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Thanksgiving and the Lord's Supper

H. J. McKee

The other day I asked my good friend, "Have you ever heard of having the Lord's Supper at Thanksgiving dinner?" I wanted to know if someone else would think that a strange idea. "The Lord's table doesn't have to be set at church. What do you think of that?"

"Yes, I've heard of it," she replied. For some reason I was surprised at her answer. She went on to say, "I think it's a good idea." Because we were at work that was pretty much the end of our conversation, but I kept thinking about it.

At home that evening I asked the opinion of someone younger and in college. "What would you think about having the Lord's Supper at Thanksgiving dinner?" A questioning look appeared on her face but not because she thought it was a bad idea. I read it as, "How could that work?" After all there are lots of people at the holiday table, and not everyone would feel comfortable with that observance.

We agreed that it wouldn't be appropriate in all situations, but if the gathering of family and friends (we always invite friends too) is such that all adults are Christians, it would be Christ honoring to break bread (good homemade bread), and take of the cup in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving is not a time to offend and separate family and friends. In gatherings where this might make too strong a statement because all are not like-minded, here's another idea. Using either wine or grape juice, a toast could be offered, something to this effect: "I propose a toast to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Author, Creator, and the source of all our thanksgiving."

It's something to think about. Happy Thanksgiving to you.



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Supreme Court to Decide Fate of Partial Birth Abortion

by Mike Johnson

On November 8, the day following Election Day, the United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on two landmark cases. At issue is the constitutionality of the ban on partial-birth abortion, which was passed by an overwhelming margin in Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush. Every conscientious American ought to be in prayer over the coming weeks for the outcome of these cases.



Johnson

The first, *Gonzales v. Carhart*, came to the Supreme Court from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the second case, *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood*, from the Ninth Circuit. Both lower court opinions struck down the federal law on technicalities and

erred by applying an incorrect legal standard. The Alliance Defense Fund has submitted friend-of-the-court briefs and has provided critical training for attorneys arguing to overturn the appellate courts and save the lives of the children threatened by partial birth abortion. Groups on the other side, such as the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood, have simply convinced activist judges to ignore the conscience of the American people and issue decrees from the bench ruling the partial-birth abortion bans "unconstitutional."

Anyone who understands this gruesome and unnecessary procedure must be appalled by it. The practice allows an abortionist to crush the skull of a living infant as he exits the birth canal. Some jurists have accurately referred to the procedure as "infanticide." It is murder, plain and simple. According to a Gallup poll, 68% of Americans support the federal ban on the grisly act of partial-birth

abortion. (It is interesting to note that many of those who say they "support" the procedure do not know what it is!)

The very fact that this matter has made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court illustrates the problems we face if activist judges continue to be confirmed. The timing of these oral arguments the day after the elections should also serve as a reminder to Christians that every vote counts. Who we elect directly affects who will sit on not only the U.S. Supreme Court, but all levels of the judiciary for years to come. For instance, one federal judge who was confirmed during the Truman administration sat on the federal bench for 55 years! U.S. Senators have the final say in the confirmation process for judicial nominees and that is why it is vitally important for people of faith to exert their influence at the polls in every election. If we want judges who believe in the rule of law and interpret the Constitution as written, we had better let our

voices be heard. In this, as in so many other arenas, we no longer have the luxury of complacency.

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NPLAC - National Pro-Life Action Committee

From Standard Newswire, Oct 19, 2006.

Ads Tell Black Voters to Vote Their Pro-Life Values Above Their Political Party

WASHINGTON Oct. 19 /Standard Newswire/ -- Herman Cain, the former chairman and CEO of Godfather's Pizza and founder of America's PAC, has launched an ad campaign telling black voters to vote their pro-life values above their political party.

"I couldn't agree more," said Day Gardner, who is President of the and also Director of Public Relations for NPLAC on Capitol Hill. "Abortion is the number one killer of African American people, killing more blacks than all other deaths combined. Abortion facilities are strategically and deliberately placed in minority neighborhoods. Any political party that supports abortion suggests to women facing an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy-- that the only way to achieve the American dream is to kill your children."

According to the US Center for Disease Control, more than 35% of all abortions are performed on Black women.



Herman Cain

Gardner said. "We must stand united to ensure civil rights for all people no matter how small they may be-- and the place to do it is in the ballot box. We must send a message to the Democrats and Republicans that if you are FOR abortion...we are NOT FOR you, bottom line."

"Black people must realize that the abortion industry is a multi-billion dollar industry--making most of its blood money by killing our beautiful black children,"

---America's PAC abortion advertisement script:---

Voice 1: Today, one-third of African American pregnancies end in abortion. Black babies are terminated at triple the rate of white babies. Why, under Title 10, schools can counsel scared kids to abort their babies without even consulting their parents. Each year, the abortion mills diminish the human capital of our community by another 400,000 souls.

The Democrat Party supports these liberal abortion laws that are decimating our people. But the individual's Right to Life is protected in the Republican Platform.

Democrats say they want our votes. Why don't they want our babies?

Do You Know a *Workaholic*?

By Os Hillman, Marketplace Leaders
(Reprinted by permission)

Working long hours can lead to becoming a workaholic. Like any compulsive behavior, there is usually something underneath the behavior. As a former workaholic myself, I can tell you the root of overworking is often 1) a fear of loss, and 2) a need for self-acceptance created by performance.

The fear of loss issue can be a fear of what will happen if we don't work long hours. A fear that there may not be enough money if I don't work long hours can drive us to overwork. Often an inaccurate view of what is enough makes us drive ourselves to greater levels of achievement, believing a financial reward will insure us against potential financial disaster. This is usually at a subconscious level. When one operates at this level you often find those around them will feel shamed if they do not work at the same level and can be intimidated by the unspoken or spoken directive that long hours are required. This leads to a whole new set of problems.

