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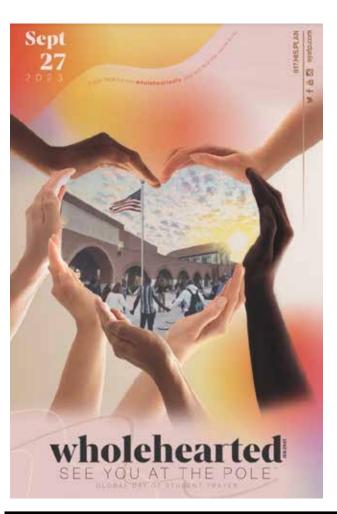
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See You at the Pole[™]- Sept 27, 2023 Global WEEK of Student Prayer - Sept 24-30, 2023



"WHOLEHEARTED" (from Jeremiah 29:13) is the theme for See You at the PoleTM 2023, which is all about students praying at their schools. The event is planned for Wednesday, September 27, at schools around the

The event is more than just one day of prayer. With the continuing challenge of Covid-19 affecting schedules and access at participating schools, students are challenged to find creative ways, places, and times to pray throughout the Global Week of Student Prayer—September 24-30.

Then on Wednesday, September 27, if possible, students are encouraged to gather at a school flagpole or other community location to pray. This means that, all around the world in every time zone, for 24 hours, students will be praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities.

This is the 33nd year for See You at the PoleTM, a student-initiated and student-led event that started in Burleson, Texas, in 1990. SYATP brings students together to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries.

Everything students need to do a successful SYATP is available free at www.syatp.com. A Facebook page is at "myseeyouatthepole". Promotional resources can be ordered online or by calling (817) HIS-PLAN (817-447-7526) between 9-5 (Central Time), Monday-Friday. Posters, flyers, handbook, T-shirts, silicone wristbands are some of the materials available for 2023. You can also download the "SYATP" mobile app to access all of the planning materials and free daily devotionals.

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5,600 People in Attendance at the Look Up Tour in Idaho Falls

September 23-24, 2023

(IDAHO FALLS, Id)—The Mountain America Center in Idaho Falls came to life with uplifting music inspirational messages of hope, as more than 5,600 people attended the two-day Idaho Falls Look Up Tour with

Will Graham, Sept.

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Courtesy Billy Graham Evangelical Association

"Many people feel separated from God. God doesn't leave Collective and Christine D'Clario. His people, but sin separates us from Him. God is perfect and

holy. We are sinners and imperfect. That why we need Savior," said Graham. "Salvation only comes through the cross. It doesn't come from church or religion. It is only by the blood of Jesus."

More than 585 people responded to the Gospel, making a commitment to Jesus Christ.

Graham joined for the Idaho Falls Look Up Tour by musical guests Crowder, Rend

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White House Purges 442 Reporters Using New Press **Credential Rules**

Rob Bluey / @RobertBluey / August 04, 2023







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Over the past three months, the number of reporters with access to the White House dropped by 31%. There are now 442 fewer reporters with a coveted "hard pass"—the result of new rules announced in May that took effect Tuesday.

The Daily Signal's Fred Lucas was among the reporters slated to lose his White House press credentials, although he was given a 10day extension "to submit the required materials." The White House now requires reporters to obtain press credentials from Congress or the Supreme Court to fulfill its new requirement; Lucas is currently awaiting a decision on his applications to the other branches.

>>> As White House Limits Access to Press Briefings, Daily Signal Reporter Loses Credentials

Politico's West Wing Playbook first reported the numbers Wednesday along with news that Simon Ateba, the White House correspondent for Today News Africa, lost his hard pass. Ateba, along with the other 441 reporters who no longer have credentials, won't be able to attend White House press briefings or access the sprawling Pennsylvania Avenue campus unless they obtain what's called a temporary day pass.

The White House announced new rules in May to limit the number of journalists who are eligible for a White House hard pass. Reporters are still allowed to apply for a day pass, but they must do so daily and undergo Secret Service review.

Up until this week, the White House didn't disclose the number of reporters who had a hard pass. Politico reported, "Within the past three months, the number of hard pass holders dropped from 1,417 to 975, with those approved reflecting a mix of renewals and new applications."

A spokesman for the White House confirmed to



Politico that one individual who applied for a hard pass was denied under the new rules. The White House didn't disclose the reporter's name.

The six rules outlined in the May memo require reporters to be employed full time at an organization that disseminates news, live in the Washington, D.C.,



White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre takes questions during the daily briefing on July 24, 2023. As a result of new rules announced in May, there are 442 fewer reporters credentialed to cover the White House. (Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images)

area, regularly access and cover the White House, and submit to a Secret Service investigation. They also now require pass holders to first obtain "accreditation by a press gallery in either the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, or Supreme Court." (See the full email from the White House Press Office at the end of this

The memo also gives President Joe Biden's press team greater power to expel journalists who don't "act in a professional manner." Ateba regularly sparred with White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, leading to stories in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and an appearance on the now-canceled "Tucker Carlson Tonight."

