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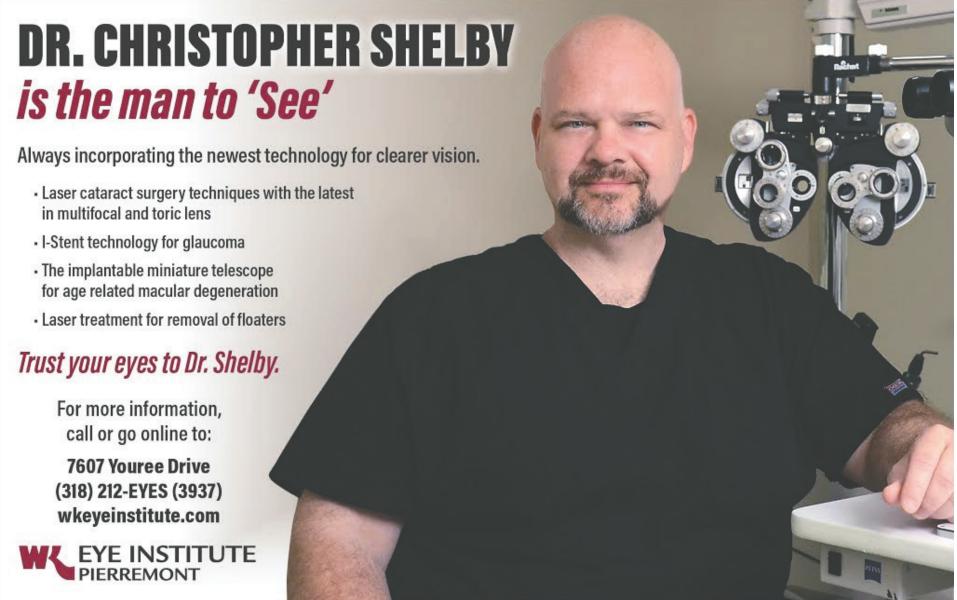
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One-Half Million U.S. Public School Students Expected to Participate in #BringYourBible to School Oct. 5

Colorado Springs, Colo. – About 500,000 public school students from all 50 states, will join the Bring Your Bible to School movement on Thursday, Oct. 5, by participating in the fourth annual student-led religious freedom event.

Kids and teens will also be on social media using #BringYour-Bible to explain why they're taking part in this day: to share the hope and love they receive from reading their Bibles, and to let others know their faith is part of who they are.

Refusing to be silenced

Many Christian students feel there's an unspoken pressure to stay silent about their faith. Others report overt efforts to silence them from presenting their Bible-based viewpoints in class discussions or in assignments. Yet, the First Amendment recognizes the rights of students to talk about their faith and read their Bibles outside of classroom time.

"Over the years we've heard from many kids and teens who want to meaningfully engage in conversations with peers to share their perspective on important issues," said Focus on the Family President Jim Daly. "The good news is – they can. The Constitution recognizes students' rights to share their biblical viewpoints in a way that doesn't disturb instruction time, and to exercise their faith at school. 'Bring Your Bible to School Day' celebrates these rights and gives Christian students a chance to share a bit about their faith, which is an important part of who they are."

Help from high places

"Bring Your Bible to School Day" has grown exponentially since it first started in 2014 with 8,000 students to an estimated 356,000 students last year. It's also garnered the attention of influential Christian influencers like the award-winning band Newsboys and Sadie Robertson of Duck Dynasty fame.





Newsboys is partnering with Focus on the Family for the third year to help increase awareness of "Bring Your Bible to School Day." Like last year, individuals who sign up to participate will have a chance to win a free trip for four to a Newsboys concert and meet the band in person.

Sadie Robertson is also helping promote the event, saying "I think that's so important in making that stance to hold [the Bible] right in front of you and walk in the school building—it's absolutely amazing."

Finally, Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, which recently won a big religious liberty case at the Supreme Court, is again partnering with Focus on the Family to offer students free legal representation if their rights are violated at school.

Sharing an important message

Focus on the Family may sponsor the event – but it's children and teens like Lettie, 13, from Virginia, who lead it. "We put posters around the school and on our lockers a few weeks before Bring Your Bible to School Day. Some of us didn't wait till that day. We brought our Bibles every day when we learned about it," Lettie shared. "We have also started praying at lunch. I never knew that we were allowed to do that. My friends and I wanted to do it to share the Bible with each other and talk to others who don't know about Jesus!"

Students can sign up to participate and get free, downloadable guides. Elementary, teen and pastor/parent editions are also available.

Students can also follow "Bring Your Bible to School Day" on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and find more information, including the official video and stories from students and parents, at www.bringyourbible.org. The official hashtag is #BringYour-Bible.

About Focus on the Family

Focus on the Family, which reaches about 38 million people in 120 countries, is a global faith-based ministry that helps families thrive. We provide help and resources for strengthening believers in their faith and sharing the gospel; building resilient marriages that reflect God's design; equipping parents to raise their children with a thriving faith; advocating for the preborn, orphaned and life at every stage; and engaging the culture through a biblical worldview. No matter who you are, what you're going through or what challenges your family may be facing, we're here to help. With practical resources—like our 1-800-A-FAMILY (1-800-232-6459) Help line, counseling and websites—we're committed to providing trustworthy, biblical guidance and support. Visit Focus at FocusontheFamily.com or on Facebook and Twitter.

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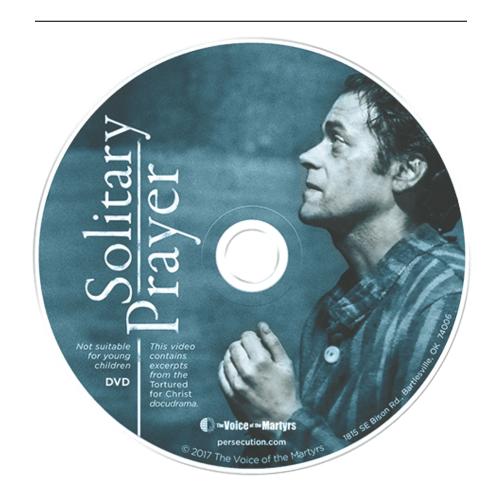
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ing inside of the hearts of the students who participate in Perspectives. While the primary purpose of Perspectives is not to train students to become long term overseas missionaries, the Perspectives movement in north Louisiana has witnessed that occurrence in several students. On a larger scale however, a significant transformation has come in the form of students understanding the many ways they can be involved in the Global Christian Movement and then obeying by joining God in His work today.

Registration Night is January 9, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at LSUS BCM. The course begins January 16, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Go to www.perspectives .org to register or contact Lance Webb at 318.455.2460 for questions.

Lessons 1 & 2 are free of charge.



Sunday, Nov. 5, is the International Day of Prayer

for the Persecuted Church

Join thousands of other churches across the United States and the world in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters. This year, The Voice of the Martyrs announces the release of the IDOP video Solitary Prayer, about VOM founder Richard Wurmbrand. This video features excerpts from the new Tortured for Christ movie, to be released in spring 2018. Share this video with your church to help inspire every Christian to pray for our persecuted family members.

Request this free DVD and view other resources at https://www.persecution.com/idop/

LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR ITS 14TH YEAR Lt. Governor and State Librarian Announce Festival Highlights

BATON ROUGE—(September 18, 2017)—The annual free Louisiana Book Festival returns on Saturday, October 28th to Downtown Baton Rouge's Capitol Park. Featuring more than 250 authors and panelists discussing their books and more than 100 programs, the 2017 festival includes the Young Readers Pavilion, where children and parents can enjoy storytelling, book-related crafts, and performances; Teen HQ, featuring bestselling and award-winning young adult authors and activities; live musical performances; cooking demos; scores of author and panel book talks and signings; and a wide variety of book-related activities and exhibitors.