The second reason people will work long hours is their need to gain self-acceptance and esteem from their jobs. It is rewarding to see something come from our

efforts. However, when we begin to be driven to work, it becomes an unhealthy condition. We are looking to gain self-esteem needs from our performance instead of being secure in our position in Christ. We can also fear reprisals from our superiors if we do not "prove" ourselves through greater investments in our work.

Both of these conditions reveal a belief that is demonstrated by our actions. The scriptures tell us that "My God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). There are legitimate times when we must work longer than normal hours. However, if this becomes a pattern that impacts our health, fellow relationships, the family and our relationship with God, then we have allowed that job to become an idol. It has replaced our devotion to Christ with an idol. We have become a slave to our work. We're saying through our actions, "God, I must work these hours in order to make the necessary money I need to be successful in my work." This is an affront to God. For God has said that we are to love the Lord our God with our whole heart. We are saying in our actions that God cannot meet my needs in forty hours.

Romans tells us that we are not to yield to such fear. "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship (Romans 8:15). This same verse tells us that those who are lead by the Spirit are sons

of God. We cannot be lead by the Spirit and fear at the same time.

The Old Testament reveals God's view of our work. "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God (Deut. 8:18-20).

When we take on the responsibility to produce the fruit from our work, we have entered a slavery concept of work. Work should be done in obedience to Christ as worship to Him. Work and worship come from the same Hebrew word "avodah." God says our work should be worship. The fruit from our work is based upon obedience, not sweat and performance.

So, in order to avoid work becoming an idol and a compulsive behavior, we must maintain a balance that provides time to spend quality time with the Lord, our families and fellow believers. Sometimes the greatest exercise of faith is to work only forty hours a week. This insures that the outcome of our work is dependent upon God, not our self-effort.

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Teaching Thankfulness

As the rich warm colors of fall's foliage blanket our lawns and we take that first crisp breath of cool air, we know that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Each year we reflect on God's goodness and how His providential hand has carried us through both good times and bad. Giving thanks during this time refreshes our faith and renews our joy.

As our hearts are overflowing, how often do we stop to think about how our children feel during this time of year. If we were to ask children what they think about Thanksgiving, many would respond with fine answers such as turkeys, a break from school, pumpkin pie, or a visit to Grandma's. Though perfectly normal, wouldn't it be awesome if our children responded with an understanding of Thanksgiving's true meaning? Thankfulness doesn't just come, and it doesn't just happen once a year. Children who are truly thankful are thankful all throughout the year.

So how do you instill a trait such as thankfulness in your children? Here are a few helpful ideas that your family can take part in and

point your children toward having an attitude of thankfulness:

1. **Point Children to Scripture:** Children can be taught that God's instruction book for our life is the Bible. Share with them verses that talk about how our attitude is to be concerning the people and things in our life. I Chronicles 29:13 says, "Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." (NIV) By showing our children that God is the giver of all good things and that He is the one to be praised they will learn to give thanks where it is due. This could also be reinforced by their hearing you give thanks to God when blessings come your way. This might be accomplished by using a simple statement such as "Isn't God wonderful? Look what He has done for us."

2. **Learning to say "No":** Out of an overflowing love for our children, we want to give them all that our resources allow. This heart of love is not wrong, but when children never have to wait for their wants they may lose appreciation for things. There is nothing wrong with saying, "Not right now" in a

store or encouraging children to earn the item by being a helper. By not giving in to a child's every desire, they will realize that they didn't really need to item or that they feel much more proud of a treasure when it is the result of their labor.

3. **Teaching "It is more delightful to give than to receive":** So many children and families in our world know what it is to live without basic needs. As you teach your child about thankfulness, allow them to participate in helping others. Simple things such as donating old toys or books to those in need teach children to give of what they don't need so that someone else can smile. Talk to your children about how many other children have few toys to play with. Help them to realize that God has blessed them so much that they can give to others. Seeing how fortunate they are and understanding where they could be will help them to grow to be more thankful.

4. **Be a Missions-Minded Family:** Giving of your family's time and resources can be a lifestyle. When children

regularly see you model servanthood, generosity, kindness and thankfulness, these characteristics will naturally overflow into the lives of your children. Volunteer in the community, give of your abundance and pray for those in need. It truly is a joy to serve and this service can keep your entire family humbly reliant on the Lord and continually thankful in everything.

As we think of teaching thankfulness to our children, we must ask ourselves, "Are we practicing thankfulness?" Do you spend your time during the thanksgiving season reflecting on God's goodness? In Psalm 106:1, we are reminded to, "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (NIV) We too, can get so caught up in taking care of our wants and needs that we forget what it is to be thankful for the little blessings along the way. Take time today to think on the wonderful things that God has done in your life. Remember- you are the greatest model on earth for your children and as you train them up to be thankful in all things, you will be blessed in abundance.

HIGH COST OF INDIFFERENCE

If polls are to be believed, there is a feeling among some values voters that Election Day is no big deal. They couldn't be more wrong. Some family advocates are concerned that values voters — who had such impact in 2004 — may not bother to show up for the midterm congressional elections. Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said a change in power would lead to a change in who runs the Senate Judiciary Committee. That spells possible disaster. "If that happens, we will see the obstruction of conservative jurists like we have never seen before," he said. "... Appointing justices in the mold of Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas [will cease] because their nominations will never see the light of day." Amanda Banks, federal policy analyst for Focus on the

Family Action, agreed a change in control of the House and Senate will mean a world of difference on many levels. "If liberals control, they don't have to allow votes on anything pro-life," Banks added. "Chances are they absolutely would not." "It is our right — and our privilege to vote in this election," Banks said. "I really believe this is a 'speak now or forever hold your peace' moment." The most heated race of interest in Louisiana for values voters is in the 3rd Congressional district, where pro-life/pro-family State Senator Craig Romero is trying to unseat incumbent Charlie Melancon, who most recently voted to overturn President Bush's veto of the "clone and kill" embryo bill.


Source: Focus on the Family Action/LFF Action, 10-16-06

There are a lot of Louisiana organizations advocating the way people vote. The information and recommendations they

provide can be found on their websites.