Last month, the White House Press Office sent Ateba a warning that he risked expulsion if he continued to interrupt briefings in violation of the new rules.



BREAKING: The @WhiteHouse is changing the rules for press hard passes to target me. But I qualify for all those things as we just filed our taxes, are registered with the District of Columbia and have our address in DC. I studied journalism in college, received two degrees, have... Show more



Lucas, who has covered the White House during the presidencies of Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Biden, has watched both the press office and White House Correspondents' Association change during his 14 years on the beat.

During the Trump administration, the White House clashed with reporters over media access. CNN reporter Jim Acosta and Playboy correspondent Brian Karem were booted, although each took their cases to court and eventually won reinstatement.

This time, however, few reporters are standing up in opposition to the new rules. Even the White House

Correspondents' Association "has taken an officially noncommittal stance," according to The Washington Post.

Kelly O'Donnell, a senior White House correspondent for NBC News who is currently president of the White House Correspondents' Association, did not respond to The Daily Signal's inquiry about the 442 reporters whose credentials were revoked.

The Daily Signal, a media outlet founded by The Heritage Foundation in 2014, doesn't have press credentials to cover Congress or the Supreme Court, although Lucas has applied for both and continues to await a decision from each institution.

The Supreme Court has a limited number of hard-pass holders—just 25 for the past term. Congressional galleries, governed by a committee of journalists, have their own rules.

>>> The Daily Signal Won't Be Bullied by the Establishment Media

The White House says the new rules will enhance security by limiting access to hard passes.

"At the time we initiated this process in early May, roughly 40 percent of hard pass holders had not accessed the White House complex in the prior 90 days," a White House spokesman told Politico. "We think this demonstrates we've led a thoughtful and thorough process that preserves robust media access to campus for everyone who needs it—whether that be with a hard pass or a day pass."

Not everyone agrees.

A lawyer representing Matthew Anthony Harper, the White House correspondent for InterMountain Christian News, sent the White House a cease-and-

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A State Law in Montana Created 'Guardrails' in Branson, Missouri

by Charlie Butts Aug 15, 2023 American Family News, AFN.net Reprinted by permission



A famous Missouri city best known as a family-friendly destination was being cornered to allow lewd drag queen shows until a grassroots group stepped in to help push back.

Branson, Missouri, the Ozark vacation destination for millions, is known for its folksy atmosphere that includes amusement parks and bluegrass music. But some residents there have been hosting lewd drag queen shows, too, and bringing innocent children along, until other towns people spoke up in protest.

Arthur Schaper, of Mass Resistance tells AFN a shouting war broke out after Mayor Larry Milton suggested a compromise that would have restricted the drag shows to a downtown area with tight restrictions. His suggestion was shouted down by homosexual activists who pummeled the mayor with profane emails and messages.

For the other side, there was a glaring problem with the compromise, too.

"The problem was the initial draft of the bill was going to allow adults to take children into drag shows if they were the parents that brought them in," Schaper recalls. "Not only that, but the original ordinance would



Schaper

have even permitted adults to take kids into drag shows where alcohol was served."

According to Schaper, Mayor Milton and city aldermen felt cornered by legal threats. So a final vote was coming in mid-July until a Mass Resistance activist in Branson appealed to the national organization for help and advice.

"We provided them a sample piece of legislation from Montana, which had passed earlier this year, and said you can use this," says Schaper,

the group's national field director.

The state law from Montana found its way to a city council member and was reviewed by legal counsel for the City of Branson. An amended version of the proposed ordinance was presented in late July. It was approved 4-2 by the Board of Aldermen in an August

Now, in Branson, drag shows are confined to a downtown area away from much of the family-friendly attractions. They must also get a city permit and cannot be held within 600 feet of a church, school, or park.

"This ordinance is saying that use is allowed based on our Constitution," Mayor Milton said after the vote, "but we're just putting up some guardrails."

Original source:

https://afn.net/culture/2023/08/15/a-state-law-in-montana-created-guardrails-in-branson-missouri/

Conservatives Not Shedding Tears Over Romney's Departure

by Chad Groening Sep 19, 2023 American Family News, AFN.net Reprinted by permission



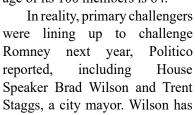
A longtime conservative activist predicts Sen. Mitt Romney, who is not seeking re-election next year, will be replaced with a credible conservative from red-state Utah

Many conservatives did not shed a tear at the news Romney has decided not to seek re-election in 2024, including Reagan administration official Gary Bauer.

"I was glad to hear the news," Bauer tells AFN. "The odds that a strong populist conservative will be elected in the state of Utah, to take the seat that Romney currently holds, there's a very good chance of that."

Romney, 76, said last week he would not seek re-

election after serving one term. In his announcement, the junior senator said there needs to be a "new generation of leaders" in the U.S. Senate, where the average age of its 100 members is 64.





Bauer

raised \$2.2 million over the summer for his campaign.

Bauer says Romney is an enemy of conservatives and he symbolized the Republicans in power who despise them.

"So, no, I'm not shedding a tear that Mitt Romney has decided to move on," he says.