"The Louisiana Book Festival, while one of the over 400 festivals we have every year, is one of our most popular," said Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. "I look forward to the festival every year as it celebrates literary works of authors from around the state, nation, and world. I know of two authors coming from England and one from the Netherlands just to participate in our festival."

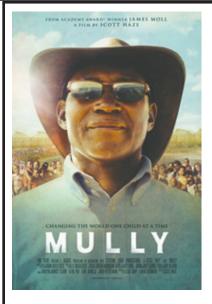
Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton kick off the festival with the presentation of the Louisiana Writer Award to children's author Johnette Downing. Former Louisiana Writer award winners William Joyce, Tim Gautreaux, and Darrell Bourque will be in attendance, along with NYT bestselling Oprah-acclaimed author Wally Lamb; Newbery Medal and Margaret A. Edwards Award recipient Richard Peck; Baton Rouge's own M.O. Walsh, in conversation with Big Fish author Daniel Wallace discussing his latest book; Crystal Wilkinson with her Ernest J. Gaines Award winning book; former Governor of Louisiana and presidential candidate, Buddy Roemer; WWNO Music Inside Out host Gwen Thompkins with BBC jazz radio presenter Alyn Shipton; and Louisiana Poet Laureate Jack Bedell, just to name a few of the notable Louisiana, national, and international authors presenting this year. The festival will also feature MasterChef Season 7 winner Shaun O'Neale, and punk rock icon and former frontman of Black Flag, Keith Morris.

Pre-festival events on Friday, October 27th include half-day Word-Shops, which offer opportunities for aspiring writers of all levels to work in an intimate setting with renowned Southern authors. This year, Mississippi's poet laureate Beth Ann Fennelly, William C. Morris Award winner Jeff Zentner, award-winning author Michael Farris Smith, and New York Times bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson are leading writing workshops; and Pulpwood Queen Kathy L. Murphy will be leading a workshop on book promotion.

Tickets are available for the Authors Party, held Friday evening in the State Library, where attendees will enjoy drinks, Louisiana cuisine, live music, and the chance to mingle with the Louisiana Book Festival authors. Ticket sales serve as a donation to the Louisiana Library and Book Festival Foundation.

Local artist Keith Morris's "Capitol Grocery," a painting inspired by Baton Rouge's beloved Spanish Town Market and depicting folks gathering for reading and conversation, has been chosen as the official artwork for the festival. The artwork will be used in Louisiana Book Festival promotional material, including the cover of the festival program, t-shirts, book bags, and posters, one of which will be signed by festival authors and participants and hung, along with the original painting, at the State Library of Louisiana.

For more information on events, registering for WordShops, purchasing tickets for the Authors Party, or on volunteering for the festival, please visit www.louisianabookfestival.org.



Showing October 3-5 at Tinseltown in Shreveport

The Focus on the Family® sponsored documentary brings this amazing story to life. From poverty to wealth, Charles Mully went from ragsto-riches in his native Kenya only to discover God had something much more valuable in store.

Discover how Mully sets out to enrich the fate of orphaned children across Kenya. Jeopardizing his life and

the security of his family, he risks everything and sets into motion a series of events that is nothing short of astonishing.

More on Mully's unexpected journey is waiting for you in the October issue of Focus on the Family Citizen®magazine. You can read it online at http://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/. "Father of Twelve Thousand," free of charge, is our gift to you.

For a limited time, \$15 per ticket will be donated to help orphans in Kenya and the United States through the Global Orphan Care Fund. This happens when you preorder your tickets at focusonthefamily.com.



Helping Families Thrive

Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission announces the formal retirement of Rev. Henry Martin

After 29 years of service at the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission, Rev. Henry Martin has retired from his position of Community Ambassador.

For over 28 years, Rev. Martin served as Executive Director of the Mission and during his last year at the Mission, he served as the Community Ambassador. During his tenure as Executive Director, the Mission grew from a small men's shelter on Texas Avenue to its current shelter for men, women and children on McNeil Street.

"On behalf of the board, staff and guests, we want to thank Rev. Martin for his years of service," says current Executive Director Pastor Larry Otwell. "For 62 years, the Mission has been a beacon of hope to the hurting and homeless in our community. We have a dream at the Mission to change our cities one life at a time. I am honored that God has given me the opportunity to expand upon the dreams of the leaders before me and lead the Mission into its next chapter."

As a leader in this community, Rev. Martin left a tremendous legacy at the Mission. The best way to honor someone's legacy is to continue their work. The Mission welcomes our community to come together and honor Rev. Martin by volunteering at the Mission. For more information on volunteering, please call 227-2868 ext. 104.

Forever FREE is connecting those with a heart to help people, to those who are incarcerated. Become an active partner for social justice, and help STOP Human Trafficking. If you miss the Oct. 1 meetings but would like to be involved, watch the listed videos and call the numbers listed in this notice for more information.

Meetings:

Northwest Louisiana Reentry Coalition: Tuesday, Oct 1 at 10:00 a.m. Goodwill Job Center, 800 W. 70th, Shreveport, La 71106, 318-868-4701, Contact Pat Williams.

Forever Free: 11:00 (at the conclusion of the Reentry Meeting). Bring a sack lunch if you wish but bring your input on getting people out of the revolving door cycle of incarceration. Give a 3 minute commercial & bring handouts about your organization.

Local Shelter Meeting: 6:00-7:30 p.m. Each person will have an opportunity to share about their work in Prison/ Reentry Ministry &/ or Program(s) including individuals, church, agency, organization, or business. Do you have a program addressing any of the four top priorities of the Louisiana Prison Reentry Initiatives (LA-PRI): \Box Housing, \Box Employment, \Box Education and \Box Behavioral Health? Please bring all information you know about on any of these resources. Invite those with connections in any of these areas. We are looking for speakers in these categories. The main speakers get up to 30 minutes to share - including videos.

For More Information call 318-868-4701.

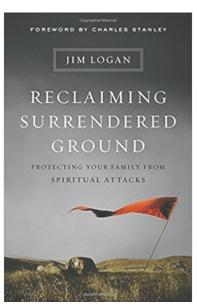
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RECLAIMING SURRENDERED GROUND: PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY FROM SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

BY JIM LOGAN - FOREWORD BY CHARLES STANLEY



... "Dr. Logan is a veteran of many years in the battle, and he has helped thousands of people to find new freedom and lasting victory in Christ. His book shows step by step how you or someone you love can reclaim the ground the enemy has gained in your life, even if Satan is well-entrenched on that ground inside his strongholds. The weapons Christ gives us are able to tear down Satan's strongholds and replace them with fortresses of truth. Reclaiming Surrendered Ground is a much needed book, and I pray that God will open your spiritual eyes and ears to His truth as you read." Charles Stanley, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta.



Introducing The Stylewell!



We are so excited to announce the official launch of our new hair salon, The Stylewell inside The Lovewell Center! Through the vision of our awesome volunteer, Shelby Horton, we have created a space for our Lovewell Members to come and receive professional haircuts.

While getting a haircut can often seem like another task to add to our to-do list, it is a necessity that many individuals in poverty do not always have the ability to afford. Personal hygiene can be the difference in someone feeling dignity, worth, and confidence!



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"The Kindness Challenge"

Excerpts from the August 31, 2017 interview with Shaunti Feldhahn

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth: Well, I've been so looking forward to having this conversation.

This morning in my quiet time, I came to this verse in Proverbs 21:21. "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor."

Pursue—you have to pursue it. It says to me this is something worth pursuing, that **you're going to be the beneficiary by pursuing kindness.** And that's exactly what you have found in your research that led to this book, *The Kindness Challenge*.