Louisiana Family Forum is one of them.
(www.lafamilyforum.org)

Be Sure to



on November 7!

Looking for Your Niche?

The intentional movement of people making a transition from their careers into the missions enterprise began in the mid-90's. At that time there were small, but persistent initiatives. The finding then was that for many mission agencies, if the people were over 35, they did not know what to do with them.

Since that time several initiatives have arisen across the American landscape to assist people in finding ministry assignments and connecting with mission agencies, including Finishers Project, MissionNext and RightNow. Finishers Project, founded in 1998, is the oldest of these. They have placed over 1000 full time workers, which is 2-3% of the US missionary force. In a recent survey, Finishers Project found that another 1000 people claim they are currently in transition from their careers into full time ministry and another 1200 Christ-followers plan on making the transition in the next 24 months. The name "finishers" comes from the biblical idea of finishing well with the passage in Acts from the Apostle Paul, "I count my life of no value, if only I can finish the task the Lord assigned me ..." Acts 20:24.

Finishers Project is a "middleware" ministry, according to Nelson Malwitz, Founder and now Chief Innovation Officer. It connects people with their skills, talents, training, experience and interests with organizations that have options that fit. A web-based matching system provides people with a list of organizations ranked by percent fit. Organizations receive a list of people matching their opportunities, and thus the connection is made.

Finishers Project notes there are some common misconceptions about their name. Many think it is only for retirees or for those who are self-supporting, or that the organization actually "sends" people. While it is true that the language of the

website is Boomer orientated, over one-third of those posting profiles



are between the ages of 25 and 40. Consequently, Finishers Project has created another web portal, missionnext.org, for the younger adult generation. And people come from all financial situations; some can be self-supporting or partially self-supporting while others need to raise their support.

Missions is a large movement. If all of missions were conducted by a single company, it would be huge enterprise. At \$21B globally, Missions, Inc would be a Fortune 100 company. Consequently, it follows that every possible discipline is needed in missions. At one Finishers Forum event a wife spoke up to say, "My husband is a plumber, and I am a housewife. I don't think there is any place for us." Mission representatives responded, "We have a place for you. Our organizations need maintenance people and those who are gifted in hospitality. Will you go?"

Many are surprised to learn that the biggest single occupational need in missions today is for teachers. If there are no teachers to educate missionary children, overseas ministry stops, church planting stops, Bible translation stops. Half of the teaching opportunities are paying jobs; the other half require support-raising. Consequently, Finishers Project, in cooperation with the Association of Christian Schools International and Wycliffe Bible Translators, is launching a new website to connect teachers with international schools. Look for that in December on either the finishers.org or missionnext.org websites.

Over 80 leading mission organizations partner with Finishers which assures that anyone can find an opportunity in missions – at

home or abroad, short-term or long term, from plumbers to physicians and pastors.

Finishers and MissionNext report that several people a month request to have their profiles removed from the website because they have found a new assignment in missions.

One "retired" couple went to Moldova, where the wife taught English and the husband connected with local business to mentor nationals one-on-one, life-on-life. Others go through the exploration process only to discover they are called to serve across the tracks rather than across the ocean.

Nelson Malwitz observes that the last instruction of Jesus was to "Go and make disciples of the nations." He speculates that it may be the very first thing the Lord asks us in glory, "What did you do with my last request?" In order to facilitate more laborers for His harvest, will you send or go? Either way, check out finishers.org, missionnext.org and rightnow.org to find safe places to explore options for you and those in your circle of influence.

In addition to our web-based matching, Finishers also holds Regional Forums around the country where people can talk face-to-face with mission representatives and attend workshops that address many of the questions and issues people face when transitioning to missions.

Mission organizations can partner with Finishers to fill their ministry needs.

With Nelson moving into the position of Chief Innovation Officer, the Leadership Team brought Don Parrott on board to serve as President/CEO.

Finishers is in a unique time of growth and is seeking to add personnel to expand its ministry (see <http://www.finishers.org/about/happenings.php> for more information).

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Sep 28 - 29, 2007

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Seattle, WA Oct 12 - 13, 2007

OUR VISION

The Finishers Project is a movement to provide information, challenge, and pathways for people to join God in His passion for His glory among the nations. That over 80 sending and mission service organizations have joined the Finishers Project is testimony to the fact that after 2000 years it is still true the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

While there is no attempt to limit what the Lord might do, the language of the Finishers Project is directed to the boomer generation. Boomers are and will be the healthiest and best-educated generation of empty-nesters ever. While the idealism of youth is gone, we still want to make a difference and change our world.

This generation is skilled and resourced with a multitude of talents. We can choose to either give them to Jesus to lay up as treasure in Heaven or lose them.

There is plenty of opportunity to make a difference for those who wish to be more than indifferent with their lives.

The Finishers Project is a safe place to explore options for investing in treasure in heaven.

A One-of-a-kind Museum



Above photo: Outside the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH. Below right: The lobby of the museum. Bottom right: The front entrance.

from Answers in Genesis

A high-tech museum which presents an alternative viewpoint of how life originated is quickly rising above the hills of a scenic 49-acre piece of property near Cincinnati, Ohio.

While the Creation Museum's state-of-the-art, family-friendly exhibits will show that the evolutionary belief system is wrong (and that it has actually fueled some of the social ills of today like racism and abortion), there is a positive message it will proclaim: the Bible is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice, and in every area it touches upon -- including why Christ came to earth.

When open in May of 2007, the Creation Museum will show visitors that "facts" don't speak for themselves. There aren't separate sets of "evidences" for evolution and creation—we all deal with the same evidence, for we all live on the same earth, have the same fossils (e.g., dinosaurs), observe the same animals, etc. As the museum will show through many dinosaur-related displays and other intriguing topics, the difference lies in how we interpret what we study. The museum will then explore why

the Bible—the "history book of the universe"—provides a reliable, eye-witness account of the beginning of all things.

