with Providence House and the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana in the Shelter for Women & Children, that will take the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission to the next level and allow it to serve the needs of homeless women and children who make up more than 40 percent of the homeless population.

#### **WE ARE CALLED BY GOD**

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission is truly a ministry to which God has called every individual who has either worked for, volunteered for or given to its cause. Join us in our cause, God's cause, as we discover our humanity

#### **THE PEOPLE ARE WORTH IT**

The people who partake of the Rescue Mission's services or programs are worth exceedingly more than the monetary and in-kind donations that we give. Their very lives are treasures from God that are worth salvaging and embracing. Help the soul feel its worth that God would have it to feel since we are created in his image.

#### **IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO**

And lastly, giving, loving, caring, volunteering, tutoring, talking, preaching, feeding, clothing and doing anything else within our power to do what is right, should be our daily way to help us uncover and expand our humanity. It is right because it is for God's glory that we work. Do what is right and feel what is right in return.

#### **INFORMATION BOX:**

To volunteer with any of the Rescue Mission's upcoming fundraisers or to become a sponsor, contact J. L. Scott at (318) 6298488, ext. 103 or Donna Seal at ext.104.

# How Do We Pray Together?

Continued from *Beginning to Pray Together*, December 2006 Issue

By Jan and David Stoop

Now that you are praying for each other, here are six ways you and your spouse can pray together. Regardless of your experience or comfort zones in praying together, there is one way of praying together that anyone can experience. (This is the first method listed below.) If you are already praying together, look to see if there are any additional ways you can enjoy praying together with your spouse.

1. Pray silently together. All too often, couples believe that they are praying together only if they are praying out loud. Remember that the key is to intentionally pray together. When we are talking about this with couples' groups, we suggest that they begin by praying silently. Here are the guidelines: First, sit down together and hold hands. A number of couples have commented on how important it was to be touching each other as they prayed together. Next, talk together about some of your mutual concerns as a couple. Then, as you finish the conversation, one of you should say to the other, "Let's pray about these things." Finally, spend some time in silent prayer together. Whoever finishes first should squeeze his or her partner's hand as a way of saying "I've finished." When the other person finishes, he or she squeezes back. Congratulations! You've just prayed together.

After doing this for a time, you might say "Amen" out loud as you finish and squeeze your partner's hand, and then wait for him or her to say "Amen."

2. Finish silent prayer aloud. The second way you can pray together is an extension of the way we have just described. It takes us a step further in becoming more open and more comfortable praying together. Instead of simply ending your silent prayer with a verbal "Amen," agree that after a squeeze of the hand, the other person will finish their silent prayer out loud. This does not have to be profound. Simply say something that expresses thanksgiving and praise for the knowledge that God is present with you and that he not only hears your prayers but also knows and hears the deeper needs

of your hearts. Or thank God for being present with you, in both your time of conversation and your time of prayer.

3. Write out your prayer. First, write out a short, simple prayer that is meaningful to you. Do this apart from your partner. Then come together and read your prayer to your partner. After you both have finished, you may want to discuss your positive responses to each other's prayers, and how it felt for you to hear one another talk to God. Or read together some of the prayers we have included at the end of each chapter.

4. Pray as you talk. This approach to praying together simply means we back up in our conversation and consciously include God in the process. As a couple, you can simply stop in the middle of your conversation and suggest, "Let's pray a moment about this." If you're at the silent stage of praying together, pray silently about what you've just been talking about.

If you are verbalizing your prayers, you can simply acknowledge that God is a part of your conversation. For example, when we are talking about a concern we have, one of us might simply say, "Lord, you are here listening as we talk, and we want to acknowledge your presence and ask for your help with this situation." Even this can be simplified, or the other person may add a sentence or two in prayer. We seldom say "Amen" when we do this – we just go back to our conversation. Over time, God's place within your conversation will become more natural, and you will become more aware of his presence.

5. Pray out loud, together, daily. This is the same as our earlier suggestions, except that you are now comfortable enough with the process that you can verbalize your prayer in the presence of your spouse. In our questionnaire, we asked couples to tell us how they moved from praying silently together to praying out loud (meaning, was it difficult?). We wanted to know if couples talked about it beforehand, or if it just happened. We were surprised when a number of them such as the couple we mentioned

earlier, replied, "We opened our mouth and said ..." We laughed, but it really does boil down to that approach – opening our mouths and saying out loud what we are praying inside.

Over the years, as we've become more comfortable with verbalizing our prayers together, we have expanded our evening prayer time to other times of the day. When we are together, one of us may feel the need to pray, so we stop and pray. It is more just a part of our conversation, even though we are still purposely stopping to pray together.

