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Millions of teens and children worldwide are expected to gather together at their campus flag poles to pray as part of the annual See You at the Pole event, set for Sept. 25.

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Young Visionaries from the Pistols 2 Pencils program get ready to leave on an outing. The program uses the arts to express concerns about gun violence and promote peace.

Empowered for life

At-risk youth given tools for success

By Patti Townley-Covert

SAN BERNARDINO — When Terrance Stone came out of prison, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. Being affiliated with a gang had kept him locked up for more than a decade; now he was determined to keep other kids from the same fate.

Through the influence of homicide detective Noah Walls, Stone became a Christian while incarcerated. At first, Stone said, he was leery of Walls, but over time their relationship grew. So did Stone's dependence upon the Lord, and as it did God gave him an idea.

After being released from prison, Stone said he hit the ground running and went straight to church. He wanted to work with young people and keep them out of gangs, but he had no idea of how to proceed. He started by going into group homes and schools, talking to children at risk. He went to the

park and anywhere else that young people hung out so that he could point them in a different direction.

Over time, Stone said, his influence grew. Someone noticed the effort and paid for him to go to California State University, Los Angeles to become a state-certified gang intervention specialist. He developed a 12-week program to help him cultivate an ongoing presence inside of schools and started building partnerships throughout the county.

In 2001 Stone started Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy.

"It's been a long, blurry 12-years with ups and downs and turn-arounds and comebacks," said Stone, the nonprofit's CEO and president. "God has me on this crazy roller coaster."

It's a 24/7 job for Stone and his

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Elite force

Former Navy Seal-turned evangelist shares his vivid testimony

By Lori Arnold

HUNTINGTON BEACH — Chad Williams was seething with rage. For months, with the guidance of his friend and mentor U.S. Navy Seal Scott Helvenston, Williams was about to channel his reckless lifestyle—binge drinking, racing cars, trolling strip clubs—into a disciplined life of one of the most elite combat groups in the world.

Just days before he was set to deploy, however, Williams was standing in front of the TV in revulsion as he watched images of Helvenston and his mutilated body being displayed in the streets of Fallujah, Iraq. The former Navy Seal and

three others were doing contract work in Iraq when they were ambushed, tortured and set ablaze. Their killers proudly dragged their bodies through the streets and eventually hung two of the bodies from a nearby bridge. Williams admitted that he felt as though "evil was being injected into me."

"All I want to do is go kill," Williams wrote in his book "Seal of God," which was released last year. "I want to kill everybody who hurt my friend. That is my goal in life."

"I had no fear; just pure rage. The two years of training to get to Iraq would be way too long. I was ready to go now. I wanted to know how I could find the names of the

people involved in the ambush, how I could track them down. I wanted to go after them one by one until every one of them had suffered for his acts."

Williams directed his anger, grief and heart of revenge toward that goal, propelling him through the grueling Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL training at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado. The disciplined Williams graduated with a dozen of his peers, a steely remnant of the 173 people in his original class.

Nearly three years after the death of Helvenston, Williams was himself ambushed. This time, though evil gave way to the anointed words of evangelist Greg Laurie.



A message by evangelist Greg Laurie changed the life of Chad Williams, who accepted Christ as his Savior after hearing Laurie discuss the military exploits of the Old Testament's Naaman.

"He began to share a story from the Old Testament about a soldier by the name of Naaman," the Huntington Beach resident said. "Naaman was successful in battle, he had an entourage of men that respected him and even the king enjoyed Naaman's presence. Naaman sounded like a Navy SEAL of his own time, a real man of valor."

He continued to listen as Laurie described Naaman's struggle with leprosy and how a man of God named Elisha refused to meet him face to face but was still able to heal the leprosy.

"Instead Elisha's servant is told to tell Naaman to dip himself into the Jordan

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THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM: “CHRISTIANIZING THE WORLD?”

A lecture by Prof. David J. Engelsma

Emeritus Professor of the Theological School of The Protestant Reformed Churches

The subject of the lecture, “The Coming of the Kingdom: ‘Christianizing the World?’” is of vital importance to all professing Christians. It is the subject of the relation of the Christian to the world of the ungodly in which he lives, works, plays, and exercises earthly citizenship, as also of the way in which he lives distinctively as a Christian in all the spheres of earthly life—marriage, labor, education, and the rest. The subject of the speech is also the calling of the Christian from the Lord Jesus Christ with regard to the “culture” of the society in which she finds herself.

In an age when many professing Christians are in danger of being swallowed up by worldly culture, or ways of life, a speech that applies the Bible to the relation of the Christian and culture is timely.

The lecture is of special interest and importance in our day as widely and for years, many believers have been taught that God calls them to “Christianize” their society and then the world by means of a common grace of God. Such “Christianizing” has not happened, is not happening, and according to the teaching of Scripture must not be expected to happen.

In addition, the effects upon the churches, schools and people committed to this project have been disastrous.

The question arises: If not the “Christianizing” of the world, what is the kingdom-calling of the believer? Is he to flee the world? Or, is there a positive kingdom-calling given with, and empowered by, salvation by the particular, saving grace of God in Jesus Christ?

This question, the lecture will answer.



David J. Engelsma is emeritus professor of the Theological School of the Protestant Reformed Churches. Before his days as professor he served as pastor for 25 years in two Protestant Reformed Churches. He is the author of several books that have been widely sold, some of which will be available at the time of the lecture.

All visitors will be given three free books, entitled *Christ's Spiritual Kingdom: A Defense of Reformed Amillennialism*, *Federal Vision: Heresy at the Root*, and *The Reformed Worldview: The Word of God for our Generation*, by Professors David J. Engelsma and Herman Hanko. Visitors will also receive two free DVDs featuring Rev. Angus Stewart in debates on the topics Calvinism vs. Arminianism and *Have the Charismatic Gifts Ceased?*

Other books will be sold at 30% below cost, and all pamphlets will be free. Visitors will also be able to sign up for *The Reformed Witness*, a free monthly mailer detailing the Reformed Faith. After the lecture there will be a Q&A session, followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship.

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Unstoppable faith

Kirk Cameron's new film explores personal journey in the midst of tragedy

By Lori Arnold

HOLLYWOOD — Far from the glamour and glitz of the Hollywood stages that defined Kirk Cameron's career from teen TV heartthrob into adult actor and movie producer, the former atheist stood in a South Dakota cemetery where a wholesome breeze tickled prairie grass as a handful of grief-stricken teens lowered their pal's casket into the rich soil that sustained centuries of farmers and ranchers.

Like the others, Cameron had come to say goodbye to his 15-year-old friend, Matthew Sandgren, who, after battling cancer for two-thirds of his young life, had finally been healed by way of heaven.

"That was really, really hard for his family and for our family because Matthew really loved God, his family loves God and we love God, and we prayed and were just pleading with God to do a miracle and heal Matthew of his cancer," Cameron said in a phone interview.

Now an evangelist who uses his CAMfam Studios as a platform to expand the Kingdom, Cameron admits Matthew's death stung.