Future guests will be taken on a journey through a visual presentation of the history of the world via 55 videos and dozens of exhibits, based on the Bible's "7 C's of History: Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Throughout this family-friendly experience, visitors will learn how to answer the attacks on the Bible's authority in geology, biology, anthropology, cosmology, etc., and they will discover how science actually confirms biblical history.

The 100,000-square-foot complex in northern Kentucky (but near the Cincinnati Airport) is also the headquarters for Answers in Genesis, the world's largest Christianity-defending organization. AiG conducts hundreds of teaching conferences nationwide (including a few in Louisiana over the years), a daily radio program ("Answers") on 850 U.S. stations, and publishes a worldview magazine called "Answers." The AiG complex will also feature a planetarium, classrooms for use by school groups

(and pastors and others), and two miles of nature trails zig-zagging around a three-acre lake.

Visit the award-winning website of www.AnswersInGenesis.org (up to 30,000 daily visitors) for details on this \$27 million project.



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Candy Gibbs and father, Jerry Little
2006 Crisis Pregnancy Center Banquet Speakers



Mike Johnson, Karen Cowley, and Dr. Kristy Waltman. Mike was the emcee for the Crisis Pregnancy Center Banquet. Karen presented Dr. Waltman with a picture from Lifeway to thank her for her volunteer work with the medical side of the center.

Photos from the recent Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center.

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and the collection spot for our area is
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Fun at Home

My four old granddaughter and I were playing. She informed me, "You're the little child, and I'm the mommy. Now it's time to go to bed. Get in the bed because your daddy will be home in eighteen minutes."

"I better say my prayers, Mommy."

Pointing to her watch, 'Mommy' said, "Better make it a short one; I think he's already home."

Anxious to show my husband the printed results, I said, "Look honey, let me show you the sonogram of our little girl."

Our other little girl quickly chimed in, "Let me see, let me see, Mommy. Does she have a bow?"

"Mommy, can we keep this little 'crooket'? His leg broke off, and he can't walk home."

I don't remember his age, but he was just a little tyke, sitting up on the kitchen counter watching me make lunch. After picking up the can and examining it he asked, "Do they really make tuna fish out of mermaids?"

In my opinion, the homemade cards are always the best. This Father's Day Card was no exception. It said, "Daddy, you are the best daddy I could ever have, I like everything about you except one minor thing, you watch golf all the time, wich drives me nuts! But your still the best dad I could ever have. Happy Father's Day! Love, Beth."

Not long after our family vacation, we had some very serious questions from our four year old. "Did we land up there or down here? When we went to Florida, did we land up there or down here?" It had never occurred to us to explain to her about flying in an airplane.

"Mommy, does the Holy Spirit scare us?"

"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 for our consideration.

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Each brick that forms its walls contains abundant faith. Every piece of lumber, cut intentionally for its frame, is teeming with hope. And every piece of steel forged for its strength means love for the multitudes of women and children who will inhabit its corridors.

Within the next two months the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission Shelter for Women and Children will open its doors at 901 McNeil Street in downtown Shreveport. This 29,000 square-foot facility will stand as a symbol of God's love toward those in need and will be a safe haven to hundreds, even thousands of homeless women and children.

For more than 50 years, the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission at 2030 Texas Avenue has fed, clothed and sheltered men from life's harm. During these years the Rescue Mission has served meals and provided clothing and household items to needy and homeless women and children but until now was not equipped to provide any lodging. Homeless women and children make up forty percent of the local and national homeless population.

In addition to providing emergency services, the new shelter will provide family and individual counseling and chapel services. A network of volunteer doctors, nurses and other medical professionals will fill medical and dental needs.

You may not be aware of the far-reaching hand of the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission. Through God's guidance and the dedication of its administration, staff and volunteers, the Rescue Mission, in 2005, served more than 90,000 meals and filled beds 42,000 times for overnight lodging. This provision was for the homeless of our community. In addition it provided social services counseling, coordination and provision to thousands following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Besides meeting the critical needs of the homeless, the mission offers "The New Life Program." Through the partnership of the YWCA and ProvidenceHouse it will be available to women and older children as well. It is Christian-based and delivers a continuum of care. The first phase, lasting six months, focuses on breaking the addiction to drugs and alcohol, and redirecting that energy into developing God-given abilities. The second phase is devoted to gaining the education, life skills, and professional development in the areas of these abilities. And lastly, the social services and counseling team helps each person maintain those changes achieved by God's grace. The length of time an individual is in the program depends on their long term goals.

It is vital that the community realizes its part in this servant-hood and thus the success of these two shelters. Eighty to ninety percent



Exterior view of the new women and children facilities near downtown.

of the Rescue Mission's operating budget comes from the generosity of its faithful donors. The average gift is thirty-two dollars a month. While supporting those in need, they pray that your support will bless the needy in such a way that they will be able to bless others in due season. And, the folks at SBRM say thank you.

SBRM SHELTER FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN SPECIFICATIONS

The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission Home for Women and Children will encompass the following amenities:

- 12 Family-Style Suites (3,825 sq. ft.) These apartment-style family suites will provide up to 48 beds for single and two-parent families.
- 20 Women's Dormitories (2,856 sq. ft.) Living quarters here will house up to 52 single women.
- 26 Men's Dormitories (2,030 sq. ft.) As many as eighty single men can be housed in these separate living quarters.

Each of the above mentioned living arenas has separate entrances and exits, separate private courtyard areas.

- Medical Wing (4,000 sq. ft.) This portion of the facility features doctor's offices, patient examination rooms, nurse's stations, dental suites, waiting areas, medical storage/dispensary, and other medically-related amenities.
- Four Counseling Suites will provide additional private settings for spiritually-based group and individual counseling.
- Administration Wing (4,899 sq. ft.) This houses administrative offices and the board of directors meeting room.
- Industrial Kitchen (2,310 sq. ft.) Walk-in refrigeration, freezer and dry storage are the featured amenities here.
- Enclosed scenic courtyard/outdoor lounge (5,952 sq. ft.)
- Facility Control Room (484 sq. ft.) This room will promote access control for residents, the general public, and companies that provide products and services to the SBRM.
- Multi-purpose Dining/Event Hall (3,800 sq. ft.) With the ability to host 75 people, this room will allow the staff to feed larger numbers of homeless individuals during each of its two daily mealtimes. This same room will serve as a chapel and social room.
- Social Day Rooms (1,122 sq. ft.) Daily entertainment, social interaction and planned social events will be held here.