I hope our listeners take advantage of a chance to get this book, which will give a lot more handles on how to do this. But, just remind us of the three parts of The Kindness Challenge for those who are wanting to do that.

Shaunti: What you do is you pick one person that you want a better relationship with. It could be your spouse. You don't even have to have a difficult relationship; you just might want to make it better. But if it is difficult, this will be a good starting point. Maybe it's your child, or your step-father. Whoever, for thirty days, just do three things:

First, you say nothing negative to that person, either to them or about them to somebody else. I know your listeners are so familiar with this because of the *Husband Encouragement Challenge you've been issuing for years. So that's the first thing—to say nothing negative to them or about them.

The second thing, every day for thirty days, is to find one thing you can sincerely praise or affirm, and you tell them, and you tell somebody else. So you're basically focusing not on what's worthy of driving you crazy, but you're focusing on what's worthy of praise.

Nancy: I'm thinking of Ephesians 4 that talks about those of us who are in Christ. There's things we're supposed to put off and things we're supposed to put on in their place. So if you just put off the negativity, but don't replace it with proactive praise and encouragement, you're missing part of the equation.

Shaunti: Exactly. The other thing you're supposed to put on, and the other thing you do for thirty days, the third thing, is—take some action of generosity, of kindness toward this person—just a little day-to-day kind of thing. Those are very simple steps for thirty days, and yet we found that

89% of relationships improved.

Nancy: And I would think that some of those relationships improved a lot.

Shaunti: A lot. Yes! This was usually one-sided because they didn't want the other person to discount what they were trying to do. It's not 100%, but 89% of the time it softens the other person's heart. It changes you and how you feel about the other person. So that negative stuff could still be there, but suddenly you see all this stuff that is worthy of praise that you didn't see before.

Nancy: I'm thinking about Titus 3 and how this is such a picture of God's love and His kindness toward us. We need to preach the gospel to ourselves and realize, "I did not deserve God to be kind to me." He did it anyway. And that's what is changing my life. Well then, as God's people, how can we not extend that to others?

Shaunti: It really is all about pride.

Nancy: You're saying we need to practice positive praise and encouragement. *Good night*. We want that and sometimes we feel starved for that, but we aren't as quick to see the need to give it to others.

Shaunti: I drove into the driveway, and my husband, Jeff, had gotten home before me, and he got sort of a desire—"Oh, I'm home early, so I'll just mow the lawn...He was so excited because: A) He got to make the lawn look nice, and B) He's like a little kid who's wanting to make his mom happy. **Most men, inside, they just want to please their wives.**

Shaunti: So I drive into the driveway, and I think, *Wow, that looks really nice!* Now, it's 10:00 at night, we're lying in bed, and Jeff says just out of the blue, "So, um, did you notice anything today?" Oh, my word! The lawn! ... I noticed that he'd done it. I just didn't say it. Ladies, two words have the power to transform your relationship with your husband; they're thank you.

Nancy: Can I just stop and say our engineer who is helping us, our male engineer, is nodding his head vociferously. (Laughing) So we have a man's testimony here!

Shaunti: If you say, "Thank you," in the little day-to-day things of life, here's what it says: "I noticed what you did, and it was good! And I appreciate it."

Nancy: And, "I appreciate you!"

Shaunti: Yes! "And what you do for me." We want him to come up to us at the kitchen sink, put his arm around us and say, "I'm so glad I married you...If he says, "Thanks for putting the dishes in the dishwasher." It's, like, nice, but it doesn't speak to us. If we come up to him at the kitchen sink and say, "Thanks so much for putting the dishes in the dishwasher." It speaks to every little particle of his being. And if we say, "I love you. I'm so glad I married you," he's, like, "Thanks, that's nice."

I've had several men say, "You know, we're all those little boys inside...I really want her to appreciate and go, 'Look what you did!' As women we don't realize that when we say, "Oh, thanks for mowing the lawn, but you missed a spot."

Nancy: It's not blessed.

Shaunti: If it's worth hurting their feelings today, then, okay. So be it. Just know that you're hurting their feelings, as opposed to being completely clueless about it. **If it's at all possible, say it the next day.** - My son, loading the dishwasher, stacking things on top of each other. The next day, because he's going to do that over and over, I'll say, "Oh, Buddy, before you start...See how the jets of the water go this way? So, if you stack them

this way, it will clean both of them."

"Oh. Okay. Thanks, Mom."

Nancy: Then you haven't wounded him in the process.

Shaunti: Yes, and without realizing it....I can guarantee there are some women who are rolling their eyes and thinking, *Oh*, *please*. *Get over it, guys*. If that's you, realize that if it's true God made us different, **different things will hurt the other person than would hurt you, and it's a legitimate hurt. You have an opportunity to build up instead of tear down.**

Nancy: And that's the way of love. To say, "That person is not like me, and that's okay."

Shaunti: Yes

Nancy: Some have experienced deep betrayal, especially in marriage, and they're thinking, *I don't know how I can praise this person*, *I have been so wounded*.

Shaunti: People who had decided to make a one-sided effort in The 30-Day Kindness Challenge had been hurt, but they did not want to let it be the end of the story.

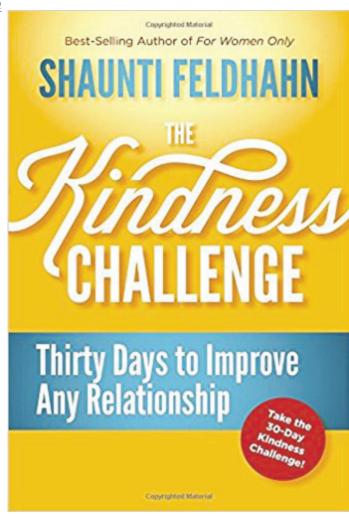
Nancy: They were returning good for evil.

Shaunti: Exactly. They knew they had a chance to do what God had asked them to do whether the other person responded at all, but they could stand before the Lord and say, "I know that I did what You asked me to do."

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DeMoss Wolgemuth's interview with Shaunti Feldhahn, author of The Kindness Challenge, go online to reviveourhearts.com. If you'd like, sign up to do the Kindness Challenge at https://www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com/Join







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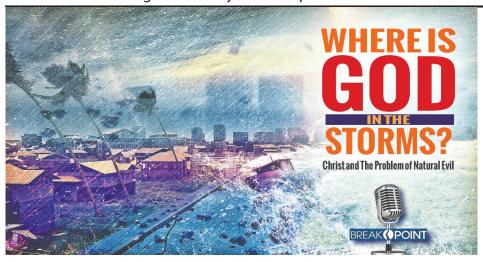
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BreakPoint: Where Is God in the Storms? Christ and the Problem of Natural Evil

by: John Stonestreet & G. Shane Morris www.breakpoint.org

With so much devastation in the news, it's hard not to ask God, "Why?" Here's some help for responding to questions about natural disasters and God.

Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, a massive earthquake in Mexico, wildfires across the western United States. The string of natural disasters in the last few weeks has left many wondering: Where is God in the midst of all this suffering, loss of life, and destruction? It's a question nearly as old as time. As the Greek philosopher, Epicurus asked, Is God able to stop suffering but not willing? Then He isn't all-good. Is He willing, but not able? Then He isn't all-powerful. In both cases, He's not really God.

And Voltaire, the French philosopher, famously argued in a poem that the All Saints Day Earthquake in Lisbon in 1755 made believing in an all-good, all-powerful God untenable.

Thankfully, many Christians have tackled this tough question. In fact, Colson Center Senior Fellow, J. Warner Wallace offers a few of his thoughts in an upcoming column at BreakPoint.org.