"It left me asking the question that millions of people ask: Where is God in the midst of my tragedy and suffering," the actor said. "Why does God let bad things happen to good people? That is the question that has wrecked people's faiths. It's turned Christians into atheists. It shatters people's hopes if they cannot answer that question."

Even as he pondered those questions, Cameron decided to do what he knew best by capturing his journey on film. The result is "Unstoppable," which will be shown Sept. 24 in about 700 theaters across the country through a one-day simulcast from Liberty University.

Cameron said the film project defies the traditional categorizing of a feature film or documentary.

"It really doesn't fit neatly into either one," the former star of the 1980s TV series "Growing Pains." "I almost describe it as a visual diary, you write personal questions and things in your diary that's only for you to read."

"This is me going on a very personal, transparent journey to discover the character and nature of God; of how a God of love could allow tragedy and suffering with people that He loves and He has the power to heal."

The journey begins in Bison, S.D., where Matthew lived with his parents, James and Marci, and his older sister Kylee. The teen loved the Lord, the Green Bay Packers and sports, serving as student manager for his high school football team and was a member of the campus golf team.

"I go to my friend's funeral and burial and watch his football team lower his casket into the ground," Cameron said, adding that in the film he also recreates the creation of Adam and Eve, and Cain and Abel, and Noah and the flood, tying it all to a God of grace and mercy.

Through the journey of grief and making the film, Cameron said his faith was strengthened in immeasurable ways by developing a heart of compassion.

"There's no trials that are more

IF YOU GO

What: "Unstoppable," a new movie by actor and evangelist Kirk Cameron, will have a one-night showing at an estimated 700 theaters. "It [will be] an exciting way for people to watch simultaneously," Cameron said. "This is like a concert. We are coming to town. We're here for one night. If you want to come, we've got room, but you've got to get your tickets."

When: Sept. 24

Where: Simulcast from Liberty University and shown in theaters nationwide. Local screenings: Aliso Viejo 20, Aliso Viejo; Downtown Disney 12, Anaheim; Huntington Beach 20, Huntington Beach; Orange 30, Orange; Orange Stadium Promenade 25, Orange and Tustin Legacy 14, Tustin; Irvine Spectrum 20, Irvine

Tickets: unstoppablethemovie.com

painful than the trials of a mom and a dad who watch their children suffer," he said. "As a father of six kids, I learned that tragedy and trials—while painful at the moment—really produce things inside of you and your heart that nothing else can. I think that's why the Bible says that we should consider it pure joy when we go through trials of all different kinds."

"What I've learned is that God is a God of purpose, He's a God of love, He's a God of power, and we can trust Him in his judgments and in His wisdom because He is good."

Understanding joy

Cameron admits that the concept of joy in suffering is a difficult one for most people to grasp, Christians included.

"Joy looks like a fully alive faith," Cameron said. "When you are able to see the face of God through the eyes of faith, that produces joy. When you are able to see that God is in control and that He is lovingly steering all of your circumstances to result in your good—and you have to see that by faith—that produces joy. I think that that joy looks like the settled, confident faith that you are in the hands of an all-powerful, all-loving God."

Too many times, he said, people get hung up in always needing to know the answer to why.

"You can look through all of history and you can see that some of the most tragic things that have happened, and at the top of the list would be the crucifixion of the most innocent man in the world, Jesus Christ, that resulted in the greatest thing that's ever happened for you and me, it purchased our salvation and the forgiveness of our sin," said the actor who also starred in the "Left Behind" film series and the popular marriage movie "Fireproof."

Targeting youth

Cameron said he decided to team up with Liberty University because of its four decade commitment to training young people to impact the world by educating ministry leaders, teachers, lawyers, business people, missionaries and, now—through its Center for Cinematic Arts—entertainers.

"That's one of my passions as well, so it's a perfect fit," he said. "If the world is going to be a bet-



Students from Liberty University converse with actor Kirk Cameron while shooting footage for his new movie "Unstoppable." Many of the scenes were shot at Liberty University. Cameron said he partnered with the university because of its commitment to train its students in a biblical worldview.

ter place it is going to depend on the young people in this world having the right view of God, of one another and have a plan on how to right the things that are wrong and fix the things that are broken in this world. I try to make movies that help people do that."

In fixing what's broken, Cameron said the best place to start is with parenting, which he laments as a lost art in today's society. Too many parents, he believes, have placed their personal interests ahead of raising their children.

"They've abandoned their kids to be raised by counselors or coaches or churches or schools or friends or gangs or Facebook or the Internet, and we wonder why things seem to be spiraling into the toilet," he said. "The answer, in my opinion, is to go back to God's A plan. Children obey your parents. Parents train your children in the way they should go, invest your life into that like the world's future depends on it—because it does."

Speaking to culture

Making movies that speak to biblical truth is not always popular or safe, as Cameron has experienced. Earlier this year, both Facebook and YouTube blocked viewer access to the "Unstoppable" movie trailer, labeling it "unsafe" and "abusive." Access was restored a few days later after nearly half a million fans protested the move. Cameron has also faced personal attacks in recent years for his moral stands, including his opposition to gay marriage.

"It's worth it," he said about standing firm on his beliefs. "The goal is too important. That would be like asking Jesus if you know they are going to kill you why are you walking around healing people and telling them you are the Messiah?"

"For you and me as Christians, we have come into this world to serve the King and to advance the Kingdom, and Jesus said all those who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. So it should not be a surprise when the world hates us, they hated Christ first. We shouldn't go around being jerks and being obnoxious, but when we speak the truth and we speak it in love, they'll still hate us because they love their sin and their darkness and they don't want anyone telling them what to do. They just want to tell us what to do and what not to do. That's to be expected in a world that is hostile toward the things of God."

He admits there are times when feelings can get hurt or the ego is

bruised by the comments.

"I think that we need to get some steel in our backbone and stop be-

ing afraid of those who make fun of us or try to shut us down and actually get in the game."

Prayercast Live now seeking host churches

RIVERSIDE — Area churches are invited to host the national Prayercast Live, a national simulcast on prayer set for Oct. 18 to 19.

The event will be broadcast from the Every Home For Christ headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. In addition to church host sites, individuals will also be able to attend the event in Colorado or watch at home.

The free event will feature some of the most prominent Christian leaders in America, including Joni Eareckson Tada, Chief Executive Officer of Joni and Friends International Disability Center; Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, author of more than 60 books including international best-seller "The Prayer of Jabez"; Shirley Dobson, chair of the National Day of Prayer Task Force and author of nine books; Nathan Zacharias, son of Dr. Ravi Zacharias and senior writer and producer for RZIM ministries; John Bornschein, vice chairman of the National Day of Prayer

Task Force and senior pastor of Calvary Fellowship Fountain Valley; and David Butts, chairman of the National Prayer Committee and president and founder of Harvest Prayer Ministries.

Also participating will be Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside and Harvest Crusades; Beth Moore, founder of Living Proof Ministries; Franklin Graham, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and the Samaritan's Purse relief organization; Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church and founder of Turning Point; Max Lucado, author and minister of preaching at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio; and Ravi Zacharias, author and Christian apologist.