Original source:

https://afn.net/politics-govt/2023/09/19/conservatives-not-shedding-tears-over-romney-s-departure/

She Leads America

Museum of the Bible

As told to IMCNews

September 22, 2023

of Distinction, Dr. Day Gardner, Brandi Swindell, and

other champions of life.

This year, the focus of the luncheon is on how to actively invite more women into the conversation, particularly from communities that have been underrepresented. The goal is to create a more diverse and inclusive movement for life, addressing all aspects from the womb to the tomb and beyond.

QUOTE FROM DR. ALVEDA KING

"As thousands of leaders from across the nation come to Washington, D.C. for Congressional Black Caucus week to report on issues in the Black community, we are blessed to report that thousands of babies have been given a fresh start for life because the sanctity of life reigns. We are also eager to amplify the voices of Black women in the Pro-life movement. Planned Parenthood has made billions of dollars over the last 50 years largely by setting up shop in the Black community. Alveda King Ministries and

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Pictured above: Dr. Alveda King

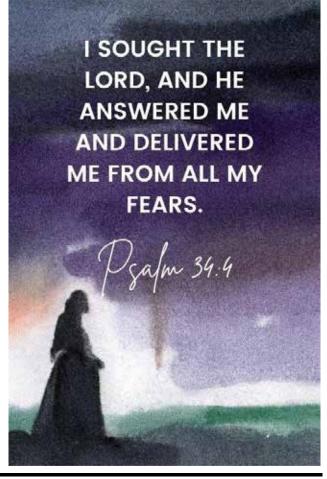
(WASHINGTON, Dc)—Dr. Alveda King, Dr. Day Gardner, Brandi Swindell, Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, Trinity Wicker and other pro-life leaders spoke at the "Fresh Start 4 Life" luncheon at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. Friday, September 22, 2023 to call for more diverse voices in the pro-life movement. ProLife leader Rev. Patrick Mahoney and White House Correspondent Dr. Matthew Anthony Harper also attended.

News Release about this event below:

"During Congressional Black Caucus Week, Dr. Alveda King Joins She Leads America to Amplify Voices Under-represented in the Life Movement.

Pro-life Women Call for More Inclusive Pro-life Movement. Washington, D.C. / September 19/BPALiveWire — Alveda King Ministries is pleased to join She Leads America for "Fresh Start 4 Life" luncheon at the Museum of the Bible on Friday, September 22, 2023. In addition to Dr. Alveda King, the luncheon will feature national pro-life leaders, including She Leads America Christian 2023 Woman





Boise Pride: "'Draglesque' is just what our 'family-friendly' festival needs"

by Charlie Butts American Family News, AFN.net Reprinted by permission September 7, 2023



Everyday Idahoans persist against the pride movement's ongoing efforts to sexualize children. Last year, organizers of the Boise Pride Festival scheduled a kids' drag event in a public park. But when sponsors received 28,000 comments from residents, the event was cancelled. Blaine Conzatti of the Idaho Family Policy Center says one might think festival officials had learned a lesson, "but unfortunately ... they did not."

"This year, the Boise Pride Festival, which is the largest pride festival in the state of Idaho, will feature performances from sex workers and burlesque groups on the main stage in front of kids alongside snow cone stands and bounce houses for children and face painting activities targeted at kids," Conzatti details.

He laments the lack of consideration for the

negative mental impact such predatory events have

"Boise Pride Festival, like many radical LGBT groups across the country, are set on sexualizing children, desecrating the public square, and making sex work seem like it's fun and cool and hip," he says.

Pointing out that Boise Pride cannot exist without the funding it receives through corporate sponsorships, Idaho Family Policy Center is asking

Idahoans to take action by telling corporate executives they will not support businesses and organizations sponsor any event exploiting impressionable children.

Target,



Conzatti

Parenthood, Walmart, and a local Methodist church are among them.

The festival is scheduled to begin tomorrow, September 8th.

https://afn.net/ Original source: culture/2023/09/07/boise-pride-draglesque-is-justwhat-our-family-friendly-festival-needs/

Hills Alive 2023 - "As For Me and My House"

By Camilla Hicks September 25, 2023



Pictured above The Hicks family Rachel, Silver Linn, Mark and Camilla Hicks at Hills Alive 2023.

(GLEN ROCK, Wy)—July sparks the interest of family filled adventures with fired up plans of travel, concerts, picnic baskets, shade trees, frisbee's and freebies. A verse well known in the arena of biblical values is Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." An annual event captures the interest as a celebration of its 37th year, "Hills Alive is a free summer music festival held the third weekend in July in Memorial Park, Rapid City featuring various of today's best Christian artists over two days. There is also a Children's area with a bouncy village and an activity tent for face painting, salvation bracelets, puppets, and more. The event hosts a midway of food trucks with tasty food vendors, as well as, merchandise vendors and non-profit prayer, worship, and booths.