First, Wallace points out that "natural disasters" aren't always entirely, well, natural. Human freedom and planning leads to homes and cities being built in places susceptible to earthquakes, floods, and volcanic eruptions. Sometimes corners are cut on building materials or construction in order to save money. These choices can put people in harm's way when nature turns dangerous.

And second, calamity often reveals the very best of human character, as opportunities abound to love those in need. In the early centuries of Christianity, pagan hearts were softened toward the Gospel when Christians ran *toward* great plagues and disasters, rather than away. In the same way, as we've told you on BreakPoint, Christians today provide the bulk of relief in the wake of the recent hurricanes. These disasters are terrible, but the displays of neighborly love are beautiful.

And finally, our visceral reaction to the tragedy and suffering caused by natural disasters, far from disproving an all-powerful, all-loving God, is actually strong evidence for His existence. C. S. Lewis admitted in "Mere Christianity" that as an atheist, he thought the injustice in the world was an airtight argument against Christianity. But then he wondered: "How had I gotten this idea of just and unjust?"

His argument depended on evil and suffering being objectively bad, not just inconvenient. But if we're merely subatomic particles, then no arrangement of those particles can be morally better or worse than any other. Our hearts cry out that this world is not the way it's supposed to be. And atheism can only reply, "Sure it is."

But we know better. The world is broken. It's not functioning according to God's original design, and Christianity places the blame on humanity's rebellion against the Creator.

But the Christian message doesn't end there. God assures us that He's with us in the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires. In Jesus Christ, He entered the world's brokenness and joined our suffering, crying out with a very human heart as He Himself tasted death on our behalf: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The question that Jesus asked here points to the only answer to Epicurus' question, because Jesus is the only God Who is all-good, all-loving, *and* knows what it means to feel the brunt of evil and suffering.

As Edward Shillito wrote in his poem, "Jesus of the Scars":

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone.
Remember that the Suffering Savior is now the enthroned King.
Suffering and death do not have the last word.
Sin is a defeated foe. All will be made new again.

And so, in light of *that* Truth, or better yet because of the One who *is* Truth, we can give our best answer to the question of suffering by following the example of our Savior, and His Church throughout history, by running toward the disasters with love, with help, with grace, and with the Gospel.

In the midst of disaster, destruction, and suffering, believers have the example of Jesus Christ. He identifies with our suffering, and we can trust Him never to leave us or forsake us.

It Takes More than Five Minutes

The woman was clearly distressed as she told Gospel for Asiasupported pastor about her son, Daruka. At 24 years old, he was overcome with depression. He wouldn't leave his room. He wouldn't talk to anyone, or eat. His mother, a Christian, asked Pastor Jaisukh to visit her home and pray for her son.

When Jaisukh visited, God moved in Daruka's heart, and he shared his troubles with him. When asked why he was depressed, Daruka told him how he had compared his life with his friends' and realized he had nothing. He said he had contemplated ending his life.

Pastor Jaisukh gently told him about the value of life, encouraged him to find hope and offered some practical advice: Spend some time in prayer with Jesus every morning and night.

Daruka tried what the pastor suggested. When he met him again a few days later, he said, "That day I had spent five minutes in prayer . . . but I am the same." Pastor Jaisukh asked him how many times he had prayed, and Daruka admitted it was only once. The pastor smiled and invited Daruka to pray with him, and they did—for an hour. The next day they again spent an hour in prayer together. And the next day. And the next.

As Daruka spent time on his knees with another sinful man before the Throne of Grace, Jesus worked peace deep into his heart. After a month of daily prayer, Daruka was a new man. He found strength to keep living. Daruka told his parents and brothers about the depth of life he had found and started leading them in times of prayer as well.

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THE BRIDGE - Building Community in Shreveport Bossier

Looking for a church in your area?

Benton Area:

Believer's Worship Center 6068 Hwy 3 965-2750

Benton First Baptist 201 Bellevue 965-2351

Benton Presbyterian - Church Corner of Airline & Linton Rd. - 11:00 Sunday 747-2802

Benton United Methodist 4615 Palmetto rd 965-2273

Cypress Baptist 4701 Palmetto Rd 965-2296 (Sun) 10:45am Elizabeth Baptist 301 Old Bellevue Rd 965-2592

Fellowship Tabernacle 4709 Palmetto Rd (Sun) 11am, 6pm §: 9:45am 965-9324

Blanchard Area:

Church of the Nazarene 251 N. Main St. 929-2831

Cross Brand Cowboy Church -

7:00 p.m. Thursdays - 201 Attaway by the arena. 929-4312 Pot luck every other week. First Baptist 201 Attaway St. (Sun) 10:30am, pm, (Wed) 6:30pm 929-2346

Westlake Baptist 8379 N. Lakeshore 929-2237

Bossier Area:

Airline Dr. Church of Christ 2125 Airline Dr. (Sun) 10:10am & 6pm § 9am, (Wed) 7pm 746-2645

Barksdale Baptist Church 1714 Jimmie Davis Hwy. SS 9:25 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. & 6:00p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m. www.barksdalebaptist.org

742-1641.

Barksdale United Methodist Church 1465 Patricia Dr. SS 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 Wed. - 7:00 pm 746-4987

Bellaire Baptist 1210 Bellaire Blvd. 746-3914

746-3914 Central Assembly of God 700 Hwy 80 949-0010

Central Baptist 2225 Airline Dr. 742-6153

Christview Christian 5503 Airline Dr. (Sun) 10:40 am § 9:30 am 746-1531 Faith Temple Assembly of God 4350 Panther Dr 747-2452 Fellowship United Methodist

4750 Barksdale Blvd 746-4422 First Baptist Bossier - 2810 E. Texas. (Sun) Small Groups 9:15, Worship 10:45 (Wed) Discipleship 6pm. 746-7940 First Christian 2205 Shed Road 746-3382

First Church of God 4601 Airline 747-2211

First United Methodist 201 John Wesley Blvd (Sun) 8:45 am, 10:45 am; Contemporary Service: 10:45 a.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

742-3823 First Wesleyan 3200 Schuler Dr. (Sun) 10:30am, § 9:30am (Wed) 6:30 746-6991

Greenacres Baptist 4802 Benton Rd. (Sun) 10:45am, 6pm, § 9:45am, (Wed) 7pm 746-2291

Harvest Temple COGIC 1633 Benton Rd. 742-7616

House of Purpose Full Gospel 805 Eatman 549-0303

Immanuel Lutheran 2565 Airline Dr. (Sun) 8am, 10:30am. Sunday school 9:15. Website: www.immanuelbossier.org 746-2215

Living Word Family Church 4501 Shed Rd.

746-1793

Miracles Temple of Deliverance 517 Barksdale Blvd. (Sun) 12:00 noon (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. 741-3224

2218 Barksdale Blvd. 752-2122 New Vision Church of God 4200 Shed Rd 742-8547

New Beginnings Missionary Bap.

New Zion Baptist Church - 2535 Barbara S. S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45a.m. Wed. 5:30 prayer Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

746-0750 - <u>www.newzionbaptist.org</u> Overcoming Faith 5140 Benton Rd 747-1700

Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral East Location: 1760 East Texas Street Sundays 59' Express 8 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m., Sat. 5:45 p.m. 631-5683

Revival Tabernacle Foursquare
900 Regenia St. 746-5022
Stonewall Baptist 807 Eatman
SS 9:30 a.m. Worship 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Wed 7:00 p.m www.stonewallbaptist.org

Touching Lives Ministries 2414 Barbara Street Trinity Presbyterian 1944 Airline Dr. 746-2951

Victory Life Center 3012 Shed Rd. (Sun) 10:30 §9:30 (Wed) 6:30 746-4750 Waller Baptist 456 Waller Ave. 71112 Sun - 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. SS - 9:00 a.m.