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COMMENTARY

The enduring legacy of Anne Frank

AMSTERDAM — On the day I visit the Anne Frank House, which is actually the family's hiding place atop Anne's father's business, the wait to get in is as long as three hours. Such is the attraction of this historic site, 53 years after it was opened to the public.



Cal Thomas

Anne and her family were among an estimated 107,000 Jews deported to concentration camps from The Netherlands during the German occupation in World War II.

Anne's diary has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide and is available in 75 languages. It is not only a testament to the indomitable spirit of a young girl, but a vision of hope in the midst of perhaps the greatest inhumanity in world

history.

While I have visited several museums and memorials to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, my first visit to Anne's hiding place was quite different. Her story and that of her family and some friends who eluded the Nazis for two years before they were be-

trayed by an unknown person, is a living narrative that must be retold to this and future generations.

The timing of my visit coincides with the resumption of "peace talks" between Israel and the Palestinians. Some Palestinian leaders have made statements about Israel in general and Jews in particular that track with Nazi beliefs and propaganda. It is a sober reminder that history can repeat itself.

Anne Frank's life was a candle in the midst of great darkness.

Anne's appreciation of her culture finds full expression in this diary entry dated April 11, 1944: "God has never deserted our people. Through the ages Jews have had to suffer, but through the ages they have gone on living, and the centuries of suffering have only made them stronger. The weak shall fall and the strong shall survive and not be defeated!"

In the midst of this declaration of strength, there was also her understandable fear of being discovered. As Anne wrote, also on April 11 after hearing footsteps and noises outside the wall that separated her family from the rest of the building:

"That night I really thought I was going to die. I waited for the police and I was ready for death, like a soldier on the battlefield. I'd gladly have given my life for my country. But now that I've been spared, my first wish after the war is to become a Dutch citizen. I love the Dutch. I love this country. I love the language and I want to work here..."

Ultimately she was not spared, but the literary classic she created in the midst of suffering, indeed because of it, has survived.

Anne and her sister, Margot, died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945, just weeks before liberating British

troops arrived. Their bodies were probably dumped in a mass grave.

In a diary entry dated April 4, 1944, Anne wrote, "I want to go on living even after my death." And so she has. Her desire was to be a writer and she succeeded in her short life more than many writers who live a normal lifespan.

Her modest living conditions after the family was forced to move out of their home, is a monument to the power of individual courage and the triumph of good over evil. In her diary, as in her life, Anne Frank is a heroine, a role model, a martyr and a reminder of the power and influence one individual can have.

Anne Frank's life was a candle in the midst of great darkness. Her flame should burn forever.

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Millennials and mainlines: When 'relevant' Christianity is irrelevant

If we want Christianity to stay relevant with young people, they say, we've got to rewrite the way we do church, including our songs.

Recently, the Presbyterian Church (USA) dropped the hugely popular hymn, "In Christ Alone," from its hymnal after its authors, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, refused to omit a reference to Jesus satisfying the wrath of God.

In a powerful response over at First Things, Colson Center chairman Timothy George quotes Richard Niebuhr who, back in the 1930s, described this kind of revisionist Protestantism as a religion in which "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross."

The response from the PCUSA, that their problem was not with God's wrath but with the idea that Christ's death satisfied God's wrath, doesn't change the fundamental problem of what George calls "squishy" theology. Theology is supposed to be true, not palatable.

Along these lines, maybe you've seen the recent viral opinion piece on CNN by my friend, Christian

Ditching the Church's unpalatable 'old-fashioned' beliefs to become more 'relevant' to the young won't bring them back.

blogger and author Rachel Held Evans. In it, Evans offers her answers to the truly important question, "why are millennials leaving the Church?"

To counter the exodus of young people from American churches, Evans says it's time to own up to our shortcomings and give millennials what they really want—not a change in style but a change in substance. The answer to attracting millennials, she writes, is NOT "hipper worship bands" or handing out "lattés," but actually helping them find Jesus.

Amen. I couldn't agree more.

Then she goes on, "[the Church is] too political, old-fashioned, unconcerned with social justice and

fact, it's the reason Niebuhr said that brilliant line that I quoted earlier.

He watched as the redefining "Jesus Project" gave us mainline Protestantism, which promotes virtually everything on Evans' list for millennials. The acceptance of homosexuality, a passion for the environment, prioritizing so-called "social justice" over transformational truth are all embodied in denominations like the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

But religious millennials aren't flocking to mainline Protestant congregations. Mainline churches as a whole have suffered withering declines in the last few decades—especially among the young. What gives?

Well, in another essay which appeared in First Things over twenty years ago, a trio of Christian researchers offered their theory on what's behind the long, slow hem-



John Stonestreet

orrhage of mainline Protestant churches:

"In our study," they wrote, "the single best predictor of church participation turned out to be belief—orthodox Christian belief, and especially the teaching that a person can be saved only through Jesus Christ."

This, said the researchers, was not (and I add, is still not) a teaching of mainline Protestantism. As a dwindling denomination rejects a hymn which proclaims salvation "in Christ alone," this research sounds prophetic.

Evans is right that evangelical Christianity is responsible in many ways for the exodus of millennials. But ditching the Church's unpalatable "old-fashioned" beliefs to become more "relevant" to the young won't bring them back.

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Back to school: Preparing our children for the battles ahead

As millions of our nation's most precious resources—our children—return to public schools this fall, inquiring minds may want to know: What worldview is being taught to our children? A worldview is critically important because it is the overall perspective or lens from which one sees and interprets the world. And as history teaches us, ideas and beliefs impact decisions and have profound consequences.

You can be confident that most public schools are neither promoting nor supporting the Judeo-Christian biblical worldview. What then do we find in its place? There is a virtual smorgasbord of neopagan philosophies including, but not limited to, secular-humanism, scientific materialism, ethical relativism, radical sexual "liberty" and universalism, Hinduism (yoga), all of which directly or indirectly undermine and attack the Christian worldview.

One need not look any further than California for examples. Gov. Jerry Brown just signed an outrageous law permitting public school

students to self-identify their "gender" and choose which bathrooms or locker rooms to use or sports teams on which to participate, regardless of actual gender at birth. A California public school district brazenly pushes yoga, in spite of its pervasively religious content. The list is indeed long, but space does not permit us to recount the myriad of deceptive philosophies here.

Christian parents must not underestimate the raw force of propaganda and indoctrination—which is quite simply the repetition of lies, often with emotional delivery. The growing negative pressure on our kids in society at large and in the public schools is intoxicatingly powerful. Are our offspring well equipped to withstand these mounting dark attacks on their worldview? The sad answer is "no."

Nearly three out of every five young Christians (59 percent) disconnect either permanently or for an extended period of time from church life after age 15, according to the Barna Group's research. Many are leaving the faith, and

many, if not most, of those departing are not coming back. Why?