This is a family-friendly event, and a huge outreach ministry in the area because there is no fee and is in the middle of downtown Rapid City. Hills Alive brings in 20,000-25,000 people each day! (Home page Hillsalive.com)

This event ignited flashes of past, present, and future. KSLT 107.1 Rapid City, SD hosted Pulse Collective Worship on Saturday along with Cade Thompon, Leanna Crawford, Patrick Mayberry, Andrew Ripp, Sanctus Real, and Zach Williams. Sunday's artist schedule featured Coby James, Natalie Layne, Rhett Walker, Blessing Offor, Colton Dixon, and a fifth time appearance with For King and Country. Each artist provided perspective while igniting an atmosphere of abandonment in adoration.

A group from Wyoming shared how the experience impacted them. Mark Hicks said, "After eleven years,

Hills Alive provides as much a relaxed and joyful atmosphere as it did my first year." Becky Duffey said, "When the saints come together, pressing into worship, all of Heaven pours out a blessing we can't contain, and we become Alive in the Hills!" "RayRay said, "My favorite part is hanging out with my family and friends and playing Gaga Ball and Nine Square. We can always count on a family friendly atmosphere." Belle, 15, said, "My favorite part about Hills Alive is the praise toward God. It is incredible how thousands of people are impacted by the atmosphere and keep coming back. I can feel the energy and joyful emotion as the crowd expresses such reverence, as the Holy Spirit ministers to everyone. We share in the same joy, like being a part of a family reunion."

The panoramic of hands lifted, while voices sang in unison, and an air of agreement followed with



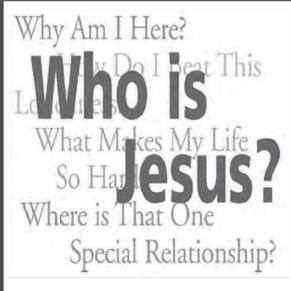
Christian t-shirts, smiles, and emotion. Groups in numbers; fill the void between the lit up cross located just east of the stage and the west of the KSLT booth, there is a standing pit "only" in front of the stage, and after the artist's performance spectators line up to meet and greet with autographs and selfie pics.

Whether you were a performer, spectator, sponsor, or vendor, face paint, volunteer at the Kids' zone, or maintained the grounds on any level, the sense of being a part of something bigger is a shared experience. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Bible - Joshua 24:15) For all who joined us, WE appreciate you. God bless you.

See you next year!

For more information about Hills Alive, visit their following website: http://Hillsalive.com

Photos and article written by Camilla Hicks: Contact— Markcamhicks@gmail.com



JESUS is GOD the SON (CREATOR of the Universe and all Life!)

Hebrews 1:2-3 NIV

- 2 ...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.
- 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 3:3-4 NIV
- 3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.
- 4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

THE SAVIOR (GOD in human form) born of the Virgin Mary

Matthew 1:23 NIV

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." Isaiah 9:6 NIV

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." John 8;23-24 NIV

23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins." John 14:6 NIV

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

No other person can save you or give you hope and eternal life.

How to know JESUS as your personal Savior:

If you would like to know JESUS as your personal Savior from sin, pray the following prayer followed by studying The Holy Bible and get involved with a local Christian church.

Pray this sincere prayer, meaning it with all your heart, and God will give you eternal life, right now!

"Dear Lord, I am a sinful person who needs You. I turn from my sins and surrender my heart and life to You, right now. Save me dear God and make me Your child. thank You for coming to Bethlehem, and for dying for me to pay for my sins. Help me to live for You all the rest of my life." Amen.

If you have accepted JESUS as your personal SAVIOR from sin, obey Him and get involved with a good Biblebelieving church, study the Bible daily, seek Him with all your heart daily, and share The Gospel with all those around you. We must be doers of the word, nor hearers

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www.NeedHim.org

Pray Vote Stand Summit

by Rev. M.Anthony Harper, Ph.D. Friday September 15, 2023 White House Correspondent, InterMountain Christian News

WASHINGTON, Dc)— A surprise meeting for me with former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence (see pictured below) Friday September 15, 2023 at the Pray Vote Stand Summit in Washington, D.C. who I requested an interview with, talked about my news reporting experiences at the White House in addition to our



audience concerns about Israel and sharing my picture with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. I've also requested interviews with all Republican and Democrat Presidential candidates but none have responded.



Pastor Jack Hibbs pictured below of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills meets with me September 16, 2023 at the Pray Vote Stand Summit in Washington, D.C. to talk about his concerns about the United States, Israel and U.S. relations. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/2jLw75E1KK8



Pastor Gary Hamrick pictured below of Cornerstone Chapel pictured above joins me at the Pray Vote Stand Summit in Washington, D.C. September 16, 2023 to also talk about his concerns in the U.S., Israel and Israel U.S. relations as well as what's going on in our churches. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/QJ06wXrPFLI



Speakers for the Pray Vote Stand Summit included the following: Alfonso Aguilar, President, Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, Nilsa Alvarez, Hispanic Division Director, Faith & Freedom Coalition, Michele Bachmann, Dean, Regent University School of Government, Andrew Bailey, State Attorney General, Mo., Rep. Jim Banks, (R-Ind.), Dr. George Barna, Senior Research Fellow for the Center for Biblical Worldview, FRC, Gary Bauer, President, American Values, Lt. General (Ret.) Jerry Boykin, Executive Vice President, FRC,

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Rend Collective— Campfire: The 10th Anniversary Tour

by Kevin McNeese, KTSY



(CALDWELL, Id)--It feels like just yesterday that Rend Collective brought their instruments to a chilly Northern Irish beach and sang around the campfire with a few of their friends. They had no idea they were standing at the edge of a global worship movement!