Wed - 5:45 p.m. 746-2462

Haughton Area:

Beulah Land Baptist Church 3179 Sligo Rd. (Sun) 9:45, 11:00 am 5:30, 6:30 pm (Wed) 6:30 pm

Cowboy Outreach and Arena of Life Church 1130 Stewart Road, Sun. 10 a.m. 949-1539 Eastwood Baptist Church

2810 US Hwy 80 - (318) 949-9433 First Baptist 105 E. Washington

949-2441

Galilee Baptist 339 Jones Rd. 949-0955

God Did It Outreach Ministries -1335 Bellevue Rd. Sunday School..9:45am... Morning Worship 11:00am

918-0415

Haughton United Methodist 215 E. McKinley Ave. (Sun) 11am

949-3612

Love Chapel United Methodist 2001 Forest Hills (Sun) 9 & 11am

949-0430 Pease Chapel Assembly of God 3384 Bellevue Road Sun. Bible Study 9:45; Kidz Connection & Worship 11:00

Wed BS 6:30 p.m. 949-4794

Princeton Area:

First Baptist Princeton 1298 Princeton Rd (Sun)10:00 & 11:00 am, 6:00 pm (Wed) 7:00 949-3682

Shreveport Area:

Antioch Baptist Church, 1057 Texas Ave. SS 9:30, Worship 11:00 a.m. Prayer / Bible Study Thurs. 6:00 p.m. 318-222-7090

Baptist Tabernacle / Shreveport Christian Academy. 8501 E. Kingston Road.

Bethel Assembly of God 5801 Bert Kouns Loop § 9:30am (Sun) 10:30am, (Wed) 6:30pm www.bethelshreveport.com

687-4200

Bright Star Baptist Church 3330 Meriwether Rd. (Sun) 9:30 & 10:45 am

686-7924

Broadmoor Baptist 4110 Youree Dr. 868-6552

Calvary Baptist 9333 Linwood Ave.

(Sun) 8:30 &10:40am, 6:30pm 687-4920

Catholic Center-Diocese of Shreveport 3500 Fairfield Avenue – 868-4441

Central Christian Church (DOC) 2010 Bert Kouns (Sun) 10:45am

686-3060

Christ Center 6808 Jefferson Paige (Sun) 10:30am (Wed) 7pm

525-9033

Christ Lutheran 290 Idema St SS 9:00 Worship 10:30

518-8767

Christian Center of Shreveport 207 Idema

Church at Red River 230 Flournoy Lucas Rd Sunday worship 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Youth Wed. 6:30 p.m. 318-213-3600

www.churchatredriver.com Church of Christ/North 3401 N. Market St.

§ 9:30am, (Sun) 10:30am, 6pm 226-1305

Church on the Rock 5035 North Market 227-2902

Ellerbe Road Baptist Church

10705 Ellerbe Rd.

798-1988

Emmanuel Baptist 5850 Buncombe Rd. 686-7548

Emmanuel Christian Ministries 5700 Roberts 636-2567

Eternal Life Baptist Church 1744 Nicholson St.

Sun. 10:45 a.m. - Wed 6:00 p.m. 272-0923

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church

3013 Fisher Street 425-3390

Faith Tabernacle 4901 Pine Hill Rd. (Sun) 11am

227-2204 First Baptist Church Shreveport

543 Ockley Drive, Bible Study 9:15, Worship 10:30 a.m. www.fbcshreveport.org (318) 865-8414

First Baptist Church Cedar Grove 6906 Henderson Ave.

SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 - Tues 6:30

865-8894 First United Methodist Head of Texas St.

424-7771 Ford Park Baptist 5755 Yarbrough Rd

631-1177

From Bondage to Freedom Ministries 2020 Hollywood

631-3283

Galilee Baptist 1500 Pierre Ave. 221-2629

Gateway Church 8925 Youree Dr. (Sun) 9 & 10:15am, (Wed) 7pm 797-6337

Glad Tidings Assembly of God

957 Kingston Rd. 688-3940

Grace Presbyterian 3201 Centenary (Sun) 10:45am § 9:30am

344-1232

Greater Faith Christian Church 6934 Jewella (Sun) 11:00am, (Mon) 7pm, (Wed) 7pm 621-8998

Greater Hope Baptist Church 4355 Greenwood Rd

(Sun) 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Wed 7 pm 635-9242

Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church 7480 Greenwood Road

(Sun) 8 & 10:30am, 6pm, (Wed) 7pm 938-1885

Haynes Ave Baptist 610 Haynes, 71105 (Sun) 10:30am, 6pm, (Wed) 6pm 865-2307

H.E.L.P.S. Outreach Faith Temple

6708 Southern Ave

(Sun) 9:30 & 11:00am (Tue/Thur) 7pm 861-9010

Hearne Avenue Church of Christ - 6540 Hearne Avenue Sun. 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. Wed. 6:00 p.m. 635-6542

Heritage Baptist 2801 Creswell

222-0868 Highland Center 520 Olive St

221-8404 Hosanna Family Worship Center

7420 St. Vincent

861-0846

Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer 5865 W 70th St. 671-7865 Jewell St. Missionary Baptist 2440 Darien St. 424-4655

John 3:16 Church 6035 Fairfield Ave

Sundays 8:31 and 10:16 a.m. Wed 6:01 p.m. 219-2989

Kingston Road Baptist 8900 Kingston Rd (Sun)10:30am, 6pm, (Wed) 6:30pm 687-9885

Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church 2842 Dr Martin Luther King Dr (318) 221-1356

Life Church 2222 Meriwether Rd. (Sun) 10am, (Wed) 6:30pm 687-7055 Light Hill Baptist 1823 Pine Hill Rd. 222-0526

Lighthouse Baptist Church

235 Flournoy Lucas. Shreveport - Sun. 9:30 10:45 & 6:00 p.m.. Wed. 6:30 p.m.

686-2964 Linwood Baptist 1622 Midway Sunday 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 6:00 p.m. 631-4467

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 5340 Jewella 636-6172

Sun. 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Wed. 11:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Mount Olive Baptist 740 Turner Lane 861-2249

New Creation Family Church 8410 Kingston, 71108 Rd (Sun) 11a.m. (Tue) 7:00 service 671-9463

New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist 2332 Jewella Avenue

(Sun) 10:45am, § 9am, (Wed) 7pm 631-8070

New Life Center 4445 Meriwether Rd. 686-8484

New Vision Community Church Shreveport (CPP) 727 Flournoy Lucas Road

11:00 Sundays

Norris Ferry Community Church 10509 Norris Ferry Rd. (Sun) 9:00; 10:30 a.m.

North Highlands United Methodist 835 Poleman. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Parlor Fellowship 11:00 a.m.traditional Worship

221-4716

North Shreve Baptist 4930 Old Mooringsport 425-2350

North Star Baptist 5304 Jewella

(Sun) 11am, § 9:30am

631-1154

Now I'm Alive Ministries, Sunday 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Wed. 6:00 p.m. 4134 Greenwood Road. 71109.