For more information on the mission or to make a donation to the mission's new facility or to its services and programs, contact J. L. Scott at (318) 227-2868, ext. 16.



Father Kenneth Paul and Jim Brackman, mission chaplain, with Mission Director, Rev. Henry Martin following a tour of the new shelter.

HOPELESS HUSBANDS: Abundant Life Arithmetic

by Chip Layton

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they may have life, and might have it abundantly.

Believe it or not, you can apply mathematical principles to claim your abundant life. And don't worry, it's simple to understand, even if you are terrible in math. We all know that addition and multiplication results in more, while subtraction and division results in less.

SUBTRACTION

Sin is anything that separates you from God. If you are a Christian, expect negative or disastrous consequences when you choose to do any of the following.

Circle any of the following practices you have done, are doing, or are thinking about doing: adultery, alcohol abuse, anger, avarice, boasting, bossiness, cheating, covetousness, criticism, cursing, drug abuse (controlled and prescription), debt sin, dishonesty, doubt, envy, fear, fornication, gambling, gluttony, gossip, greed, guilt, false guilt, homosexuality, a husband not honoring and understanding his wife, idolatry (work, money, fame, fortune, children, sports, hunting, fishing, cars, boats, houses, clothes, TV, shopping, crafts, hobbies, etc.), impatience, jealousy, lust, laziness, lying, materialism, not meeting marital obligations (communication, sexual, mutual support, time and attention), negative nature, not praying, not studying Scripture, no church involvement, not tithing, physical abuse, pornography, prejudice (racial, cultural, educational, economic, etc.), pride, priorities (God, spouse, kids & then everything else), procrastination, relationship problems (family, work, church), sarcasm, selfishness, snobbishness, stealing, stewardship flaws, a wife not being submissive to her husband, temperamental, tobacco use, unfriendliness, vanity, verbal abuse, wasting (time, talents and gifts), worry, whatever... .

To avoid the disaster awaiting you, your spouse, and your family:

1. ID your sins. Stop playing games with words. If what you are doing is sinful, call it a sin.
2. Confess your sins. This means agreeing with God that what you are doing is sinful.
3. Ask for God's forgiveness, which He will give. Be warned: being forgiven does not eliminate punishment on this earth. If your choices have started the disaster, pray for strength and restoration.

DIVISION

An idol is anything that gets between God and you. Anything! Even good things like children, work, school, money, sports, music, entertainment, hobbies, or leisure can become idols.

Idolatry divides and weakens your priorities. What are your idols? Your idols are what-you-do. They dominate your time and money.

The What-You-Do test:

Circle any of the following on which you spend time and money: achievements, activities, appearance, arts, attention, career, boats, books, building things, cars, clothes, computers, crafts, diets, furniture, gardening, hobbies, houses, hunting, fishing, golf, football, fitness, free time, friends, jobs, money, movies, music, possessions, reading, relationships, respect, security, shopping, social clubs, social standing, sports, status, talents, TV, toys, travel, work, writing - even God-given things like spouses, children or ministries.

The key here is placement. If What-You-Do is kept in its proper place, your life is enhanced. If What-You-Do consumes your time and money to the detriment of God, your spouse and children, What-You-Do is idolatry and will rob you of abundant life.

If you are a Christian, and What-You-Do is dominated by anything other than Jesus, you will experience a lack of significance in your life because Satan will fill the void and use What-You-Do to divide you.

ADDITION

You must add three priorities to your life and focus on them.

The Christian's top three are 1. God (prayer, Bible study, church), 2. your spouse (listening, talking, courting), and 3. your kids (listening, reading, playing). Everything else (work, money, sports, etc) comes after those three. When you follow these priorities, your life will not always be a piece of cake, but it will be much sweeter.

MULTIPLICATION

God knows what is best for you. If certain things and activities in

your life give you true and lasting happiness, God won't ask you to give them up if you use them for His glory.

God gives you gifts, talents, abilities and desires for a reason. He will give you opportunities to use them for His glory and your pleasure. Letting Him be the multiplying factor is the key.

BOTTOM LINE

Do the priorities in your life equal out to abundant life? You do the math.

TAKE 2!

By Evonda Springer

If you've ever wondered whether or not your contacts to elected officials really matter, this month's Take2! will give you the answer, from the perspective of two high profile elected officials, U.S. Senator David Vitter, and Congressman Jim McCrery.

United States Senator David Vitter advises Take2! that citizen contact is of paramount importance. Citing one of the highest profile judicial nominations in recent history, Vitter stated, "Because of the calls, meetings and correspondence I received about the Harriet Miers nomination, I called on the White House to rescind her nomination. Concerned Louisianans expressed doubt in her candidacy and supported my belief that she appeared to lack a conservative judicial philosophy. Together, we shaped the debate and ultimately contributed to the nomination of Justice Alito." Vitter further stated that every form of communication with his office is read and catalogued, and that direct communication from constituents always carries more weight than contact from paid lobbyists. Vitter also stresses that because the legislative process is so fluid, citizen contact is important at every stage of a bill's process. "The structure and meaning of a bill can change drastically through the amendment process," explained Vitter, "so a newly introduced bill could change in committee and then change again on the floor." Phone calls, emails, and faxes are each important, but a handwritten note from a constituent

is of special significance to Vitter. "Although phone calls, emails and faxes get to us quicker than letters, a handwritten letter from a constituent lets me know that they cared enough about the topic to take the time to write me about it."