The research data shows that one pattern has emerged loud and clear: Young adults rarely possess a biblical worldview. The current study found that less than .5 percent of adults

in the Mosaic generation—i.e., those aged 18 to 23—have a biblical worldview. Even merely 3 percent of young evangelicals of late teen and college ages have a biblical worldview, according to George Barna's research. Perhaps this is because only 19 percent of evangelical Christian adults (9 percent of the overall population) have acquired a biblical worldview. And this is very likely the case because less than 50 percent of evangelical pastors possess a biblical worldview themselves. Perhaps this is a result of our recent obsession with evangelism while shunning discipleship—what Diet-



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rich Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace" vs. "costly grace." Simply put: Christian leadership, or lack thereof, really matters!

Hard truth

As John Adams said, "Facts are stubborn things!" The hard truth here is that we cannot transmit to the next generation what we do not ourselves possess. And we cannot possess a biblical worldview without seeking to acquire it in the first instance, especially if many of our evangelical leaders do not themselves possess, and have therefore not transmitted, a comprehensive Christian biblical worldview to us.

Time is not on our side. By the time a child reaches the age of 13, that individual's worldview is largely shaped and is firmly in place according to Barna's research. Post WWII Europe only took just over one generation to become "post-Christian." We are now well on our

way to achieving the same result at a similarly rapid pace in America.

What should we do? I submit that the most urgent matter facing the church today is not evangelism; it is discipleship—the successful transmission of objective Truth to the next generation. We are at a crossroads: America as we knew it may end with us if we are not focused and intentional. Lies destroy. Truth transforms.

Committed parenting

So what is a Christian parent to do? Well first, whether your child is publicly educated or attends a private school, make sure that you are intimately aware of what your children are being taught—especially those things that contradict biblical principles and undermine your parental authority in your children's lives. Second, make sure that you have a well-developed Christian worldview and are intentionally training your children in the same. We cannot afford to "subcontract" out this responsibility to others.

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Bathroom bill now law; new resource offered to parents

By Lori Arnold

SACRAMENTO — A new California law allowing transgender students to select their sports team, restroom and locker room based on their perceived gender violates the privacy of children and should be challenged, one religious freedom expert says.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1266 into law on Aug. 12 after heavy lobbying by the state's homosexual community.

"All students should have the opportunity to fully participate and succeed in school," Evan Westrup, a spokesman for the governor, told the *Los Angeles Times*.

Brad Dacus, president and founder of the Pacific Justice Institute, maintains the law violates the privacy rights of all but a small fraction of students. As a result, his organization is seeking parental plaintiffs to challenge the law.

"The school bathroom bill, which attempts to force students to undress and share intimate spaces

with members of the opposite biological sex, cannot and does not override constitutional privacy rights," Dacus said. "The start of the school year is a good time for parents to remind school officials that their children have not relinquished those pre-existing privacy rights in this or other highly personal areas."

Within days of the governor's signature, a group filed a referendum seeking a public vote to overturn the measure.

Resources available

In the meantime, in an effort to help parents shield their children from such exposure, institute officials have prepared a "Notice of Reasonable Expectation of Privacy." The form, provided free on its website, allows parents to assert privacy rights on behalf of their children. Once the form is filled in, the attorneys recommend that copies be provided to the child's teachers, principal and district officials. A separate notice is available for

parents living outside of California.

Among the topics the form covers are students' privacy interests in bathroom and locker rooms, strip searches, personal beliefs, disclosure of grades, and biometric data concerns, which have been raised by critics of the newly implemented Common Core educational standards. The form cites federal and state statutes relating to constitutional privacy rights.

"The school bathroom bill is on a collision course with the Constitution," said Matthew McReynolds, a staff attorney for PJI and one of the drafters of the notice. "We urge parents to contact us immediately when they become aware that a self-proclaimed transgender student is violating their child's privacy rights."

In addition to the privacy form, Pacific Justice Institute is also recommending that parents play an active role in their child's education by developing a rapport with the teacher and staff and becoming involved in the classroom. It is

appropriate, he said, to kindly let educators know ahead of time your commitment to religious freedom and free speech.

"Although both federal and state law strongly protect students' rights in these areas, it won't hurt to let the teacher know that religious freedom is important to you, and you will be attentive to how your child is treated in this area."

Other issues

Parents should also ask questions about how the school plans to handle major holidays and world religion in the classroom.

"In the last few years, we've heard from parents whose children were taken to a Buddhist temple on a field trip, were given a project to construct an altar to their ancestors for Day of the Dead, and were assigned to memorize verses out of the Qur'an," Dacus said in an email blast to his supporters. "Avoid being blindsided by asking this question ahead of time."

Finally, parents need to be in-

formed on how their campus handles sex education and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues at school since state law now mandates such activities as LGBT History Month in October; the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's TransAction Day in March; Day of Silence in April; and Harvey Milk Day in May.

"Because these events are observed differently in each school district—and often, in each individual classroom—parents need to ask tough and perhaps uncomfortable questions," Dacus said.

"Beyond the classroom, make sure you know what is being presented in school-wide assemblies, whether contraceptives might be given to your teenagers at school and whether the school would whisk away your daughter to an abortion clinic without telling you."

For more information, visit www.pji.org and www.genderinsanity.com.

California Supreme Court dismisses Prop. 8 case

By Lori Arnold

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court has refused to hear a petition by proponents of Proposition 8, asking the Court to uphold the state's voter-approved definition of marriage as only between a man and a woman.

Officials with Protect Marriage filed the petition after the U.S. Supreme Court in June vacated an appeals court decision that declared Proposition 8 illegal. Within days of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Gov. Jerry Brown ordered all county clerks in the state to begin issuing marriage licenses for same sex-couples.

Attorneys representing the Proposition 8 team argued, however, that the federal ruling only applied to the two plaintiffs in the case. The cited state law that says voter-approved initiatives can only be overturned by an appellate court, and since the nation's highest court struck down the appellate decision, Proposition 8 still remains on the books.

"The state court's refusal to consider the inherent harm done to the rule of law by the U.S. Supreme Court that did not grant standing to Prop 8's proponents in order to defend the merits of California citizens' right to self-governance again leaves voters powerless," said Ron Prentice, chief executive officer for Protect Marriage.

Andy Pugno, general counsel for the Proposition 8 Legal Defense Fund, said the state's decision has haunting repercussions. "The California Supreme

Court's choice not to address the merits of our case, like the U.S. Supreme Court's choice to avoid the merits, leaves grave doubts about the future of the initiative process in our state," Pugno said. "Now voters will be less confident than ever that their votes will mean something. When politicians disregard the law and the courts refuse to get involved, what are we left with?"

Austin Nimocks, senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom, which has assisted in the legal defense of Proposition 8, said the lack of action leaves voters in a quandary over unresolved questions.

"Regrettably, an executive branch that has turned a blind eye to the enforcement of its state's constitution has silenced more than seven million Californians who clearly expressed their views about marriage," the ADF attorney said. "The court's decision today, however, does not end the debate about marriage in California."