Now, they are inviting us to celebrate this big landmark! So they are putting together a completely different kind of tour, all the cosy campfire feelings and folksy nostalgia of that era, plus they're going to play all their new classics they've written since then, but presented in a totally new way. Basically all the stuff you (hopefully) love about Rend Collective.

This is a completely different live show, even if you've seen Rend Collective 10 times already, you haven't seen this!

Come and join KTSY with Rend Collective. There's nothing quite like a Campfire.

DATE Sep 24 2023 TIME 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM LOCATION The Brandt Center, Northwest Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho



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My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

(Psalm 73:26)

Colorado Convention Embraces Its Associations

by Karen L Willoughby, SBC News Baptist Press Reprinted with permission August 16, 2023

In 2022 the decision was made for Colorado Baptists to retain ownership of Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center. With Andrew Clark at the helm and a 13-person staff, "Ponderosa" as it is known, remains a strategic recreational get-away for members of Colorado churches.

(DENVER, Co)— "Everything rises and falls with relationships." These words by Michael Proud Jr., common parlance among Southern Baptist leaders at the local church, associational, state and national levels, take on vivid clarity when applied to what's taking place in the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Proud, who grew up and pastored in Colorado, spent 10 years as director of missions for the Orange County Southern Baptist Association in Southern California. He returned to Colorado in December 2021 as the state convention's executive director.

"If people get to know you, they'll learn to trust you, and if they trust you, they'll reach out when they need help, and they will partner with you," Proud told Baptist Press. "I think all of us can resonate with that."

With that belief and with the experience of ministering at the associational level, Proud led the state convention to completely revamp its organizational structure and strategy.

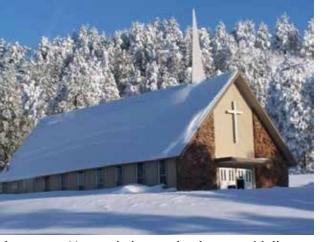
"I think there has been a discounting of the value of the local association ministry across the Southern Baptist Convention in the past, but what we're learning in Colorado is the association is on the front line of ministry to the churches," Proud said. "Our convention simply wants to partner with the associations to strengthen their ministry for our churches."

He calls the new strategy a "collaboration." Hundreds of miles in the Centennial state

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Proud spent much of his first four months as Colorado's new executive director traveling the state, typically meeting with pastors in gatherings hosted by a local association.

"When I left here in 2005, there were 13 associations, and every association had a paid staff person," Proud said. "Southern Baptists are about working together, yet when I came back in 2021,



there were 11 associations and only one paid director of missions. Essentially there was not even part-time leadership intentionally focused on ministering to the churches.

"Over and over again I heard, 'Back in the day, with an associational leader, we were able to do more things." Proud continued. "Most associations didn't have a lot going on, and in many places the ground [to partnership] had hardened."

In some cases, a pastor left the church or there was some other difficulty, but the state convention didn't hear about it for a year after. The COVID-19 pandemic added to many pastors' sense of isolation at a time connection was sorely needed.

Once back to the Baptist building in Denver, Proud discussed with the state convention staff the thinking he'd done driving hundreds of Colorado miles.

"What if," he suggested, "we created a strategy where we partner with associations? Both agreeing to share the cost of hiring an individual. We could get someone on the field from that area, identified by them that we would agree to, and they would serve as part of state convention leadership team.

"The thought in that," Proud explained, "was that if we're going to create strategies for our churches – that is, for the field – we'd do well to be informed by the field. If we could find eight regional directors to cover 11 associations, that would be a win for Colorado Baptists." (Some associations with smaller numbers of affiliated churches partner with other associations in geographical proximity.)

Two staff positions were vacant before Proud was hired, which he had waited to fill until he knew the

needs of the state convention. That money enabled the state convention to partner with the associations.

'An equal voice at the table'

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By April 2022 – four months after Proud was called as the state convention's leader – three regions had signed on, with men of their choice, respected pastors from the association, approved by the state convention, as full-time regional directors.

Mile High Baptist Association voted at its annual meeting this August to join the collaboration. Now, all but one of the state convention's regions officially are part of Colorado's new strategy, and the holdout is solely for lack of sufficient financial resources, Proud said. Each vote for participation was unanimous.

The three-person state convention staff and the regional directors meet together the first Monday and Tuesday of each month.

"They all have an equal voice at the table," Proud said. "No one plays a trump card. I have no more authority or weight in decision-making than any of them. We are a room of peers. The beauty of this, as far as our churches are concerned, is that we are all on the same page, going in the same direction and on the same team. And that's the way it's supposed to be. ...