6. Practice "vulnerable" prayer. This type of praying together is what we think most husbands (and some wives) fear is what we have in mind when we talk about praying together. It is difficult, and we certainly don't suggest starting this way. In vulnerable prayer, we pray about ourselves in

the presence of our spouse. Along with praying "Lord, help us," or "Lord, help them," we pray "Lord, help me." When we pray this way, we are comfortable enough with each other that we can bring forward, with candor and honesty, our weaknesses, our failures, and our struggles, and talk openly with God in the presence of our spouse.

This type of praying together is listed last, not because it is the best, but because it is the most difficult. Some couples may never pray this way, while others become very comfortable praying this way and feel that it is this type of praying together that really enhances their spiritual intimacy. Remember, however, the goal is not to pray vulnerably together; it is simply to pray together, consistently.

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# Missions and Outreach

## CHRIST FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

BY E. ELISE SPOOR

What kinds of things do you like to do on a Saturday night? How about trying something a little different? Members of Christ Fellowship gather for Saturday evening instead of Sunday morning worship. This is due, in part, to the fact that 3 other churches share the same building and schedule services around each other. The Saturday meeting is a nice alternative and or addition to going out on Saturday night.

With candles flickering, dim lights, blue jean and sandals, the atmosphere is simple and relaxed on purpose. This is exactly who and what they are. This nontraditional Baptist Church extends its hand to all but is especially attractive to the 20 and 30 year old age groups.

Unlike conventional meetings, the worship service has an open format that encourages

response and feedback from the congregation. Pastor/teacher Uriah Oxford, who is 30, shares relevant Bible scripture practical to every day life and promotes freedom of movement during services. This can be leaving your seat to draw or write on canvas as artistic, spiritual expression or going to the altar or around the room to pray with others. Uriah states, "We're just trying to figure the Christian life out in ways that makes sense to us, language that makes sense to us, atmosphere, music, everything. We don't have it figured out, but we are following Christ, the Christ of the gospels."

Tommy Moore, the Worship and Arts Pastor, leads music at Christ Fellowship---some of which he and his band have written themselves. The Praise Band plays all types of music to encourage worship connections with God. This includes very old, well known

hymns, contemporary music by David Crowder or Robbie Seay or music simply "unplugged for intimate acoustic feel".

Truly uplifting is the way Pastor Oxford brims with passion for sharing the gospel of Christ with others. He wants people to feel and ultimately see the love of Christ while coming just as they are. His message is that the church is not a building, but is within the hearts of the people themselves. But his greatest emphasis is that of the responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission, which is to spread the news and peace of Christ. He says "We are not looking for church members, we are looking for MISSIONARIES, people who are ready to get to the core of what Christianity is all about" This involves "...calling young people out to be on a mission, instead of being consumers in church."

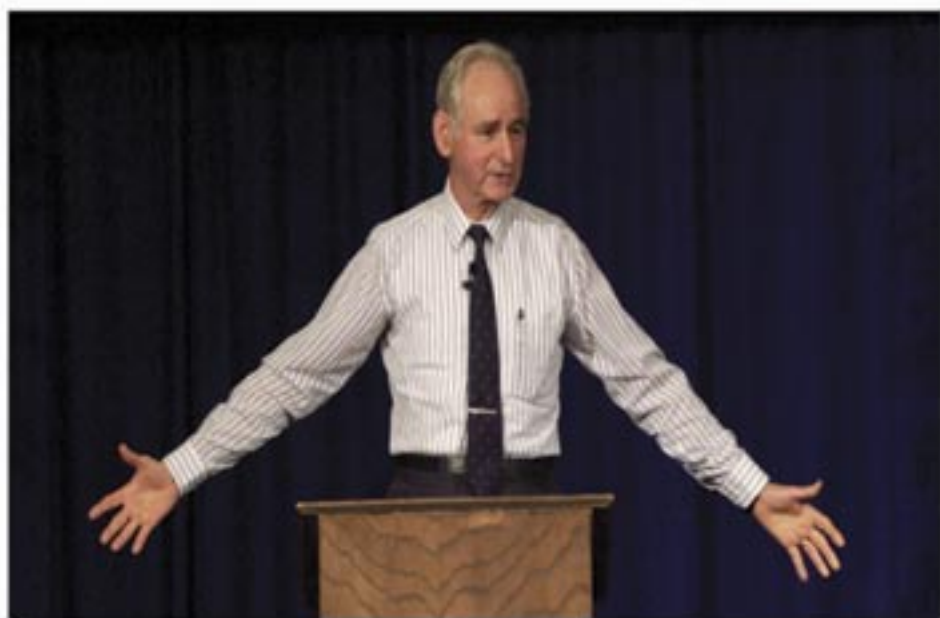
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*Christ Fellowship is a church plant of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Northwest Region.*

**Are you or your church involved in special mission and outreach projects? Let us know! We would love to hear about it at Praise 1070. Email Jean at [jeanmckee@bellsouth.net](mailto:jeanmckee@bellsouth.net)**

## Mr. Otto Koning's Ministry...



"Hearing Otto present truth from this context is an experience to be remembered"

Mr. Koning's humor and dedication to God has captivated audiences around the world as he retells his experiences. He and his wife, Carol, served 14 years as missionaries to a stone age, headhunting tribe of Papua Indonesia (formerly Dutch New Guinea). Pioneering in these steaming, disease ridden swamp lands, they experienced total defeat, literally falling apart at the seams. An incredible series of events, including personal revival and victory for these missionaries, resulted in the demon controlled savages turning from their chronic fears to faith in God!