In the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Jim McCrery's office concurs with Vitter's assessment of the importance of citizen contact. According to McCrery, "Citizen input is a valuable tool that allows me to acquire a sense of the importance of a particular issue to my constituents, and, generally speaking, where my district stands on certain topics. It also serves as a measurement for how strong and deep the opinions of 4th District citizens are on various issues." McCrery added, "...thousands of bills are introduced each legislative session of Congress. Constituent communication provides me specific focus." McCrery also states, "All of these methods of communicating [phone calls, emails, letters] are welcome and effective...in the end, it is the thoughtfulness of the communication...that makes the difference."

So folks, the next time you are made aware of an issue about which your elected official needs to be contacted, please take those two short minutes to make the call, or send the email, or write the letter. Your voice, combined with hundreds, or even thousands of others is a powerful tool for families in the halls of our nation's capital.

Church Directory - Churches Where You Can Find *The Bridge*

Abundant Life Church	2222 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport	687-7055	Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm Wed. 7:00 pm
Sunday Service: 10 am Wed. 6:30 pm			
Airline Dr. Church of Christ	2125 Airline Drive—Bossier	746-2645	Harvest Temple COGIC 1633 Benton Rd.—Bossier 742-7616
Sunday Services: 10:45 am & 6 pm Wed at 7 pm			Haughton United Methodist Church 215 E. McKinley Ave.—Haughton 949-3612
Ark of the Covenant Christian Church	928 Wishpering Lake Rd. - S'port	675-1076	Sunday Service: 11 am
Sunday Service: 10:30 am			Haynes Ave Baptist Church 610 Haynes - Shreveport 865-2307
Barksdale Baptist Church	2535 Barbara St.—Bossier	742-1641	Sunday 10:30 and 6 pm Wed 6 pm
Sunday Services: 10:45 am & 6 pm Wed. 6:30 pm			Heritage Baptist Church 2801 Creswell Shreveport 222-0868
Barksdale United Methodist Church	1465 Patricia Dr. - Bossier	746-4987	Highland Center 520 Olive St—Shreveport 221-5402
Sunday Service: Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship 11 am			Hosanna Family Worship Center 7420 St. Vincent - Shreveport
Believer's Worship Center	6068 Hwy 3—Benton	965-2750	House of Purpose Full Gospel 805 Eatman—Bossier 549-0303
Bellaire Baptist Church	1210 Bellaire Blvd.—Bossier	746-3914	Immanuel Lutheran Church 2565 Airline Dr.—Bossier 746-7683
Benton First Baptist Church	201 Bellevue—Benton	965-2351	Jewell St. Missionary Baptist 2440 Darien St. Shreveport 424-4655
Benton United Methodist Church	4615 Palmetto Rd.—Benton	965-2273	Sun Services 8:00, 10:45am Prayer & Training Services Wed 6:00 and 7:00 pm
Bethel Assembly of God	5801 Bert Kouns Loop—Shreveport	687-4200	Kings Highway Christian Church 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
Broadmoor Assembly of God	8925 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	797-6337	Kingston Road Baptist 8900 Kingston Rd - Shreveport 687-9885
Sunday Services: 9 and 10:15 am Wed Meal 5:45, Services 7 pm			Sunday Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Wed. Supper 5:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30
Broadmoor Baptist Church	4110 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	868-6552	Lighthouse Fellowship 6541 Benton Rd - Benton
Broadmoor Christian Church	6005 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	865-9431	Sun. 10:00 and 11:00 am 7:00 Wed
Broadmoor Methodist Church	3715 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	861-0586	Linwood Baptist Church 1622 Midway - Shreveport 631-4467
Sunday Services: 8:30 am, 11 am Traditional, 11 am "The River" Wed 5 pm			Love Chapel United Methodist Church 4600 Hwy 80—Haughton 949-0430
Brookwood Baptist Church	9014 Brookwood Church Way—S'port	861-8911	Services: Sunday 9 & 11 am
Calvary Baptist Church	9333 Linwood Ave.—Shreveport	687-4920	Mangum United Methodist Church 3939 Pines Rd.—Shreveport 636-7376
Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:40 am, 6:30 pm			Mount Olive Baptist Church of S'port 740 Turner Lane—Shreveport 861-2249
Central Assembly of God	2101 Hwy 80—Haughton	949-0010	New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church 2332 Jewella - Shreveport 631-8070
Central Baptist Church	2225 Airline Dr.—Bossier	742-6153	Sun Service 10:45, SS 9 am, Wed 7 pm
Christ Fellowship	821 Shed Road - Bossier City		New Life Center 4445 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport 686-8484
Worship Services Sat 6 pm, Home Bible Studies Tues 6:30 Wed. 7:30			New Creation Family Church 8410 Kingston Rd. - Shreveport 671-9463
Christ Center Church	1920 Jewella Ave. - Shreveport	525-9033	Sunday Service: 11 am Youth/Bible Study Tues 7 pm, Wed 6 pm
Sunday Service: 10 am, Thurs at 7 pm			Noel United Methodist Church 520 Herndon St—Shreveport 221-5207
Christian Center of Shreveport	207 Idema—Shreveport	688-9250	North Highlands United Methodist Church 835 Poleman—Shreveport 221-4716
Christview Christian Church	5503 Airline Dr.—Bossier	746-1531	Sunday Service: 10:50 am
Sunday Service: 10:40 am Sunday School: 9:30 am			North Keithville Baptist Church 3484 Keithville-Kingston Rd, -Keithville 925-1122
Church at Red River	8856 Youree Dr. (Suite D) (office)	213-3600	Sunday Services 9:00 and 10:45am 6:00 pm - Wed. 6pm - Thurs. Bible Study 6pm