Prentice said it's now up to those whose voice has been silenced to work to remove politicians who place personal agendas ahead of the law.

"This decision marks an extreme period of lawlessness that can only be countered by a response from voters, to take from office those whose ideological agendas deny the existence of moral absolutes and who aggressively seek to destroy the liberties of conscience and religious faith," he said.

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Third, pray for wisdom about how you can strengthen and fortify your children for the growing persecution we face. Fourth, begin your training early: Start as early as 6 to 8 years old.

In this cosmic struggle for Truth we do not lose heart; we do not abandon hope. An important part of the Christian worldview is the sure reality that, no matter how

dark it gets and how hard it becomes, Jesus wins in the end, and we win with Him! In today's desert of deception our children are desperately thirsty for and needing the Truth. Let us make sure we give it to them and, in so doing, give them the priceless gift of a confident knowledge of and hope in our sovereign and victorious God.

Broyles is the president of the Escondido-based National Center for Law and Policy. For more information, visit www.nciplaw.org.

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wife, Karla, who is the employment development director. They are constantly trying to figure out how to do more.

Their award-winning nonprofit already reaches throughout the county to enrich “the lives of young people through life-building activities and instruction in the areas of education, employment, health, mentoring and community service,” Stone said.

The academy has provided services and resources to more than 10,000 youth by developing academic, leadership and life skills. They also work on teen violence and pregnancy prevention among other programs. Plus they supply outstanding youth entertainment.

Recently the ministry distributed backpacks with school supplies to inner-city kids. Encouraging outreach and youth ministry, they go where the kids are.

“Like Jesus did,” Stone said. “He was walking through the streets, pointing to people in the trees, constantly in the community. When we do things it’s based on that.”

Job training

Young Visionaries also engages the community through operating a print center. While learning job skills, the at-risk youth also interact with people who aren’t like them. According to Stone many of these young people aren’t exposed to different perspectives.

For one high school student, the employment development took on a different dimension by engaging her entrepreneurial spirit and empowering it to thrive. With both parents on drugs and in-and-out



A young woman learns valuable people skills while assisting customers at the Print Center. Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy uses a multifaceted approach to prepare young people for life.

of prison, she was eager to learn and be employable. The employee development program taught her money management skills and gave her a box of candy to sell. With the money she made she bought another box and another, eventually developing her own business.

The academy rewarded these efforts with a \$2,500 scholarship. Though her mom passed away on Mother’s Day, this young lady’s been empowered to pursue her dreams.

Empowered by Christ

Karen Bell, chief deputy District Attorney with the Juvenile Division, said San Bernardino County has noticed the difference the ministry makes.

“We see the problems these children face and the behaviors they engage in every day, and the efforts of Young Visionaries to teach

character, leadership, the value of education and ethics are critical to changing lives,” Bell said.

Stone uses his personal Facebook page to speak out about the One who transformed his life. A recent post urged the young adults he mentors to pursue holiness and live as set apart for God’s purposes. He cautioned that believers need to be more mindful about the way we live.

“Not that we have to be so careful that we live in fear, but careful in a godly way, not a legalistic way,” he wrote. “Because if we’re not careful about who our friends are, what television programs and movies we watch, what kind of books we read, what kind of music we listen to, how we spend our money and what we do with our time, we could end up living wasted lives.”

To help at-risk students become purposeful in developing strong



During a conference, young women from the Young Visionaries Homeless Youth Shelter receive make-overs, which not only impacts their outer appearance but also the way they feel cared for and valued.

values, Stone encourages them to think outside the box. At the academy’s music studio, located in a Moreno Valley charter school, Stone said “we challenge their imagination. We give them a subject like abstinence that gets them thinking on a broader level.” For example student research on animal cruelty made them consider how fighting affects dogs.

Offering shelter

To accommodate children living on the streets, Young Visionaries operates a homeless shelter. Young people can stop by anytime to wash their clothes, get a meal or, like one 17-year-old, they can stay. Stone said the young man’s “mother had 10 kids by seven different men.” One day he came home to an emp-

ty house. She’d moved and left him behind.

“Someone called us, and we went and picked him up. He stayed here until he graduated high school,” he said.

The staff and volunteers embraced him and didn’t let his circumstances keep him from doing the things kids want to do. Somebody even donated a tuxedo for prom night. Now he’s working in fast food and trying to get into college.

With so many programs, there’s always a critical need for money, Stone said. Sometimes grants materialize, but when they don’t, it’s devastating.

For more information, see www.yvya-ie.org.



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River seven times and his leprosy would be cleared," the former Seal said. "Naaman is furious, he feels disrespected and he is about to just leave when one of his men breaks through to him and convinced Naaman to just do as the prophet said. What was really required of Naaman was some humility, to strip away his pride as he walks out into the water in an act of faith and trust that God would come through."

Naaman follows the counsel of Elisha and his leprosy is clear, his skin restored to that of a baby.

"That night I then learned that just as Naaman had his leprosy each of us have something rotting away at us, and it is called our sin," Williams said. "And just as Naaman needed to humble himself in an act of faith and trust, I was to humble myself before God, renounce all of the sin in my life and put my faith and trust not in some water but in the person Jesus of Nazareth, who traded skin with me at the cross by taking my sin upon himself it was like he took the leprosy away. He died and He rose again defeating the power of sin and death."

Williams' conversion radically shifted his focus from avenger to protector.

"I wanted revenge, I wanted to even the score," the author said of his pre-salvation mindset. "After becoming a believer I quickly realized it is not about that."

"I did still see a just cause for war. It is important that the strong stand up for the weak. Chapter 13 in the book of Romans talks about how the governing authorities do not bear the sword in vain."

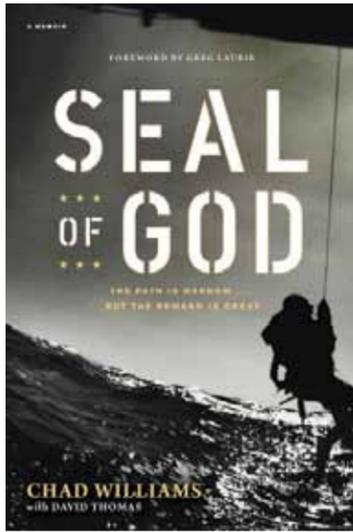
Re-imagined in the likeness of Christ, Williams used the remaining years in active duty until his 2010 retirement learning the Word and sharing his faith with his colleagues.

"There were opportunities to share the gospel with guys I never would have had a chance to share with had I not been in the right place at the right time," he said. "When you become a Christian you find out who your real friends are. I had a handful of them. There were some clashes, too."

"Jesus said, 'The light has come into the world, but men love darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil, for everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light lest their deeds should be exposed.' We are called to be 'the light of the world' and sometimes when that light shines men glorify God. Other times that light shines and people living in darkness hate that light. It's kind of like that old saying, 'the same sun that melts the wax hardens the clay.'"

The discipline he learned through Seal school proved beneficial for Williams as he pursued the high calling of Jesus.