"Rather than a convention of specialists we have a convention of generalists," Proud said. "As these guys build relationships in the field, pastors reach out to them when they have a need, such as training for Sunday School teachers. If the regional director doesn't have the needed expertise, he asks another regional director he knows who does have it and they share best practices.

"In this way. even though regional directors are assigned to a particular part of the state, each of them can benefit any church in the state. It truly is a collaborative partnership. Ultimately the strategy is how do we add value to the church? The best way to do t hat is to partner with the people closest to the church."

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Douglas 9th Annual Bible Reading 2023 – Life, Liberties, and Family

By Camilla Hicks

September 23, 2023



Pictured above: Gideons Representative and Outpost Church of Douglas, Wyoming Volunteers of the 2023 Bible Reading.

(GLEN ROCK, Wy)—Frontline legacies begin with one act of dedication. A forest begins with the planting of one seed and relationships endure the test of time with commitment to one another. Douglas, Wyoming Jackalope Square featured a frontline of legacy as families, friends, and neighbors joined with coordinators, volunteer readers, and performers, for the 9th Annual Douglas Bible Reading during

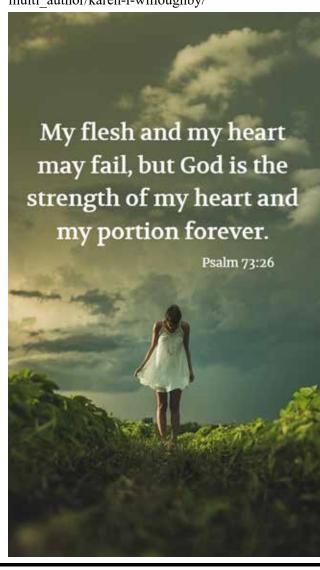
the week of Friday, August 11th through Saturday, August 19th.

A program and a committed Bible reading were hosted for the sole purpose of coming together as a community. Declaring the enduring word of God (Genesis to Revelation) openly as the inspiring guide to fulfilling His will, honoring His name as an act of worship, and participating with the Holy Spirit to bless others by hearing the Word.

Connections for this event started back in June of 2022, with a call to be a part of the Douglas Bible Reading Friday night's Opening Ceremony. With excitement, it all unfolded as the plans were made. The same week, one year prior, Friday night was cancelled to a gushing rainstorm as everything was rained out. The cancellation was a huge disappointment. There was no rescheduling of the time or location.

The featured performers of the evening agreed to come back for 2023, even more prepared to bless the community with their display of affection

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67 over the fowl of the _____, and over the cattle (Gen 1:26) 69 things full of marrow, of wines on the ___ well refined Stanton Healthcare Sees Increase of Clients and Services for Women Facing Unexpected Pregnancies in a Post-Roe America

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Id)/Christian (BOISE, Newswire (http:// christiannewswire.com/)/ -- Since Roe v. Wade has been overturned, Stanton Healthcare has seen their office visits increase by 67%, website traffic increase by 124%, phone calls by 119%, and supply requests by 37%.

Stanton Healthcare is a women's healthcare clinic which specializes in serving women with unexpected pregnancies by providing professional medical care, practical and emotional support, women's wellness care and a special outreach to refugee and marginalized communities. Stanton Healthcare is based in Idaho with affiliates in the U.S. and internationally.

During the same time period, Planned Parenthood has downsized their national staff by 15% while lifeaffirming centers across America are expanding their services for women and children.

In the past year, the Planned Parenthood facility next to Stanton Healthcare in Boise, Idaho, permanently closed their doors; in addition, the Planned Parenthood center directly across from Stanton Healthcare in Meridian, Idaho, is experiencing a nearly empty parking lot while Stanton's parking lot

is full (see photo to left).

Idaho is a virtually an abortion-free state.

Brandi Swindell, Founder and CEO of Stanton Healthcare, comments:

• "Stanton is part of a women's movement with over 3,000 life-affirming resource centers across the nation that outnumber abortion clinics by four to one.

"After the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, so many attacked the prolife community saying we would not be ready to support women in a post-Roe America. I can say with certainty, thousands of life-affirming centers and women's medical clinics have been waiting and preparing for this moment for decades.

"We were ready to meet the challenge and we are making sure that every woman facing an unexpected

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From Rescue Mission of Salt Lake, Salt Lake City,
Utah

Daniel, Ryan, Jaden, & Kyle's story



Editor's Note: While we usually share individual life stories of our New Life Program graduates, in this month's Rescuer we share the story of four graduates, who formed a unique bond at the Mission. Their story represents the power of God to change lives. It also shows great personal dedication on the part of these four men and the Mission's staff, along with the huge impact your support can have in restoring broken lives.

This is the story of Daniel Wisdom, Ryan Barker-Brewer, Jaden Herbert, and Kyle Carson. The group chose Daniel to share their story on behalf of all four, so their story is written as told by Daniel. I was the last of the four of us to arrive at the Mission, but quickly formed a bond with Ryan, Jaden, and Kyle.

I was able to move into a three-person room at the Mission with Jaden and Ryan and our room became an awesome respite from the streets.