Sunday Service 10 am at LSUS, Wed 6:30 at church office			North Shreve Baptist Church 4930 Old Mooringsport Rd 425-2350
Church of Christ/North	3401 N. Market St. - Shreveport	226-1305	North Star Baptist Church 5304 Jewella - Shreveport 631-1154
Sunday - Classes - 9:30a Assembly/Praise - 10:30a Evening 6:00p Wed 6:30p			Sunday Morning Service 11:00 SS 9:30 am
City Church	176 Scopena Circle - Bossier	742-2297	Northview Assembly of God 3627 N. Market St.—Shreveport 424-7580
Sunday Service: 10 am			Northwood Baptist Church 900 Regenia St.—Blanchard 929-3592
Cypress Baptist Church	4701 Palmetto Rd.—Benton	965-2296	Oakmont Church of God 5925 W 70th St—Shreveport 687-5243
Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:45 am			New Vision Church of God 4200 Shed Rd—Bossier 742-8547
Eastwood Baptist Church	2810 Hwy 80—Haughton	949-9433	Open Door Bible Church 950 Swan Lake Road - Bossier City 746-3417
Ellerbe Road Baptist Church	10705 Ellerbe Rd.—Shreveport	798-1988	Sunday Services: 9:30 am Next Generation & 11:00 am Contemporary
Elizabeth Baptist Church	301 Old Bellevue Rd.—Benton	965-2592	Overcoming Faith Church 5140 Benton Rd—Bossier 747-1700
Elm Grove Baptist Church	8180 Barksdale Blvd. - Bossier City	747-0089	Parkview Baptist Church 3206 Samford, Shreveport 221-1825
Sunday Services 10:45 am and 6:00 pm SS at 9:30 Wed. 7:00 pm			Pincroft Baptist Church 8002 Jewella Av—Shreveport 686-5200
Emmanuel Baptist Church	5850 Buncombe Rd.—Shreveport	686-7548	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 4670 Lakeshore Dr. 636-6000
Faith Temple Assembly of God	4350 Panther Dr.—Bossier	747-2452	Present-Day Ministry of Jesus Christ 5000 Greenwood Rd. -Shreveport 635-3177
Faith United Methodist Church	6806 Southern Ave. - Shreveport	865-8840	Sunday service 11:30 am Bible Study 7:30pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wed. and. 4th Thurs.
Family Worship Center	4204 Airline Dr.—Bossier	742-9565	Redeemer Lutheran Church 1106 Shreveport-Barksdale—S'port 868-5778
Fellowship Tabernacle Church	4709 Palmetto Rd. - Benton	965-9324	Revival Tabernacle Foursquare Gospel 900 Regenia St.—Bossier 746-5022
Sunday Service: 11 am, 6 pm Sunday School: 9:45 am			Restoration Church of Bossier City 4501 Shed Rd.—Bossier 746-1793
Fellowship United Methodist Church	4750 Barksdale Blvd—Bossier	746-4422	Riverpark (riverparkchurch.net) 3232 E. 70th - Shreveport 865-1110
Fillmore Baptist Church	6304 Hwy. 80 - Fillmore	949-3220	Sunday services 10 AM Wed. Services 6:30 PM (Hamel's Park location)
First Assembly of God	5720 Buncombe Rd.—Shreveport	671-7100	Rose Park Baptist Church 5560 Buncombe Rd—Shreveport 687-8272
First Baptist Church	201 Attaway St.—Blanchard	929-2346	Saint George's Episcopal Church 1959 Airline Dr.—Bossier 746-2571
Sunday Service: 10:30 am/ 6 pm, Wed at 6:30 pm			Saint Catherine Catholic Church 331 E 71st St - Shreveport 868-6506
First Baptist Church	105 E. Washington Ave—Haughton	949-2441	Saint Joseph Catholic Church 200 Patton Avenue - Shreveport 865-3581
First Baptist Church	2810 E Texas St.—Bossier	752-6100	Saint Luke's Methodist Church 6012 Youree Dr—Shreveport 868-3613
Sunday Service: 9:30 am Sunday School: 11:15 am Wed at 6 pm			Saint Paul's Episcopal Church 275 Southfield Rd.—Shreveport 865-8469
First Church of God	4601 Airline—Bossier	747-2211	Sunday Services: 8 & 10:30 am Wed. 10 am & 6 pm 1st Sat—Contemp Worship
First Lutheran Shreveport	2115 Line Ave.—Shreveport	221-9795	St. Paul Lutheran Church M S 4175 Lakeshore Dr. - Shreveport 636-2310
First United Methodist Church	Head of Texas St.—Shreveport	424-7771	Savior's House of Prayer 401 Hamilton - Bossier 752-3711
First United Methodist Church	201 John Wesley Blvd—Bossier	742-3823	Shiloh Baptist Church 421 Webster, Shreveport 635-8543
First United Pentecostal Church	2833 Viking Dr.—Bossier	742-9539	Sunday Services: 11:00, SS - 9:30 Wed. and Thurs. - 6 p.m
First Wesleyan Church	3200 Schuler Drive - Bossier City		Shreve City Baptist Church 2810 Knight St—Shreveport 865-5661
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 Sunday school 9:30 am			Shreveport Bible Church 4761 Bert Kouns Shreveport 686-5530
Ford Park Baptist Church	5755 Yarbrough Rd—Shreveport	631-1177	Sunday Service 10:45 - Small group home meetings during week
Galilee Baptist Church	1500 Pierre Ave.—Shreveport	221-2629	Spirit Life International Church 3240 Line Avenue - Shreveport 425-LIFE
Glad Tidings Assembly of God	957 Kingston Rd.—Shreveport	688-3940	Sunday Services: Prayer 9:15, Worship 10 am and 6:30 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church	2910 Meriwether Rd. - Shreveport	687-6783	Stonewall Baptist Church 807 Eatman—Bossier 742-0807
Greenacres Baptist Church	4802 Benton Rd.—Bossier	746-2291	Summer Grove Baptist Church South Park Mall—Shreveport 686-1470
Sunday 10:45 am 6:00 pm SS at 9:45 am: Wed at 7 pm			Summer Grove United Methodist Church 9119 Dean Rd.—Shreveport 686-2514
Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church	7480 Greenwood Rd—Shreveport	938-1885	Traditional Service: 9:00a , SS 10:00a, Contemporary 11:00a Youth Prog. 4:00p

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

Advantages of Church-Hosted Blood Drives

Have you ever wondered why businesses, organizations and churches host blood drives? Who benefits and how? Does this help our community? How does this help our church? Do you know anyone who has needed or is in need of blood products?