"As Christians we are called to be disciples of Christ," he said. "That word, 'disciple' means to have discipline."



Former Navy Seal Chad Williams will discuss his book, "Seal of God," Sept. 13 at Calvary Community Church of Brea.

The difference in the Christian's life is that we don't have to manufacture our discipline in a solo effort, but we have a joint operation where we are working out our salvation that God had worked in us.

"You need to have the discipline to get up in the morning and read the Word and/or pray. It is plugging into the Word that renews your mind and purifies you for further good works. It

is a virtuous circle."

Upon his return to private life, Williams decided to focus on evangelism and penned his book, "Seal of God," as an outreach tool. His full-time ministry work includes teaching high-schoolers at his church.

"I wanted to share the message that freedom isn't free on a couple of different fronts," he said. "It is paid for in the blood of men on the battlefield and paid for in the blood of Christ at the cross."

"I realized that the Lord would use who I was as a foundation, a platform to herald the gospel," he said. "I believe that along with the divine appointments, the reason the Lord allowed me to become a SEAL was for the purposes that are being filled today."

Williams will discuss his book and his spiritual journey from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 13 at Calvary Community Church of Brea.

The church is located at 603 S. Valencia Ave.

For more information on booking Williams or getting a signed copy of his book, visit www.soldierofchrist.org.



Former Navy Seal Chad Williams, right, is prepped for action with a teammate. Williams accepted Christ while serving on active duty and now uses his military experience as an evangelism tool.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Origins explored at Creation conference

SANTA ANA — Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa will host the “Your Origins Matter Family Conference” from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21. The event will be held at the church’s school.

The event is sponsored by the Institute for Creation Research and will feature Dr. Henry M. Morris III, the chief executive officer, who specializes in the Bible, apologetics and worldview; Dr. Randy Guliuzza, national representative, an expert in human body, apologetics and worldview; Dr. Jason Lisle, director of research, whose study topics are physics, astronomy, astrophysics and apologetics; Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson, deputy director for life sciences, whose topics are biology and stem cells; Dr. Timothy L. Clarey, a research associate, whose specialty is geology and dinosaurs; Jeffrey N. Williams (Colonel, USA, Ret.), a NASA astronaut, who was the flight engineer and lead space walker for the 2000 Atlantis mission and who served on the International Space Station; and Chuck Smith, senior pastor of the Santa Ana megachurch.

The event is free, but advance registration is required.

The church is located at 3800 South Fairview St.

For more information, call (714) 979-4422.

Local writer releases apologetics book

YORBA LINDA — Local motivational speaker and author Pamela Christian will release “Examine Your Faith! Finding Truth in a

World of Lies,” the first in a trilogy of apologetics books on Sept. 15.

“Unless you examine what you believe and why you believe it, you could be deceived and not know it,” Christian’s promotional material said. “Examine Your Faith!” explores truth and religious beliefs so you can possess a confident faith that empowers you with victory over any of life’s adversities.”

In an effort to generate publicity for the book, endorsed by Josh McDowell and Craig Hazen, Christian is sponsoring an online promotional campaign that includes a cash prize of up to \$250.

Christian has been speaking and teaching on matters of faith for over 20 years, has served as host in both radio and television and has been guest on numerous programs. She holds a certificate in apologetics from Biola and is passionate about helping people know what they believe and why they believe it, wanting them to have a confident faith that won’t fail them when they need it the most.

For more information, visit pamelachristianministries.com and click on the “Examine Your Faith” photo on the right side of the page.

New Wine to mark 20th anniversary

FULLERTON — New Wine Church will hold its 20th anniversary celebration at 10 a.m. Sept. 22.

The event will include free food, games, bounce houses, dunk tank and water slide. There will also be free music.

The church was founded in September 1993 by a group of people meeting at a church in Anaheim.

Eventually the church acquired the former Brookhurst Baptist Church. Its ministry reaches out to prisoners, the elderly, skaters, motorcyclists and married couples.

The church is located at 1425 S Brookhurst Road.

For more information, visit newwinechurchweb.com or call (714) 526-0665.

CWA plans Rally for Righteousness Seminar

LAKE FOREST — The California chapter of Concerned Women for America will host a Rally for Righteousness Seminar from 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 12 at Foothill Family Church.

The event is designed to educate the public on how to take action on biblical principles and practically apply them to all levels of public policy. Ralph Drollinger of Capital Ministries will be the guest speaker.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by sending an email to cwaca@gmail.com.

For more information, call (559) 789-6287.

Women’s community Bible study starts

IRVINE — Community Bible Study will host its Orange Coast Evening Women’s Bible Study at 7 p.m. Thursday nights beginning Sept. 14 at Mariners Church.

Community Bible Study is a national program that began in 1975 and connects thousands of Christians across the country to local classes, which run through the typical school year. Topics vary by location.

The church is located at 5001

Newport Coast Drive.

For more information, visit www.cbsclass.org, click on the class listing page and search for Orange Coast.

Upper Room to host author Josh McDowell

MISSION VIEJO — Author, speaker and apologist Josh McDowell will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at The Upper Room coffee house.

Since 1961, McDowell has delivered more than 26,000 talks to over 25 million people in 125 countries. He is the author or co-author of 138 books, including “More Than a Carpenter” and “New Evidence That Demands a Verdict,” recognized by World Magazine as one of the top 40 books of the 20th century and selected as one of the top 13 books that have shaped evangelical thought.

Music for the event will be presented by the Upper Room Dudes.

The coffee house is located at 24851 Chrisanta Drive.

For more information, and to make reservations, visit www.theupperroompresents.com.

ASCEND women’s conference coming

LOS ANGELES — ASCEND, a new women’s conference, will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19 at Bel Air Presbyterian Church.

“The goal of the ASCEND Conference is to lift Jesus higher and inspire, enrich and educate the women of LA to grow in their faith and to do greater things for themselves, their families and for the Kingdom of God,” said Kathleen Cooke, co-director of the event and one of the scheduled speakers.

In addition to Cooke, guest speakers will include Nancy Alcorn, Jennifer Rothschild, Deborah Pegues, Brenda Epperson-Moore, and guest Hollywood panelists Mary Hudson and Kim Dorr-Tilly.

The theme for the inaugural conference is “Discover the Power of Fearless Joy.”

“Discover how you can break through anything that’s holding you back and with God’s help impact your family, your community and the world,” Cooke said.

The church is located at 16221 Mulholland Drive.

Registration is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door.

For more information, visit www.ascendconference.org.

Christian social workers hold seminar

SAN DIEGO — The organizing California Chapter of The North American Association of Christians in Social Work will host the group’s state conference from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21. The event is co-sponsored by Point Loma Nazarene University and will be held at Liberty Station Conference Center in the Point Loma district of San Diego.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Advocating Social Justice: For Such a Time as This,” based on Esther 4:14.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Andy Bales, CEO of Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles.

The registration fee varies from \$20 to \$75 depending on non-profit, member and student status. Exhibiting space is available.

For more information, visit www.pointloma.edu/NACSW.