### "The Pineapple Story"

Otto is the missionary involved in "The Pineapple Story" a book written and published by the Institute in Basic Life Principles. His stories as told in the "Pineapple Series" tape set has encouraged and uplifted countless men and women, young and old to take God at His word!



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*Steve Shadrach launched the ministry Student Mobilization and is the founder of The Body Builders ([www.thebodybuilders.net](http://www.thebodybuilders.net)) and is currently associated with the United States Center for World Mission as Director of Mobilization.*



Left: This is the group of 25 pastors from around Cambodia that came together for 4 days to allow me to train them in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, and world missions. They were so hungry and teachable and we prayed and brainstormed how they could apply the training back in their provinces. The training is sponsored each quarter by Asian Access, and led by a former StuMo staffer (Stu Lynch) in the top left. I will be headed to Mongolia in June to do the same.



Above: I spoke Sunday morning in a small church in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. Using a translator, I challenged them to trust and ask God for big things in order to honor Him by the magnitude of their requests. Even though it is late November, the heat and humidity feels like July.



Right: Posan grew up in Cambodia, but his father was killed by the Pol Pot regime in the late 70's. We stand in front of the school used to torture them. Later we visited "the killing fields" where thousands were dumped in mass graves. Posan is now a pastor.



Left: Angkor Wat is a world famous region of temples and palaces built by numerous kings from the Khmer dynasty over about a 600 year period (starting in 9th century). I was willing to climb up these steep stairs, but was afraid to climb down!

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Right: Cambodia is so poor and so immersed in Buddhist traditions. Here a girl on the roadside sells roasted tarantulas. Our driver stopped to buy a live one to take home to cook and eat. I kept an eye on the little critter all the way back!



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# Great Things Happen When We Dream

by Dennis Rainey

Jonathan Swift wrote in 1699, "Vision is the art of seeing the invisible."

It was a heartfelt "vision to reach the unreached" that sent Dr. John Geddie to the people at Aneityum. Today a stone tablet bears testimony of Geddie's vision for these unreached people and his faithfulness for twenty-four years of service. Its inscription is a challenge to us today:

When he landed in 1848, there were no Christians.

When he left, in 1872, there were no heathen.

Geddie had a vision, a dream, and he gave his life to the fulfillment of it. Just one man. One man whose life bore the mark of the eternal invading the temporal.

But not all people look at the future with such expectancy. Maybe you know someone who lacks vision. If you do, that person has some pretty famous company. I came across the following group of quotes, which illustrate that the seemingly unthinkable is not impossible:

"Everything that can be invented has been invented."

Charles H. Duell, Director  
U.S. Patent Office—1899

"Who the %# wants to hear actors talk?"

Harry M. Warner  
Warner Brothers Pictures—1927

"Heavier than air flying machines are impossible."

Lord Kelvin, President  
Royal Society—1895

"Babe Ruth made a big mistake when he gave up pitching."

Tris Speaker  
Baseball player and record holder—  
1921

Not exactly the kind of "visions" referred to by Jonathan Swift and lived by Dr. John Geddie, are they? I have to wonder what visions and dreams are buried, forgotten, and dismissed in a similar way today as either impossible or unwise.

We remember Martin Luther King's dream, but when was the last time you had one? A dream of true renaissance. A dream of change, of radical departure from the norm.

## What Happened to Our Dreams?

If we as Christians have a direct relationship with the Creator of heaven and earth (and we do), then doesn't it stand to reason that we should be the most innovative and creative people on earth?

Do you believe that God is through with creating? Or do you believe that God has an eternal purpose, a destiny for your life? For your mate? Your children? Your grandchildren? Do you believe that God can give you a vision for your world that will capture you for the rest of your life?

Questions for all of us are: "Do I really want to know the Creator's vision, for my life?" "Do I want it to become a reality?" "Am I willing to follow Him at all costs?"

Listen carefully to the words of Paul: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

The Christian life is not just fire insurance. It is an opportunity to walk daily within the will of God. It is the opportunity to lay up eternal treasures in heaven. It is the opportunity to lead others into Christ's kingdom.

## What is Your Dream?

When you dream, do you dream about the things of God, the truly permanent, or the things of the world, the truly perishable? What are you uniquely burdened for? What injustice causes you to pound the table and weep?