606-4730

Oakmont Church of God 5925 W 70th St 687-5243

Paradise Baptist Church 1706 Hollywood 636-5356 Sunday: 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Monday: Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Pinecroft Baptist 8002 Jewella Ave 686-5200 Pleasant Hill Baptist 4670 Lakeshore Dr. 636-6000 Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral Corporate Headquarters 4725 Greenwood Road 631-5683 Rose Park Baptist 5560 Buncombe Rd 687-8272 Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church 4736 Lyba, services Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:30 am. 635-2121 St Andrew Presbyterian Church 3625 N. Market 221-3357 St. Mary AME Church 1603 Rex Ave. 71101 S S 9:30am Worship 11am Wed B S 6:30. 222-3997 St. Matthias Episcopal Church 3301 St. Matthias Drive Wed., 6:00 pm, Sun., 8:00 am and 10:15 am 318-635-5354 St Matthew Missionary Baptist Church

Sun. 8:00, 9:15 - Worship 11:00 a.m. 9:00

a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Thurs. 8:00 a.m. Sat. Male

2240 David Raines Rd.

Ministry - pastorbdblake@gmail.com St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian 9100 Youree, 71115 (Sun)10:00 a.m., SS 11:30; Wed 5:30 Sat. 5:00 797-2226 Saint Paul's Episcopal 275 Southfield Rd (Sun) 8 & 10:30am, (Wed) 10am 865-8469 St. Paul Lutheran M S 4175 Lakeshore Dr. (Sun)10:00 a.m, § 9:00am 636-2310 Salvation Army 200 E. Stoner 429-7463 Shady Grove Baptist Church #2 at 249 W. 84th Street. Sun. Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Worship at 8:00, SS at 10:00 a.m. 686-5172 Shiloh Baptist 421 Webster (Sun) 11am, § 9:30am, (Wed, Thu) 6pm 635-8543 Showers of Blessing Ministries 6500 Fairfield Ave (Sun) 9:30 & 11am, 7pm, (Thu) 7pm 861-2472 Shreve City Baptist 2810 Knight St 865-5661 Shreveport Baptist Temple 288 Flournoy Lucas, Shreveport 686-5538 Shreveport Community Church 5720 Buncombe Rd

671-7100 Southside Baptist, 730 E Flournoy Lucas Rd. 798-6200 Springs of Grace 6300 Hearne Ave (Sun) 9:30am, 10:30am. (Wed) 6:15 pm. 635-9723 Stoner Hill Baptist Church 1201 Cornwell Ave. Sunday 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Wed. 6:00p.m. 221-9871 Summer Grove Baptist South Park Mall, 8924 Jewella Avenue 686-1470 Summer Grove United Methodist 9119 Dean Rd SS 9:15 and W at 10:30 686-2514 The Refuge - Cordero Event Complex 3055 Knight Street. Sun. 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wed. 5:45p.m. The Rock Family Center 2837 Summer Grove Dr. in Shreveport (Sun) 10:30am, (Wed) 7pm 518-8603 Trinity Baptist Church 5895 Bert Kouns Ind.

Loop, 71129. (Sun) 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:30

pm. Wednesday, 6:30pm.

686-2300

Trinity Heights Baptist 3820 Old Mooringsport 221-2695 United House of Prayer 2888 Lakeview Rd (Tues) 7pm, (Fri) 7pm, (Sun) 10am 424-9555 Unity of Faith Baptist Church 272 E. 78th St. SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 - Thurs. 6:00 p.m 512-5366 University Church of Christ - 2045 E. 70th St. 797-6333 Western Hills Baptist 4153 Pines Rd 636-2408 Westview Christian 7188 Greenwood Rd, 635-0356 71119 Willow Point Baptist 5500 S. Lakeshore Dr. (Sun) 10:45am, 5pm, (Wed) 6:15pm 631-8500 Word of God Ministries 6645 Industrial Loop Sun. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Wed 6:30pm 364-8977 Word of Deliverance Family Life Church -5700 W 70th Wed 6:00 Sun 10:30 Word Of Life Center 4425 Meriwether Rd, 71109 Sun. 9 & 10:45 a.m. Wed 7 p.m. 688-4411

THE BRIDGE can be found at the following businesses:

Adam's Eve Care Cormier Family Dentistry Kitchens, Benton, Kitchens, & Ponder Power Equipment LLC 673-8383 1911 Benton Rd - Bossier 5839 E. Kings Highway - S'port Gateway Tire and Service 3402 Industrial Drive - Bossier Center 1005 Shreveport/ 2120 Airline Dr - Bossier **Quality Sheet Metal** Ainsworth Hair Color Salon Crisis Pregnancy Center Barksdale Hwy 946 Linwood - Stonewall 4770 Brandon Blvd. - Bossier 401 Hamilton Rd. Suite 118 921 S'port Barksdale Hwy -Lakeshore Super Stop -Bos. S'port **Glass Services** 4000 Lakeshore Dr. 71109 Realty Executives, T. Calhoun The Glen Retirement System 2803 E Texas St - Bossier 3851 Gilbert - Shreveport 403 E Flournoy Lucas Rd -Azalea Estates Cross Lake Plaza 1118 E. Bert Kouns - Shreve-Lifeway Christian Store S'port 516 E Flournoy Lucas Rd -5785 South Lakeshore - S'port 7050 Youree-Shreveport Roger's Corner Store S'port 6511 Hwy. 80, Haughton The Ice House Dist. Glenview Garden Retirement Daisy a Day Florist Line Avenue Pharmacy 4514 Monkhouse Dr.-Shreve-Azalea's Cleaners 1525 N. Market – Shreveport 4828 Medical Dr - Bossier 1822 Line Ave - Shreveport Rose-Neath Funeral Home port 732 Azalea Dr. - Shreveport 2201 Airline Drive - Bossier Danzell, John, MD Glenwood Village Tearoom Live Oak Retirement Com-The Waterford at Shreveport Bill's Cleaners Laundry Shoe 2500 Kings Hwy. - Shreveport 3310 Line Ave. Shreveport munity 600 E Flournoy Lucas Salvation Army 2222 E Bert Kouns Industrial -3566 Greenwood Rd-S'port 200 E. Stoner - Shreveport Rd - S'port Dooley's Hairstyling Haughton Library 166 E. McKinley - Haughton Lookers Hair Design Thomas Kinstrey, M.D. 1001 Benton Rd - Bossier Samaritan Counseling Ser-**Bossier Parish Libraries** 2118 Airline Dr - Bossier 2120 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop -Dupree Family Dental - 1945 Check with your local branch Heavenly Ham 1525 Stephens St. - S'port Shreveport E 70th, Suite F in Shreveport 5739 Youree Drive -Louisiana Baptist University Blanchard Elderly Apt. Com-Shreveport 6301 Westport Ave - Shreve-Saturday's Family Hair Center Time It Lube plex 231 N. Main - Blanchard 2026 Airline Dr - Bossier 6828 Pines Road - Shreveport Electric Supply Co., Inc. 935 Texas - Shreveport **Highland Supercenter** Brigham's Family Dental Cen-3001 Highland Ave. - Shreve-Myrick's Barber Shop Shreveport Family Dental Tri-State Physical Therapy 2281 Eric LeBlanc Pediatic Dentistry 3562 Greenwood Rd. -S'port 910 Bert Kouns Ind. 2250 Hospital Dr. #120 - Bossier Benton Rd - Bossier 2285 Benton Rd- Bossier Loop Home and Office Storage SCDAA / NW LA Chapter 1610 E Bert Kouns - Shreve-Brookdale Bossier Evergreen Presbyterian 411 E. Bert Kouns - Shreve-3658 Judson St. - Shreveport S'port/Bossier Rescue Mission port 2033 Texas Ave/901 McNeil 2540 Beene Blvd. Ministries, 2101 Hwy 80 -Haughton Nicholls, Tim M.D. . - Shreveport 24-7 Laundry Caddo Council on Aging IM Financial 2551 Greenwood Rd - Shreve-163 E. Kings Hwy 4015 Greenwood Road, S'port Fairmont Apartments - Lobby 1945 E. 70th St., Suite E -Soap Opera 726 Cotton St, Shreveport 1210 Airline Dr - Bossier Vitreo-Retinal Associates S'port 836 Olive St.-Shreveport Caddo Paint 480 E. Bert Northwest LA Baptist Assoc. 835 Benton Rd - Bossier Fitness Lady, 1700 Old Min-Jean Simpson Personel -5875 W. 70th - Shreveport 8150 Jewella - Shreveport Walgreen Pharmacy Shreveport den Rd. -Suite 180, Bossier 1318 Shreveport-Barksdale Southern Maid Donut Co. 3555 Greenwood Rd. S'port Pierremont Eve Institute City Chandler, John M.D. 7607 Youree Dr. 3505 Hearne Ave. - Shreve-Shreveport, LA 71105 1519 Doctors Dr. -Foster's Errand Expertise John McKee Pre-owned Warren West, M.D. 222-1532 Shreveport 2961 E. Texas in Bossier City 9359 Mansfield Rd 7941 Youree Dr. - Shreveport Bossier Pines Super Center **Christian Services** Fuller Center for Housing of John Milkovich, Attorney 6259 Westport Stormy's Car Care (Floyd's) Werntz & Associates, Inc. Broadway and Greenwood 2020 E. 70th - Shreveport 1252 Sprague St Shreveport Northwest Louisiana 656 Jordan - Shreveport Shreveport 4221 Linwood, Shreveport 222-1256 Kings Hwy. Exxon Car Care Pool of Siloam Medical Consider the Lillies Florist Airline Chiropractic 760 Kings Hwy, Shreveport Ministry Shreveport Teen Challenge 1500 Benton Road - Bossier 520 Olive Street - S'port 2159 Airline Dr. - Bossier 452 Stoner in Shreveport