These are some of the questions that will be answered for you during this reading. Hopefully, if your church hosts blood drives, you will have a better understanding. If your church does not host drives, maybe you will be willing to start!

- Have you ever wondered why businesses, organizations and churches host blood drives? Any group that hosts blood drives can enroll in LifeShare Blood Centers' Group Benefit Plan.

- Who benefits and how? All donors who give blood are automatically enrolled in the Donor Benefit Plan. When at least 40% of the group's membership donates: All members, spouse, and tax dependents are recognized under the plan. Membership is indicative of the number of company employees, club members, active church FAMILIES, or association members. A group may exclude members over 65 years of age from the total. If a group does not reach 40% within a 6-month frame, additional blood drives may be scheduled. Coverage is effective immediately and extends one year from date of first drive. A plan agreement must be signed each year by the organization's leadership and drive chairperson.

- Does this help our community? Absolutely! Each donation goes into the community

blood supply (unless otherwise specified) to help patients in need.

- How does this help our church? Not everyone is eligible to donate blood or blood components. By hosting blood drives and being committed, your church members that do give blood can cover the church members who are ineligible – especially if they give every time they are eligible. Each donation counts towards your church plan. Group members may donate at other LifeShare locations and choose to give credit towards your church, you just have to make sure you indicate your church's name when registering to donate. If you donate at either of our centers, there are other donation options where you can give more often; therefore, earning more donations toward your group plan. Call 673-1504 for more information.

- Do you know anyone who has needed or is in need of blood products? Approximately 80% of us will need a blood transfusion within our lifetime, and only 5% of the eligible population donates. When you are in need of blood, it has to be at the hospital- ready and waiting for you and the next person who needs it. We depend on one another to make sure it is there. Please think about that. If your loved one is in need and the blood isn't there, could you have been the one person that could have saved them?

If you have any questions or would like to set up a blood drive, please call LifeShare Blood Centers recruiting department at 673-1471 or 673-1453. You can also log on to www.lifeshare.org for more information.

THE BRIDGE can be found at the following locations:

Adam's Eye Care	1911 Benton Rd - Bossier
Azalea Estates	516 E Flournoy Lucas Rd - Shreveport
Azalea's Cleaners	732 Azalea Dr. - Shreveport
Bill's Cleaners Laundry Shoe Repair	3566 Greenwood Rd - Shreveport
Brigham's Family Dental Center	2281 Benton Rd - Bossier
Caddo Parish Libraries	Check with your local branch
Chevyland	7500 Youree Drive - Shreveport
Chick-Fil-A	7010 Youree-Shreveport
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 Flournoy 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 Flournoy 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
Wernitz & Associates, Inc.	2020 E. 70th in Shreveport

To become a distribution partner, please contact Leon McKee at Praise 1070. The phone number is 861-1070. Thank you.

Church/ Community Calendar

November 4

Go Fish
First United Methodist
Shreveport, 5:00 PM
FMI: 424-7771

November 4

CRAFT SHOW/HEALTH FAIR/
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By Tara Wiley

The mistake happened easily enough.

"I printed out directions for your trip on MapQuest," the secretary explained. "The printer was acting up, so the final destination didn't print across the top, but everything else you need is there below."

Without a destination in plain view, neither of them realized she'd handed him the wrong directions. The new salesman unwittingly left with a map taking him far from where he intended to go.

It's easy to pick up the wrong set of directions for life. The media and the marketplace bombard us daily with godless guidelines.

Here comes a possible detour: your eye catches a scantily clad, beautiful woman. Conscience comes to call: what will you do, gentleman tempted to lust, lady tempted to berate your self-image?

Another fork in the road: marriage seems to be getting tougher by the day. The world calls out to you with options aimed to satisfy your immediate ache. Which direction leads to a hope-filled future?

God's incredible roadmap is a conscience directed by His Spirit, molded through the study of His Word. By allowing godless influence to seep into our lives, that roadmap becomes blurry.

In Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV), God tells us the initial problem is not one of choice, but of focus: "When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!"

Following the world's directions is like driving through the countryside at night without your headlights on. Even more frightening is how the dark can seem light if we allow ourselves to become accustomed to it!

The pathway lit by God's truth offers much more life than the

Directions for Life

world's temporary diversions: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Cor. 2:9)." His way leads to contentment, joy, and peace beyond all we could ever hope for. The check in our spirit that calls us to turn off the TV, to look away from the beautiful woman, and to resist the frivolous purchase is the call to turn to something more beautiful, fruitful, and rewarding than anything the world can offer.

So how do you purify your focus, keeping your directions for life "unstained by the world" (James 1:27, NAS)?

-- Jumpstart your day with God's Word, pausing to allow His truth to sink deep into the directional center of your soul. God promises to "show [you] the way of life, granting [you] the joy of His presence and the pleasures of living with Him forever (Ps. 16:11)."

-- Gather a set of Scriptures to meditate on. Post them on your car's visor and refer to them often. Make use of tools such as Lifeway.com's online topical reference to find promises that will put a roadblock between you and the world's lies.

-- When godless advice and influence creeps in, "fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." (Phil. 4:8-9)

Filling our minds with truth will sear God's roadmap to our hearts. Then, when the construction zones of life confront us, we will be ready to take the road that leads to peace. Scripture taken from the New Living Translation, unless otherwise noted.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



In the book of Job, God told Job to 'behold Behemoth' (Job 40:15-24). It was probably also a good idea to **BEWARE BEHEMOTH!**

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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
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 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. The Mission Message - Jim Brackman
 4:30 p.m. God and Country - M. Johnson & C. Layton (Tues thru Fri)*
 5:00 p.m. Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
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 12:00 p.m. Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
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 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
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Sunday

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 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
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 2:30 p.m. The Hour of Decision
 3:00 p.m. Focus on the Family - J. Dobson
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 5:00 p.m. Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
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*Focus on the Family - Mondays at 4:30 pm