A godly vision for your life will be characterized by incensed indignation toward the status quo. It will rock boats—remember, they crucified our Savior because He shook up "the system." A godly vision will be fueled by what could be and what should be. It is an earnest quest for God's alternative.

Does your family have a vision that will affect the present and the eternal? Or are you just drifting with the flow of things?

Are you teaching your children that they have a destiny for their life? Are you adding fuel to their dreams and visions or throwing water on them? Are you helping them see the eternal in the midst of time?

Do you want your family to follow you? Remember, no one follows an insignificant person with trivial goals.

One of the major reasons we have an identity crisis today in our culture is that we have lost a sense of destiny. There is no calling. No real mission. The feeling pervades that "nothing is truly worthy of my life."

## Finding Our Dreams

So how do I get a sense of mission? How do I gain a vision for my life and family?

First, pray—ask God to so burden your heart with someone or something that you can't let it go. By the way, this process may take several months. Sometimes I think God wants to see if we're really serious about the whole thing!

Second, look back over the weave of the tapestry of your life. Are there any threads that continue to show up repeatedly? God may have been preparing you for just this moment, and for just this set of circumstances.

Third, begin to take your idea to just a few friends, beginning with your mate and family. Be careful here, sometimes the Christian community can be intimidated and threatened with a burden from the Lord. It's sort of guilt producing to listen to another's vision when you don't have one of your own!

Fourth, count the costs (Luke 14) and then do something about it.

Fifth, be warned. Once God has directed, it is in our best interest to obey. Remember Jonah?

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my heart, although I was fourteen before I went forward in the church, made my profession of faith public, and was later baptized in Homer Orr's stock pond. I continue to be thankful for Grandpa's faithfulness on that night and his consistent testimony that contributed to the salvation of his grandchildren, their children, and neighbors. Thus his legacy of faith lives on in the lives of others (Exodus 20, Proverbs 22).

*From the book Footsteps Toward Higher Ground by Don W. Veatch, Sr. email: donveatchsr@aol.com Printed with permission*

## The Needs of the Present

One final note, in dreaming of the future, don't overlook the needs of the present. Recently I have asked many of our friends this question:

"If you could accomplish only one thing this year what would it be?"

Why not answer that question and then write your answer on two 3x5 cards. Give one to your mate or a close friend who will hold you accountable, and then put the other on your calendar—every month. Then begin to pencil into your schedule what you will need to do in order to meet that objective.

May you follow Christ in being a dreamer and gaining a vision for your life and your family.