When we weren't doing our work therapy jobs, classes, or individual study time and prayer, we were hanging out in our room. Other members of the New Life Program, especially Kyle, would come and hang out. Sometimes we would play video games. I was learning to play the guitar at the time and sometimes people would listen to me play. The things I remember most thought were the encouraging conversations we had about recovery and learning about each other's past wounds that led them into addiction.

While Ryan, Jaden, and I were roommates, Kyle shared the same abandonment issues that I had faced and we connected over those shared, yet painful, experiences. All four of us did well in the program. I ultimately was hired as the Mission's driver, picking up donations and other deliveries, while Ryan, Jaden, and Kyle all got jobs outside of the Mission.

Jaden and Ryan moved out together, but after a year their lease was set to balloon to \$2,300 for a two-bedroom apartment. They needed to move somewhere more affordable. We decided to find a four-bedroom place we could all share and afford.

The best part about our bond is that we can look out for each other and notice behaviors in each other that could lead to relapse. Then, we can help the other person out when we see they need help. For example, when we were looking for houses to rent, we could tell Jaden was really stressed. I asked him what was



wrong, and he explained how stressful it was trying to find a house everyone was happy with and the pressure he felt. Ryan and I were then able to tell him to not worry about it. He could be taken out of the house-hunting process and the two of us would take

care of it.

Since we have moved in together, we provide similar help. If we can tell someone is stressed, but then leaves dirty dishes without washing them, someone else will take care of it for them, instead of confronting them and causing an argument and more stress.

We did eventually find an awesome townhouse in West Valley City, near the Valley Fair Mall area. It was literally brand new when we moved in on August 11, 2023 – we even had to take the plastic wrap off the appliances. While realizing material things are only fleeting, we all felt a sense of wonderment at having a new washer and

dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, and more in our house.

Sometimes I come home and just think, "wow, I actually live here." Maybe the coolest part is our rooftop patio, which gives a great view of the whole Salt Lake Valley. There are outlets up there so you could have a TV and watch football, or grill some barbecue, or just hang out and talk.

We were all once homeless, living on the streets with no hope. Today we all have relationships with Jesus, are sober, have jobs, and are actively helping each other to succeed, move forward, and never go back to the shadows of addiction.

The rent for our place is \$2,850 total, which means each of us pays about \$750 a month, something we can all afford. We all have our own bedroom, which is nice, but also have the accountability of living with four people who know each other well and can help each other understand when they are acting in ways that could lead to a relapse.

Thank you so much for supporting the Mission. You have changed each of our lives. The four of us could not be more thankful for your support and praise God that He changed our lives. We truly have new lives, off the street and in a brand-new home, thanks to the Mission, which would not be here without God's provision through your giving. Thank you again from all four of us!

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WYOMING

From Wyoming Rescue Mission, Casper, Wyoming

Jordan's story



The youngest of four siblings, Jordan was only 5 when his parents divorced and he was shielded from his father's addiction. "I didn't understand what drugs did and the pain they caused," he says. "I had a lot of respect for my dad, so I was curious why he'd choose

drugs over us."

Jordan headed down a pathway he equated with success. He graduated from high school, began a career in the trades, got married and started a family. But then he found himself mirroring his father's destructive choices.

After a back injury, he was prescribed pain killers, but then he began to rely on harder substances to stay awake through overnight shifts. "From there my life went downhill fast." His addiction escalated... his wife and sons left... and he rejected loved ones' attempts at intervention. Finally, after a near-fatal overdose, he knew he had to change. This time, he embraced the choice his father had made to give his life to God. "I thought, what am I doing with my life? And I knew God had something bigger for me and using drugs was not in that equation."

Years earlier, Jordan's father had come to our ministry where he turned his life around. Today he manages a Christian ministries camp.

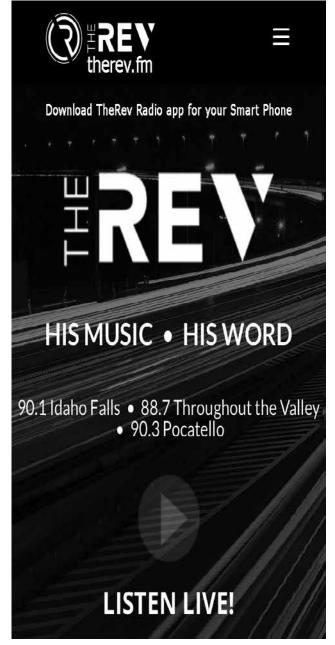
Now in our Discipleship Program himself, Jordan understands the neurological pull of addiction that he and his father share. He's regaining his sobriety and mastering life and job skills. And he feels God calling him to start a barber ministry.

"The one thing that happens when you're getting your hair cut is conversation. That's an awesome opportunity to lead people to Jesus!"

Jordan's relationship with his sons is also being restored, and he vows to become the godly role model for them that his father has become to him. "If I can be even a sliver of who my dad is today, I'll be successful."

Jordan is filled with thanksgiving for God's redeeming love in his life – and your incredible generosity and support! "I was dead in my trespasses; now I'm alive in Christ. WRM is teaching me who I truly am and who I was destined to be."