Local Support Groups

Abortion Recovery – Unplanned Pregnancy: Help is available, free of charge. All calls are confidential. Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center in Shreveport. 861-4600 or hotline # 1-800-395-HELP. Parenting Education combined with emotional support and practical assistance also available at the Ark-La-Tex Learning Center. 861-3232.

Celebrate Recovery

746-2645

Church at Red River, Faith-based 12 Step Program. Fridays, 6:00 p.m. meal, 6:30 program. 230 Flournoy Lucas Road in Shreveport. Free childcare. 213-3600 First Baptist Bossier – Faith-based 12 Step Program. Mondays, meal at 5:30 prior to meeting at 6:00 p.m. 2810 E. Texas in Bossier. Free childcare. 746-7940 Airline Church of Christ – Faith-based 12 Step Program – Thursdays. Dinner at 5:30

Bellaire Baptist Church - Faith-based, 12 Step Program. 6:30 on Wednesdays at 1210 Bellaire Blvd. in Bossier.

prior to 6:00 meeting. 2125 Airline in Bossier.

The Closet - Clothes Ministry

Wednesdays from 11:30 -12:30. Third Wednesday from 11:30 - 4:30. Free clothing for those in need. Open to anyone. FMI call 965-2273. Benton United Methodist Church, in Benton.

Clothing Closet: Each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Airline Church of Christ, 2125 Airline in Bossier 746-2645

Clothing Room: New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 2332 Jewella in Shreveport. For more information call 631-8070.

Deaf Ministry - dDeaf Community (that's correct) exists to support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Ark-La-Tex through Friday evening socials, leadership opportunities, serving in the community, worship, Bible study and more. While dDeaf Community is a ministry of First United Methodist Church, one need not be a member to participate. For more info call 424-7771.

DivorceCare - Sundays at 4:30, Summer Grove Baptist Church, 8924 Jewella in Shreveport. For more information or to register call Amelie Jackson at 686-1470.

Eagle Creek Recovery Center - Restoration program for men in the deadly pattern of addiction.FMIvisiteaglecreekrecoverycenter. com or call 220-7002.

Food Pantry and Clothing Room: Open every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 10:00 till 1:00. FMI call 631-8070. New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 2332 Jewella in Shreveport.

Free Grocery Registration and Distribution New Vision Community Church-Shreveport is now an emergency food pantry for the Food Bank of NWLA. Proof of government assistance, income and a valid ID are required to participate. The food distribution days are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12-2:00pm. Call 671-4258 FMI.

Free Groceries – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Bring photo ID, and either proof of income, SSI or SNAP budget form. Fellowship United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 4750 Barksdale Blvd. Serving South Bossier and Elm Grove.

GEM'S Ministry for children with special needs: We consider it a privilege and a direct call from God to reach out to the families of these children. Contact Mrs. Billie at btate@fumcshreveport.org or call 424-7771 to find out more about this monthly early evening program.

Girlfriend Circle of Hope Cancer Ministry for Women: Encompassing all kinds of women's cancer. Contact Lisa craft at 458-9960 or at prayingthrough@bellsouth.net for more information.

God's Clothes Closet: Low cost, high quality clothing. Open every 1st & 3rd Saturday from 8:00 - 2:00 p.m.. Located at North Shreve Baptist Church, 4930 Old Morringsport Rd, in Shreveport. 318-425-2350.

Griefshare: A wonderful, faith based program to help participants grow closer to the Lord while grieving. Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Additional session addresses "Surviving the Holidays." FMI call 469-7975 or the Counseling Center, 868-6554, at Broadmoor Baptist Church, 4110 Youree Dr. in Shreveport.

GriefShare Support Group Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Room 2S just inside of Entrance 2 near playground. Summer Grove Baptist Church, 8924 Jewella in Shreveport. FMI call 686-1470.

Harvest Kitchen

Free Soup Kitchen for those in need Monday - Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Contact:(318)746-2645 Airline Drive Church of Christ 2125 Airline Drive in Bossier

Louisiana Association for the Blind

Providing employment and rehabilitation services for people with vision impairment. 1714 Claiborne Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103 - 318.698.2300

Mary's House – Pregnancy Care Center Free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, free peer counseling. Visit <u>maryshouseofla.org</u> for more information or call 220-8009.

Ministry of St. Vincent DePaul:

Groceries, clothing, and household items for those in need. Apply for assistance by calling 865-7807 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mustard Seed Ministry: Free medical help for those who don't have insurance. Starting September 14, every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1:00 – 4:30. Airline Church of Christ, 2125 Airline in Bossier.

Overeaters Anonymous

Local Hotline # 318-677-4002

Shreveport Meetings:

Sunday - The Refuge Church 3055 Knight St, 3:30 p.m. 869-0120

Monday - Adult Building at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, 1915 Grover, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Room 1203-E at Broadmoor Baptist Church, 4110 Youree, 5:30 p.m. 868-6552

Overcomers Recovery Support-12 Step Program Word of Life Center, 687-4777, 4425 Merriwether Road, Shreveport, Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m. Building at back of church property.

Cowboy Outreach and Arena of Life Church 1130 Stewart Rd. in Haughton, 949-1539.

Souper Saturday

Servers meet at 7:30 a.m. the last Saturday of each month to deliver soup, sandwiches, fruit and a snack to area homebound residents. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, or would like to serve, call 965-2273. Benton United Methodist Church.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry (stlukesmedicalministry.org) offers free health screenings for blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and diabetes, and also clinical breast exams to uninsured and low-income individuals in Shreveport/Bossier. No appointment necessary.

FMI see St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry on Facebook. (318) 674-9747.

Substance Abuse Counseling- Professional faith-based counseling available to individuals, families, and groups of all sizes. FMI or to schedule an appointment, call (318) 221-6121 – Samaritan Counseling Center, 525 Stephens in Shreveport.

Support group for single moms: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, starting October 10th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, South Bossier Baptist Church, 1155 Sligo Road. Open to any single woman raising children and looking for ways to cope with everyday stresses of single moms. Meal included and also childcare provided during meeting. Non-denominational and area wide. FMI send email to sobobapsinglemom@gmail.com or call 318-505-9591

The Table Food Ministries

3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:30-4 p.m. Monthly food distribution for those in need. Application required. FMI call 965-2273. Benton United Methodist Church.