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Sunday Service: 10 am Wed. 6:30 pm			
<b>Airline Dr. Church of Christ</b>	2125 Airline Drive—Bossier	746-2645	<b>Harvest Temple COGIC</b> 1633 Benton Rd.—Bossier 742-7616
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<b>Ark of the Covenant Christian Church</b>	928 Wishpering Lake Rd. - S'port	675-1076	Sunday Service: 11 am
Sunday Service: 10:30 am			<b>Haynes Ave Baptist Church</b> 610 Haynes - Shreveport 865-2307
<b>Barksdale Baptist Church</b>	1714 Jimmy Davis Highway—Bossier	742-1641	Sunday 10:30 and 6 pm Wed 6 pm
Sunday Services: 10:45 am & 6 pm Wed. 6:30 pm			<b>Heritage Baptist Church</b> 2801 Creswell Shreveport 222-0868
<b>Barksdale United Methodist Church</b>	1465 Patricia Dr. - Bossier	746-4987	<b>Highland Center</b> 520 Olive St—Shreveport 221-5402
Sunday Service: Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship 11 am			<b>Hosanna Family Worship Center</b> 7420 St. Vincent - Shreveport
<b>Believer's Worship Center</b>	6068 Hwy 3—Benton	965-2750	<b>House of Purpose Full Gospel</b> 805 Eatman—Bossier 549-0303
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<b>Benton United Methodist Church</b>	4615 Palmetto Rd.—Benton	965-2273	Sun Services 8:00, 10:45am Prayer & Training Services Wed 6:00 and 7:00 pm
<b>Bethel Assembly of God</b>	5801 Bert Kouns Loop—Shreveport	687-4200	<b>Kings Highway Christian Church</b> 806 Kings Highway—Shreveport 222-3684
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30a and 6:30p Wed Supper 5:15 - 6:15 Service 6:30			9:15 am Traditional, 10:15 am SS, 11:11 am Contemporary - Hispanic Worship 10:30a
<b>Broadmoor Assembly of God</b>	8925 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	797-6337	<b>Kingston Road Baptist</b> 8900 Kingston Rd - Shreveport 687-9885
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<b>Broadmoor Baptist Church</b>	4110 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	868-6552	<b>Lighthouse Fellowship</b> 6541 Benton Rd - Benton
<b>Broadmoor Christian Church</b>	6005 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	865-9431	Sun. 10:00 and 11:00 am 7:00 Wed
<b>Broadmoor Methodist Church</b>	3715 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	861-0586	<b>Linwood Baptist Church</b> 1622 Midway - Shreveport 631-4467
Sunday Services: 8:30 am, 11 am Traditional, 11 am "The River" Wed 5 pm			<b>Love Chapel United Methodist Church</b> 4600 Hwy 80—Haughton 949-0430
<b>Brookwood Baptist Church</b>	9014 Brookwood Church Way—S'port	861-8911	Services: Sunday 9 & 11 am
<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b>	9333 Linwood Ave.—Shreveport	687-4920	<b>Mangum United Methodist Church</b> 3939 Pines Rd.—Shreveport 636-7376
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<b>Central Assembly of God</b>	2101 Hwy 80—Haughton	949-0010	<b>New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church</b> 2332 Jewella - Shreveport 631-8070
<b>Central Baptist Church</b>	2225 Airline Dr.—Bossier	742-6153	Sun Service 10:45, SS 9 am, Wed 7 pm
<b>Christ Fellowship</b>	821 Shed Road - Bossier City		<b>New Life Center</b> 4445 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport 686-8484
Worship Services Sat 6 pm, Home Bible Studies Tues 6:30 Wed. 7:30			<b>New Creation Family Church</b> 8410 Kingston Rd. - Shreveport 671-9463
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Sunday Service: 10:40 am Sunday School: 9:30 am			<b>North Keithville Baptist Church</b> 3484 Keithville-Kingston Rd, -Keithville 925-1122
<b>Church at Red River</b>	8856 Youree Dr. (Suite D) (office)	213-3600	Sunday Services 9:00 and 10:45am 6:00 pm - Wed. 6pm - Thurs. Bible Study 6pm
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<b>City Church</b>	176 Scopena Circle - Bossier	742-2297	<b>Northview Assembly of God</b> 3627 N. Market St.—Shreveport 424-7580
Sunday Service: 10 am			<b>Northwood Baptist Church</b> 5924 N. Market St.—Blanchard 929-3592
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<b>Eastwood Baptist Church</b>	2810 Hwy 80—Haughton	949-9433	<b>Open Door Bible Church</b> 950 Swan Lake Road - Bossier City 746-3417
<b>Ellerbe Road Baptist Church</b>	10705 Ellerbe Rd.—Shreveport	798-1988	Sunday Services: 9:30 am Next Generation & 11:00 am Contemporary
<b>Elizabeth Baptist Church</b>	301 Old Bellevue Rd.—Benton	965-2592	<b>Overcoming Faith Church</b> 5140 Benton Rd—Bossier 747-1700
<b>Elm Grove Baptist Church</b>	8180 Barksdale Blvd. - Bossier City	747-0089	<b>Parkview Baptist Church</b> 3206 Samford, Shreveport 221-1825
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<b>Faith United Methodist Church</b>	6806 Southern Ave. - Shreveport	865-8840	Sunday service 11:30 am Bible Study 7:30pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wed. and. 4th Thurs.
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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Sunday School: 11:15 am Wed at 6 pm			<b>Saint Paul's Episcopal Church</b> 275 Southfield Rd.—Shreveport 865-8469
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<b>Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church</b>	7480 Greenwood Rd—Shreveport	938-1885	Traditional Service: 9:00a , SS 10:00a, Contemporary 11:00a Youth Prog. 4:00p