Antelope Valley to rock with GraceFest

PALMDALE — GraceFest AV returns for its sixth year, this time adding a prayer rally to kick off the event. The rally is set for 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Palmdale Amphitheater.

The following day will feature the daylong music concert from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The free Friday night session will feature local pastors leading in times of specialized prayer. Since the emphasis is on pre-event prayer, none of the attractions will be open that evening.

Saturday’s main event presents this year’s headline performers: Jars of Clay, Kutless and Colton Dixon from American Idol’s season 11.

The Saturday music fest will also offer a prayer chapel, children’s activities and a vending area.

Tickets are \$10 to \$20 in advance or \$10 to \$25 at the gate. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted for free.

For more information, visit www.gracefestav.com.

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"Navigating Your Finances God's Way" 10-week Biblical study. Calvary Church of Santa Ana, 1010 N. Tustin Ave. • calvarylife.org/stewardship

SEP 6 • FRIDAY

Friday Fellowship Kick-off, 7:30pm. Praise Chapel, 1145 N. Ocean Circle, Anaheim • (714) 742-5613, praisechapelplacentia.com

SEP 7 • SATURDAY

Apologetics for youth and children, "The Deity of Christ," plus amazing feats from a body builder, 12:30-5:30pm, Hosanna Christian Fellowship, 16705 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower • 1-866-533-6659

The Center for Religious Debate Conference "Our Strong Tower," overcoming the fear and facing the Islamic challenge, 12:30-5:30pm. Hosanna Christian Fellowship, 16705 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower. Various costs • 1-866-533-6659

13th Anniversary Grace Bible Church, 5pm. 1842 Reynolds Ave., Irvine • gbweb.net

SEP 8 • SUNDAY

A Taste of Covenant Chili Cook-Off, 11:30am. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1855 Orange-Olive Rd., Orange • (714) 637-8833

Michael W. Smith, in concert. The Greek Theatre, 2700 N. Vermont, Los Angeles • michaelwsmith.com/tour.html

SEP 10 • TUESDAY

Adams Road Band (6 ex-Mormon missionaries) in concert, 7pm. Plaza Bible Church, 240 W. Chapman Ave., Orange • (714) 997-3498

SEP 11 • WEDNESDAY

AWANA (ages 4 yr-8th grade), 7-8:30pm. Brea Baptist Church, 217 E. Birch St., Brea • (714) 255-9877

SEP 12 • THURSDAY

Stoncroft Christian Women's Connection Luncheon. 11:30am, Holiday Inn, 7000 Beach Blvd., Buena Park • (714) 761-4012

Women's Bible Study "The Return to Jerusalem," 7pm (Sep-May). Mariner's Church, Development Bldg, Room 208, 5001 Newport Coast Dr., Irvine • (949) 723-6505

SEP 13 • FRIDAY

Navy Seal Chad Williams speaking, 7pm. Calvary Community Church, 603 S. Valencia Ave., Brea • calvarycomm.org

SEP 13-14 • FRI-SAT

Women of Faith "Believe God Can Do Anything" Tour with MercyMe, Jamie Grace, Rick Warren & more. Honda Center, 2695 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim • womenoffaith.com

SEP 14 • SATURDAY

Men's AM Breakfast, 8am. Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Annex, 1855 Orange-Olive Rd., Orange • (714) 998-6650

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31st Annual Greater Long Beach Leadership Prayer Breakfast, with John C. Reynolds. 7-9am, Hyatt, 200 S Pine Ave., Long Beach, \$40/person or \$400/table of 10. Hosted by Long Beach Rescue Mission • lbprayer.com, (562) 591-1292

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SEP 20-21 • FRI-SAT

GraceFest AV, premier music & message festival with Jars of Clay, Kutless & Colton Dixon in concert. Prayer rally Friday, 5-8pm & Main event Saturday 11am-9pm. Palmdale Amphitheater, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale • gracefestav.com

SEP 20-22 • FRI-SUN

Men's Retreat: Relax, Renew, Retreat. Ironwood Christian Camp, Newberry Springs. \$144 all inclusive. By Covenant Presbyterian Church Orange • (714) 598-5019, covp.org

SEP 21 • SATURDAY

"Your Origins Matter" family conference with Dr. Henry M. Morris III and others, 9am-4:30pm. Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, 3800 South Fairview Street. Free, registration required. By Institute for Creation Research. Free, registration required • (714) 979-4422, icr.org

Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship Int'l, 2pm. Mimi's Café, 1240 N. Euclid St., Anaheim. Free • (714) 943-7942

Xclaimed Concert in the Park, with Pastor Paul Karanick. 3:15pm, 10871 Western Ave., Stanton, free • (714) 803-9692

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, in concert, 6pm, First Christian Church, 1207 Main St., Huntington Beach. \$20-\$25 • itickets.com, 1-800-965-9324

Josh McDowell speaking, 7:30pm. The Upper Room, 24851 Chrisanta Drive, Mission Viejo • 1-888-679-8228, TheUpperRoomPresents.com

SEP 22 • SUNDAY

20th Anniversary Celebration with food, music, bounce house water slide & more, 10am. New Wine Church, 1425 S. Brookhurst Rd., Fullerton • (714) 526-0665, newwinechurchweb.com

Anne Graham Lotz presents "Wounded by God's People," a message and Q&A with Pastor Ray Bentley, 6pm. Maranatha Chapel, 10752 Coastwood Rd., San Diego. Free • (858) 613-7800, maranathachapel.org

Jars of Clay. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana. By Transparent Productions • transparentproductions.com

SEP 24 • TUESDAY

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SEP 25 • WEDNESDAY

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SEP 26-28 • THU-SAT

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Annual See You at the Pole set for Sept. 25

SAN DIEGO — Millions of students from across the country and abroad will gather Sept. 25 for the 23rd annual See You at the Pole event. Most events are planned for 7 a.m. This year's theme is "If we pray, seek, turn; then God hears, forgives, heals," based on 2 Chronicles 7:14.

The gatherings are part of the Global Week of Student Prayer, which runs from Sept. 22 to 28. Students in more than 20 countries now participate, including Canada, Korea, Japan, Turkey and the Ivory Coast.

See You at the pole was birthed by a small group of teenagers who came together for a DiscipleNow weekend in early 1990 in Burleson, Texas.

"On Saturday night their hearts were penetrated like never before, when they became broken before God and burdened for their friends," the ministry website said. "Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools and leaders. Those students had no idea how God would use their obedience."

Through their vision, more than 45,000 students met around the flagpoles in four different states for what was expected to be a one-time event. After sharing what had happened at a national convention several months later, the student-led movement was born. The following year, more than one million students participated in See You at the Pole.

"Some sang, some read Scripture, but most importantly, they prayed," the website said. "Like those first students, they prayed for their schools, for their friends, for their leaders and for their country."

As a result of the annual event, See You at the Pole has chronicled hundreds of testimonies of school-based Bible clubs, weekly prayer meetings and other ministries having sprung up on campuses.