Community Calendar

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Every Thursday morning, an informal meeting at 6:00 - to share a delicious breakfast and then pray. Men, it is usually over by 7:00 a.m. so you can still make it to work on time. For more information call 929-4312. Join us at Cross Brand Cowboy Church, located at the corner of Attaway and Maple St. in Blanchard.

Mom's Day Out: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. FMI call 742-1641. Barksdale Baptist Church, 1741 Jimmy Davis Hwy. in Bossier.





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40 Days for Life: September 27 through November 5. For up to the minute news from the Shreveport vigil, follow our updates on Facebook at Shreveport 40 Days for Life

Forever Free - October Meetings: October 1. See page 7.

"Mully," a Focus on the Family Documentary: Oct. 3-5 at Tinseltown. See page 6.

Bring your Bible to School Day: October 5. See page 3.

Paul Tripp Parenting Conference: Saturday, Oct 7th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cost, \$20 per couple. Small group discussions to follow on Sundays, Oct. 8 and 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. FMI or to register visit http://norrisferrychurch.org/resources/events/. Norris Ferry Community Church, 10509 Norris Ferry Rd. in Shreveport.

Free Computer Class: Every 3rd Thursday, (October 19) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bernie Conradi demonstrates how to use Microsoft Windows, and can answer questions about any version of Windows including Windows 10. He will have tip sheets for everyone. J C Barnett will show you how to use Microsoft Word and Excel, and answer any questions related to these programs. Host: Christ Lutheran Church, 290 Idema Street in Shreveport

All Keyed Up II: A piano and organ explosion! Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy Aaron D. Wilson, organ - Dr. Dan Gibbs, piano - Bryan Bierbaum, harpsichord and other guest artists. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Admission is free. Call Patsy Busi for more information. (318) 841-8202. St Joseph Catholic Church, 402 Patton Ave.

in Shreveport.

Community Outreach: Saturday, Oct. 21, at 3:00 p.m. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of softball, hamburgers, hotdogs, and Johnny Morgan and his trained dogs "Over the Hill Trio." Haynes Ave. Baptist Church, 610 Haynes Ave. in Shreveport.

Restoration Crisis Center's Domestic Violence Awareness Walk: Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. Come join Justin Rogers, "JG1," in a walk to support women and children in crisis. Every dollar counts. Participants may register online at www.scrisis.org or on day of the event with a donation of any amount. FMI call 525-9000. Christ Centered Church, 6808 Jefferson Paige Rd. in Shreveport.

Pro-Life Mass: Sunday, October 22. Procession around the church at 2:45 p.m. Mass at 3:00. Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. 4736 Lyba Street in Shreveport. Spaghetti dinner following at 4:45.

Northwest Louisiana Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet: October 26. See ad on page 4.

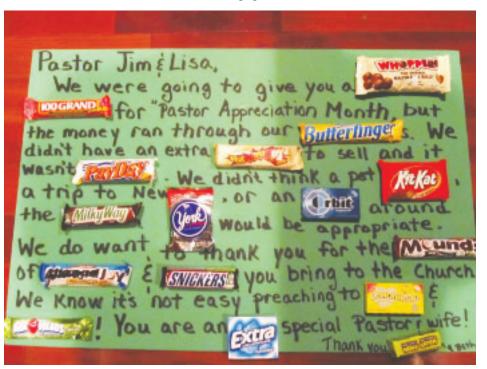
Louisiana Book Festival: October 28 in Baton Rouge's Capitol Park. See page 6.

Fall Festival: Sunday, Oct. 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Join us for some family fun. Food, games, face painting, fire truck, inflatables, *and* Trunk or Treat. Costumes are encouraged, but no scary ones please. Norris Ferry Community Church. 10509 Norris Ferry Rd in Shreveport.

Halloween: October 31. Give out more than candy. Check with your local Christian bookstores and online to shop for tasteful Gospel tracts. Kids love comic books. Some are coloring books. You can share with the kids who come to your house and your kids can give a tract to those who give them candy.

October 31 is also "Reformation Day," the anniversary of Martin Luther posting his "95 Theses" on the door of the Church of All Saints in Wittenberg, Germany. An "undertaking" that changed the world.

October is Pastor Appreciation month.



International Day of Prayer: Nov. 5. See page 5.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week: November 13–20.

PROGRAM GUIDE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

In the Morning...

6:00 Morning Devotional - Jim Brackman

6:03 Renewing your Mind - R.C. Sproul

6:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur

6:55 Mission Network News

7:00 Focus on the Family- Jim Daly

7:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley

8:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur

8:30 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers

9:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias

9:15 Key Life - Steve Brown

9:30 Family Life Today- Dennis Rainey

10:00 Family Talk- James Dobson

10:30 Revive Our Hearts-Nancy Leigh DeMoss Wolgemuth

11:00 Walk in the Word - James MacDonald

11:30 WallBuilders Live - David Barton

In the Afternoon...

12:00 Insight for Living - Charles Swindoll

12:30 Turning Point - David Jeremiah

1:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson

2:05 The Dave Ramsey Show

4:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias

4:15 BARNABAS CENTER MINISTRIES - JIM BRACKMAN

4:30 Focus on the Family- Jim Daly

5:00 Urban Alternative - Tony Evans

5:30 Renewing your Mind - R.C. Sproul

6:00 GRACE TO YOU - JOHN MACARTHUR

6:30 Family Life Today

7:00 Revive our Hearts

7:30 SIGN OFF

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SUNDAY

In the Morning ...

6:00 Urban Alternative — Tony Evans

6:30 BreakPoint This Week- Eric Metaxas

7:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers

7:30 Family Life Today- Dennis Rainey

8:00 Let My People Think- Ravi Zacharias

8:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley

9:00 Focus on the Family Weekend

10:00 THE FIRST WORD - FIRST BAPTIST BOSSIER

11:00 Turning Point Weekend

11:30 Grace to You — John MacArthur

In the Afternoon...

12:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins

12:30 CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW - DAVID WHEATON

1:30 Unshackled - Pacific Garden Mission

2:00 Ranger BILL

2:30 ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY

3:00 Focus on the Family Radio Theatre

3:30 Focus on the Family Weekend

4:30 In Touch with Charles Stanley

5:00 Road to Reality - K.P. Yohannan

5:30 Grace to You - John MacArthur

6:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers

6:30 BreakPoint this Week

7:00 LET MY PEOPLE THINK

7:30 SIGN OFF

SATURDAY

In the Morning...

6:00 RENEWING YOUR MIND - R.C. SPROUL

6:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur

7:00 Focus on the Family — Jim Daly

7:30 Grace to You - John MacArthur

8:00 CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW - DAVID WHEATON

9:00 Washington Watch Daily (Friday) - Tony Perkins

10:00 Family Talk - James Dobson

10:30 Family Life - Dennis Rainey

11:00 Focus on the Family - Jim Daly

11:30 WALLBUILDERS - DAVID BARTON

In the Afternoon

12:00 Washington Watch Weekly — Tony Perkins

12:30 WALK IN THE WORD - JAMES MACDONALD

1:00 Urban Alternative — Tony Evans

1:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley

2:00 Focus on the Family Theatre

2:30 RANGER BILL

3:00 Adventures in Odyssey

3:30 Let My People Think — Ravi Zacharias

4:00 Voice of the Martyrs — Todd Nettleton

4:30 Road to Reality - K.P. Yohannan

5:00 The Dave Ramsey Show-

7:00 Moody Radio Theatre

7:30 SIGN OFF

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9:00 Washington Watch

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9:30 Christian Worldview

10:30 Precepts for Life
11:00 Adventures in Odyssey

11:30 Unshackled

12:00 SIGN OFF

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