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Christian Life Tapes and Books	8026 Jewella Ave -Shreveport
Courtesy Golf Cars	1520 W.Dazell - Shreveport
Crisis Pregnancy Center	921 Shreveport Barksdale Hwy. - S'port
Dinardi's Magic Shop	8200 Mansfield Rd. - Shreveport
Dooley's Hairstyling	1001 Benton Rd - Bossier
East Kings Dental Arts	5839 E. Kings Highway - Shreveport
Electric Beach Tanning	2850 Douglas - Bossier
Eric LeBlanc Pediatric Dentistry	2285 Benton Rd- Bossier
Feed Sales and Service	3805 Jewella - Shreveport
Fitness World	1450 Bert Kouns - Shreveport
Frisk Airline Chiropractic	2159 Airline Dr. - Bossier
Glass Services	2100 E Texas St - Bossier
Glenview Garden Retirement Comm.	4828 Medical Dr - Bossier
Golf Etc	2142 Airline Dr. #500 - Bossier
Heavenly Ham	5739 Youree Drive Shreveport
IM Financial	1945 E. 70th St., Suite E - Shreveport
John Chandler, M.D.	1519 Doctors Dr. - Bossier
Just Friends Hair Salon	5809 East Kings Highway - Shreveport
Kitchens, Benton, Kitchens, & Black	2120 Airline Dr - Bossier
Lifeway Christian Store	7050 Youree-Shreveport
Line Avenue Pharmacy	1822 Line Av - Shreveport
Live Oak Retirement Community	600 E Flourney Lucas Rd - Shreveport
Lookers Hair Design	2118 Airline Dr - Bossier
LSUS Studen Union	LSUS Campus - Shreveport
Ainsworth Hair Color Salon	401 Hamilton Rd. Suite 118 - Bossier
Merrill Gardens	2540 Beene Blvd. - Bossier
John Milkovich, Attorney	656 Jordan - Shreveport
Mills Turansky & Associates atty	331 Milam - Shreveport
Dr. Tim Nicholls	2551 Greenwood Rd - Shreveport
Northwest LA Baptist Association	5875 W. 70th - Shreveport
Packages Plus	6360 Youree Dr. - Shreveport
PrayerWorks	Pierre Bossier Mall - Bossier
Priority Medical Staffing	3341 Youree #103 - Shreveport
Professional Transmission	199 N. Market - Shreveport
Quality Sheet Metal	946 Linwood - Stonewall
Realty Executives, T. Calhoun	3851 Gilbert - Shreveport
Regional Urology	255 Bert Kouns Industrial - Shreveport
Riverside Roofing	975 Louisiana - Shreveport
Rose-Neath Funeral Home	2201 Airline Drive - Bossier
Ryan's Steakhouse	2941 Bert Kouns Industrial -Shreveport
Salvation Army	200 E. Stoner - Shreveport
Samaritan Counseling Services	1525 Stephens St. - Shreveport
Saturday's Family Hair Center	2026 Airline Dr - Bossier
Scott's Automotive	936 Joseph Off N. Market - Shreveport
Shreveport Family Dental Care	910 Bert Kouns Industrial - Shreveport
Shreveport/Bossier Rescue Mission	2033 Texas Ave. - Shreveport
Soap Opera	1210 Airline Dr - Bossier
Soap Opera	835 Benton Rd - Bossier
Stormy's Car Care ( Floyd's)	Broadway and Greenwood Rd. - S'port
The Arbor	4770 Brandon Blvd. - Bossier
The Glen Retirement System	403 E Flourney Lucas Rd - Shreveport
The Ice House Dist.	4514 Monkhouse Dr.-Shreveport
The Waterford at Shreveport	2222 E Bert Kouns Industrial - S'port
Thomas Kinstrey, M.D.	2120 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop - Shreveport
Tri-State Physical Therapy	2250 Hospital Dr. #120 - Bossier
Vitreo-Retinal Associates	836 Olive St.-Shreveport
Warren West, M.D.	7941 Youree Dr. - Shreveport
Werntz & Associates, Inc.	2020 E. 70th in Shreveport

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The phone number is 861-1070. Thank you.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## From Praise 1070 & The Bridge

<b>The Faith Church</b>	4901 Pine Hill Road- Shreveport	227-2204
Sunday Service: 11 am		
<b>Trinity Heights Baptist Church</b>	3820 Old Mooringsport Rd. -S'port	221-2695
<b>Trinity Presbyterian Church</b>	1944 Airline Dr.—Bossier	746-2951
<b>United House of Prayer</b>	2888 Lakeview Rd - Shreveport	424-9555
Tues. 7 pm, Fri. 7pm, Sun. 10am		
<b>Victory Life Center</b>	3012 Shed Road—Bossier	746-4750
<b>Vineyard Church</b>	613 Ashbourne Dr - Shreveport	868-4991
Sunday Service 10:30am		
<b>Waller Baptist Church</b>	456 Waller Ave.—Bossier	746-2462
Sunday Services: 10:45 am 6:30 pm	Sunday School at 9:30 am	
<b>Western Hills Baptist Church</b>	4153 Pines Rd.—Shreveport	636-2408
<b>Westview Christian Church</b>	7188 Greenwood Rd—Shreveport	635-0356
<b>Willow Point Baptist Church</b>	5500 S. Lakeshore Dr.—Shreveport	631-8500
Sunday Services: 10:45 am, 5 pm	Wed 6:15	
<b>Woodridge Baptist Church</b>	850 E. Bert Kouns—Shreveport	861-3519
<b>Word of Deliverance COGIC</b>	1714 Jimmie Davis Hwy. - Bossier	746-7458
<b>Word of Life Center</b>	4425 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport	688-4411
Sunday Services: 9:00 am 10:30 am, Wed 7 pm, Sat 6:30		

*To add your church and church service information, please send an email with the information to Jean at [kbcl\\_radio@bellsouth.net](mailto:kbcl_radio@bellsouth.net).*

# Church and Community Calendar

## Present - June 1

### Splendors of Faith Exhibit

Old Courthouse Museum  
Natchitoches, LA  
9am – 5 pm Monday – Sat  
FMI 318-357-2270

## January 13

### Child Evangelism Fellowship of NWLA

Training Workshop for  
Evangelistic Valentine's Day Party  
for church or neighborhood  
10:00-12:00 Barron Road Baptist  
Church, Keithville  
1102 Barron Road, Keithville  
Cost \$5.00  
FMI call 925-2788 or  
CEFNWLA@aol.com

## January 27

### Drums of Thunder

See ad to right

## January 28

### John Bevere

Word of Faith Church Intern'l •  
Shreveport, LA  
7:00 PM  
For more info call 318-688-2860.