Because the event is grassroots, it is constitutionally protected, and the ministry website offers resources for students who may run into difficulty with school administrators.

"You already have permission to have See You at the Pole because it is student-led, before school hours and outside of any school building," the website said. "It does not cost the district anything financially for students to meet and pray, so you aren't 'establishing religion with tax money.'"

In addition to legal direction, the website offers a host of resources to help plan and promote gatherings at local schools.

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Pastor, elder acquitted of unlawful protest after Bible reading at DMV

By Lori Arnold

MURRIETA — Two Hemet men who were arrested and charged with unlawful protest while reading the Bible in front of the local Department of Motor Vehicles have been acquitted.

Superior Court Judge Timothy Freer found Pastor Bret Coronado and elder Mark Mackey, both of Reconciled Christian Fellowship in Hemet, not guilty on Aug. 13.

The men, part of an evangelism team that had been conducting ongoing visits to the state office to read Scripture, were arrested on Feb. 2, 2011 after DMV officials called the California Highway Patrol, whose jurisdiction includes state-owned property.

The arresting officers alleged the men were preaching to a captive office and did not have a permit to demonstrate. Video of the episode showed the men calmly reading the Bible in the parking lot, yards away

from customers who were waiting in line.

The judge issued his ruling in the trial immediately after the prosecution rested its case. Defense attorney Robert Tyler of Advocates for Faith & Freedom said he intended to ask the judge to dismiss the charges for insufficient evidence before presenting his defense when Freer declared the pair "not guilty."

"The prosecution failed to meet its burden of proof that our clients committed a crime when they read the Bible aloud in front a line of people," Tyler said.

Prosecutors alleged the evangelism outreach amounted to a gathering, which required a state-issued permit. But in issuing his decision, Freer ruled that there was insufficient evidence to prove that the men conducted either a "demonstration or gathering," as required by state law. Both definitions require that the conduct of defendants was such that it had

"the effect, intent or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers" and the prosecution couldn't prove that to be the case," Tyler said.

"These men were exercising their First Amendment right of Free Speech," said Nic Cocis, a defense attorney and co-counsel. "They were simply sharing their faith on public property, and the criminal charges should never have been filed."

Tyler said the decision not only vindicated his clients, but it also calls into question the legality of the statute governing the required permits.

"We were very pleased because Judge Freer also agreed that the law was unconstitutional because it gives too much unfettered discretion to law enforcement in determining whether someone's speech or other expressive activity has the effect, intent or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers," Tyler said.

"Although Judge Freer's final verdict did not include a finding on constitutionality, his comments certainly vindicate our argument that the law is unconstitutional."

The prosecution maintains, however, that the judge erred in his analysis of the law, and the department is investigating a possible appeal, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

In the meantime, Tyler said his clients are still pursuing a separate federal civil suit for unlawful arrest against the CHP. That case was put on hold until the outcome of the recent criminal case.

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Former fire fighter uses retired engine as evangelism tool

By Lori Arnold

BELFLOWER — During his yearlong stint with the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, Pat Rojas raced to structure fires, including the 1990 Powerine Oil refinery explosion, in an effort to extinguish the flames. These days he still rides a fire truck, but his desire is now focused on igniting spiritual fires among the lost.

"People generally trust firemen because they are often seen as rescuers," said Rojas, who left the department to focus on his real estate business but ministers the gospel through a vintage fire truck he purchased several years ago.

"The fire engine is His idea and is working to open doors every time we take it out," said Rojas, a resident of Bellflower. "I asked the Lord to give me a door to open in a broader fashion when sharing the Lord. He sent me to a car show in Huntington Beach (where) for the first time I had ever seen a fire engine for sale."

After seeking counsel from the Lord, Rojas made an offer for the retired rig, which once served the city of Hemet. Provisionally, Rojas said the son of the fire truck's owner pleaded his case.

"(He) told his dad to work with me since I shared the gospel with him a year ago," Rojas said. "The vision for fire truck was to generate 1,000 evangelists and other firemen to invest in more fire engines and preach the Good News."

Rojas is helped in the fire truck endeavor by retired firefighter Ken Harrison, who stores the apparatus in his Huntington Beach garage.

"He also evangelizes with us," Rojas said.

Rojas and his team use the traveling evangelism tool, a 1976 International

with two CAT diesels, at historical and community events where they also distribute gospel tracts.

"Police departments have given us favor and all have supported our ministry and allowed us to park on main streets and share the good news," he said. "The attention derived by the fire engine, and the barriers that come down due to most people trusting firemen, has quickened our ability to deliver the gospel to families."

A Christian for nearly 37 years, Rojas said his passion has always been reaching out to the lost, leading him to become the chaplain of evangelism for Calvary Chapel Bellflower, which operates a group called United Soul Winners.

"What draws me to evangelism is I was lost and knew the lost feelings," he said. "The Lord has given me a passion for the sacred sinner. Our goal is to reach 50 million lost souls to Christ. If there are 50 million Christians in the United States, all we need is for each Christian to lead one soul to Christ. We could see a dramatic change in our country immediately. Oh how we need Jesus more than ever today."

In addition to reaching out to the unsaved, Rojas is eager to motivate churches to rediscover the mantle of evangelism.

"With the amount of Christians who actually are involved in evangelism at two percent, we are involved in trying to motivate the churches to incorporate little more of their focus to evangelism," he said.

"I can only say that an abundance of churches are settled at little or no evangelism outreach. This country could change if the church would deliver the saving knowledge



A firetruck, formerly used by the city of Hemet, a 1976 International with two CAT diesel engines, is now a visual tool used in evangelism by a real estate businessman who is passionate about winning souls for Christ.

of Jesus to the sacred sinner."

His passion, he said, is spurred on by Revelation 22:12, which warns believers they will be held accountable for their actions.

"What ever you can do will add to the kingdom and last for eternity," he said. "Personally I cannot stop evangelizing. The 11 apostles could not stop. What drove these men to invest their lives for the lost?"

Muslims and atheists

In addition to his local outreach, Rojas and his team have also reached out to Muslims living in Michigan.

"We have seen and been part of numerous Muslims coming to Christ," the former fire fighter said. "We have been to Dearborn where the highest population of Muslims have had the largest gathering of the year for six years. The Lord has us sharing with atheists, agnostics, Catholics and religious people that confess Christ as

what drove them," he said. "Unstoppable Evangelism could change this land if we would simply connect to what the apostles connected with: Cause, Command, Commission, Consequence. The cure is Jesus and Jesus only."

By Christ's provision

Rojas's ministry is funded privately through his real estate brokerage and investments.

"Actually, the Lord funds the ministry without donations," he said. "The power comes from Jesus, which I ask for consistently."

Over the years, Rojas said he has purchased more than 1 million tracts, coins, newsletters and CDs, which have been distributed to the lost either directly or by other evangelistic ministries to which Rojas donates materials.

"Some 53 percent of people come to Christ through some form of written material each year," the evangelist said. "I can honestly say the Lord takes care of His business and has always provided."

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