## February 3

### Downhere

Bellaire Baptist • Bossier City, LA  
FMI: 318-746-3914

## CHURCH NEWS

Barksdale Baptist Church, formerly of Barbara Street, recently moved to its new location at 1714 Jimmy Davis Highway in Bossier City. The Sunday schedule includes Bible Study at 9:25 am and Worship at 10:45 am and 6:00 pm. Wednesday's schedule includes AWANA for children age 3 thru 6th grade 6:00-8:00 pm; Prayer and Bible study at 6:30 pm. Shaun Armstrong is Pastor. Call the church office (318 742-1641) for further information.

## March 23-24

### Living Proof Live

Beth Moore \* Travis Cottrell  
Living Proof Live  
CenturyTel Ctr • Bossier City, LA  
For more info call 800-254-2022

## March 23- 25

### Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

Gaylord Texan Resort  
Grapevine, Texas  
To Register  
www.familylife.com/conferences  
or call 1-800-358-6329 (toll free)

## April 20-22

### Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

Holiday Inn Select  
Executive Center  
4728 Constituion Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA  
To Register  
www.familylife.com/conferences  
or call 1-800-358-6329 (toll free)

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705 Elvis Presley Ave  
Shreveport, LA 71101**

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# Christian Marketplace

## A Gift Basket From Heaven

By Os Hillman

I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord. - Hosea 2:19-20

My wife came to know Jesus in the workplace when her boss led her to pray to receive Christ. She was 29 and had no idea who God was. She was a professional single woman

who had always had a boyfriend. When Christ came into her life, He gradually began to change her life in very significant ways-especially in the area of relationships. As she began her first Bible study, she read in Matthew 7 that if she asked, she would receive (see Mt. 7:7). She prayed for a husband and the Lord spoke to her through His Word. The next verse in her study was "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10a).

Over time, the Lord began to show her that He wanted to become her Husband. After two and one-half years without a boyfriend, she asked the Lord to show her how to fall in love with Him. Days later, she received a phone call from someone asking her if she could go on a three-day retreat. She instantly knew God was answering her prayer. He showed her that she could have the same kind of intimacy with Him that she could have with a human husband. She thought this to be strange for the obvious reasons most would think it strange. However, God began to demonstrate to her a level of intimacy that she never thought possible.

It was Valentine's Day, and she would normally leave such occasions to the married couples to celebrate. However, on this occasion, her church was having a Valentine's Day dinner. She felt impressed to go as a single. Actually, she knew the

Lord was her escort. Because she had made a decision not to date in order to develop her intimacy with the Lord, she no longer received perfume as gifts. Lord, I know You would not take me to a Valentine's Day banquet without giving me a gift, she thought to herself. That evening, there was a drawing, and Angie won a beautiful gift basket full of fragrances.

On another occasion, she went to a company banquet alone. She was considered by this time rather weird for her commitment not to date. She often joked, "If it weren't for back rubs, I would never have need of a man." (You have to know Angie

He put a new song  
in my mouth, a  
hymn of praise to  
our God. Many  
will see and fear  
and put their trust  
in the Lord.  
Psalm 40:3 NIV

## Look Before You Leap

By Elizabeth McKee

This morning I read Ephesians 5:21-33. Perhaps you've read it and know immediately the great insult that lies therein. That was my first impression anyhow, but there was a slight pause in my spirit, and in the blink of an eye this is what I (or more truthfully, the Spirit) said to myself. "Beth, why are you so insulted by the statement 'You wives must submit to your husband's leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord.'? I know that you have eerie flashbacks of pompous, pinhead males flaunting that verse in an argument, but seriously other than that you've got no right (yes that's what I said) to take any offense here. The truth is, contrary to popular belief, women are also given brains as well as emotions. But in the area of "love, marriage, and in other words, eternally binding yourself to the one person you're supposed to respect to the bottom of your shoes, believe can lead you spiritually, and want to be the father figure in the eyes of your children," women (brought up from bright eyed youth) aren't



Os and Angie Hillman

to appreciate that statement.) That evening, she won a gift certificate for a massage. Her friends looked at her and said, "How do you do that?"

Intimacy with God is not a fairy tale God teases us with in the Bible. He really desires to have intimacy with you and me. Ask God to

reveal Himself to you in personal and intimate ways. He desires to do this.

*From TGIF, Today God is First. For more information on Os Hillman and his ministry, log on to [www.marketplaceleaders.org](http://www.marketplaceleaders.org)*

taught to think about the gravity of that decision, but to premeditate the colors they will use on the utmost of importance day. THIS IS TOTALLY BACKWARDS!!! Marriage has become an idol! Life isn't waiting to happen after you get married. If God doesn't have it planned that you are most useful to Him being married, then it's really better for you not to be! Paul wasn't kidding!! So, back to what I was saying. When I read 'You wives must submit to your husband's leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord.' I think of marriage as a mistake that can never truly be undone (let's not delve into my thoughts on divorce). But the truth is, if I as a woman, created first as a woman in God's image, and then whatever other role I may take on in life, respect God in the choosing of my spouse, then I will joyfully pursue the blessing, honor, and rightness that comes from keeping God as my priority and love through marriage as I strive to do as a single person. And I can expect to do this without

bitterness. It should be my joy to do my savior's expressed will for me in this new circumstance. If we think before we commit then there's no need to fear or resent the fact that we are responsible to God to respect, honor, and submit to our husbands. I refuse to be "swept off my feet" in the second most important decision of my life. And I don't call it that in an emotional way, but in the way that means that I can no longer pick up an move to Zambia, Sri Lanka, or Timbuktu as the spirit calls, because I am now joined at the hip with another living, thinking, person with opinions! Marriage is a great thing (so I've heard), and I am not (not for a minute) above having the desire to "fall in love" and enjoy the emotions that come with it, but it's not something to be gotten into lightly, and I will not be able to look at myself in the mirror if I let myself be led into that decision by something as foolish, fickle, and idiotic as my own emotions. Thank you and Goodnight!

# Program Guide

## Monday—Friday

6:00 a.m. Stories of Great Christians  
 6:15 a.m. Proclaim! - Michael Easley  
 6:30 a.m. Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll  
 6:55 a.m. Mission Network News  
 7:00 a.m. Focus on the Family - J. Dobson  
 7:30 a.m. In Touch- Charles Stanley  
 8:00 a.m. Grace to You - John MacArthur  
 8:30 a.m. Love Worth Finding- Adrian Rogers  
 9:00 a.m. Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias  
 9:15 a.m. Hope for the Heart - June Hunt  
 9:30 a.m. Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey  
 10:00 a.m. Desiring God - John Piper  
 10:30 a.m. Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Lee DeMoss  
 11:00 a.m. Jay Sekulov Live  
 11:30 a.m. Money Matters  
 11:55 a.m. Mission Network News  
 12:00 noon Insight for Living- Charles Swindoll  
 12:30 p.m. Turning Point - David Jeremiah  
 1:00 p.m. Point of View  
 2:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey Show  
 4:00 p.m. Behind Closed Doors - Ark-La-Tex CPC  
 4:15 p.m. SB Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman  
 4:30 p.m. The Witness Stand - M. Johnson & C. Layton (Tues thru Fri)\*  
 5:00 p.m. Urban Alternative - Tony Evans  
 5:30 p.m. January Sign Off

## Help Wanted!

***Barnabas Center Ministries is seeking self-motivated individuals to assist with daily production duties and activities at the studio. If you would like to volunteer with BCM, please call Jean McKee at (318) 861-1070.***



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## Saturday

6:00 a.m. The Car Show  
 8:00 a.m. On The House  
 10:00 a.m. Point of View  
 12:00 p.m. Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll  
 12:30 p.m. Sports Spectrum  
 1:30 p.m. Voices of the Past  
 2:30 p.m. Ranger Bill  
 3:00 p.m. Adventures in Odyssey  
 3:30 p.m. Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia  
 4:00 p.m. Let my People Think - R. Zacharias  
 4:30 p.m. The Dave Ramsey Show  
 5:30 p.m. January Sign Off

## Sunday

6:00 a.m. Grace to You - John MacArthur  
 6:30 a.m. Haven on the Weekend - Charles Morris  
 7:00 a.m. Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers  
 7:30 a.m. Family Life - Dennis Rainey  
 8:00 a.m. Let my People Think- Ravi Zacharias  
 8:30 a.m. In Touch - Charles Stanley  
 9:00 a.m. Let Us Worship  
 10:00 a.m. The First Word—First Baptist Bossier  
 11:00 p.m. The Way of the Master Radio  
 1:00 p.m. Ranger Bill  
 1:30 p.m. Storybook Room  
 1:45 p.m. Fables of Faith  
 2:00 p.m. Adventures in Odyssey  
 2:30 p.m. The Hour of Decision  
 3:00 p.m. Focus on the Family - J. Dobson  
 4:00 p.m. Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia  
 4:30 p.m. Unshackled - PGM  
 5:00 p.m. Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers  
 5:30 p.m. January Sign Off

\*Focus on the Family - Mondays at 4:30 pm