For more information on our FREE Discipleship Program, contact us at: Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, P O Box 2030 Casper, WY 82602, 230 N. Park Street, Casper, WY 82601 Phone: (307) 265-2251 The Transformation Center (307) 233-6925 Web site: https://wyomission.org

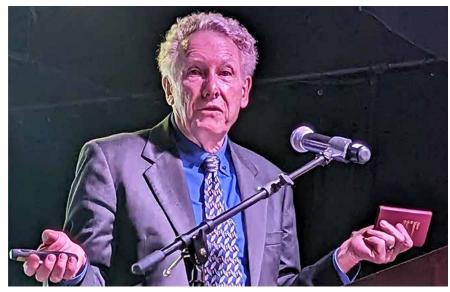


Why I'm A Gideon: Ted Landers

by Daniel P. Kinkade

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https://www.gideons.org



When God calls Christian businessmen to become Gideons, many can never imagine all the ways He will use them for His glory. It's often a series of obedient steps that leads to a fulfilling membership experience. Ted Landers knows this firsthand as he has seen God use people and situations to reveal His calling for his life.

UNKNOWN PRAISES

Ted grew up in New Jersey surrounded by boy scouts, school, and church. He sang in an all-boys Episcopal choir as a young man, but he admits, "I was singing praises to God, but I didn't know what I was singing." His life was driven by "doing and saying the right things."

By 1965, he had obtained two engineering degrees from the University of Michigan. He worked four years as an engineer and then went back to school to receive a master's degree in business administration in 1971. He was also working for his university and starting a waterbed company. Life was seemingly going well.

Money was good, so Ted and his wife, Rosemary, moved to a small town in Missouri.

But it would not last.

BROKE AND LOST

In 1976, the money had almost run out. The couple had reached a breaking point; they felt lost and hopeless.

"I remember this little church who, unbeknown to us, had been praying for us—Dora Assembly of God. I told my wife we needed to go to church. She replied, 'Are you kidding me? We only go to church when

your mother visits." However, the couple decided to go. Ted remembers, "God met us when we were in a broken state. We had US\$100 to our name." After a few Sundays of attending, Ted and Rosemary committed their life to Jesus Christ. God was about to show this designer and builder what He could do with him.

The pastor's son knew Ted had two engineering degrees. He advised him to go to the local college



and see if he could get hired as a teacher. He began consulting on the side. In 1980, his surplus of consulting work led him to start Perennial

Energy, which is now a \$25 million business.

Ted, who once lived day to day however he wanted, was now running a successful company that included voluntary devotions on Monday mornings. Out of those meeting times, God called six men to be pastors.

"TEDDY...YOU NEED TO BE A GIDEON."

Ted received a phone call one day from a man he had never met. That man, Floyd, told him, "Teddy... you need to be a Gideon." Ted recalls, "Floyd convinced me to join in 1983. I was given a Testament, and the back pages caught my eye. I saw the most important tool I could ever have to lead someone to Jesus Christ."

Ted saw how God had uniquely gifted him and given him a skill set he could use as a Gideon. He immediately became the Church Ministry chairman for his camp, which lasted for nearly a decade. "It was wonderful getting to know and pray for pastors," he says. Of the 90 churches in their camp area, Ted and his camp had a strong relationship with almost 75 of them.

His entrepreneurial skills helped him start a new camp in a nearby county, which still exists today.

But one of his experiences as a Gideon stands out above the rest.

Ted's life changed in 2014 when he went to Ghana on an international Scripture blitz. "We aimed to distribute 450,000 Scriptures and reached 565,000," he says. "I didn't think there was any way we could reach the Scripture goal. We started each day on our knees and saw over 50,000 people give their life to Christ during the blitz."

His camp saw the change in him and quickly made him camp president. He saw God do great things,

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Democrats Revealing Insecurity About 'Secure' Border

Chad Groening, Steve Jordahl October 3, 2023
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Democratic politicians appear to be a bit conflicted when it comes to the southern border. Within a week, one insisted the border is secure – while another begged Congress to close it.

During the 2020 presidential campaign, Joe Biden essentially

invited a surge of immigrants to the southern border. Then upon taking office, he signed an executive order halting funding for Donald Trump's border wall and essentially opened the floodgates. The result? Border crossings tripled, according to Newsweek.

Still, officials in the Biden administration and Democrats in Congress continue to insist the border is "secure." For example, Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Massachusetts) made that claim last week during an interview (https://www.foxnews.com/media/massachusetts-democrat-shocks-reporter-repeatedly-insisting-border-secure) with CNN's Jake Tapper:

Pressley: "Our border is secure, and we are in the midst of humanitarian crisis."

Tapper: "You think the border is secure? Or it is not secure? ... It just seems like just such a refusal to acknowledge reality, to say that the border is secure when we all know millions of people are crossing the border illegally every year. How is the border secure?"

Meanwhile both the mayor of New York City and the governor of the state are begging authorities to get a handle on the border because the Big Apple is being overrun by illegal immigrants who chose to go there. During an appearance (https://twitter.com/FaceTheNation/status/1708507976393269608?t=rp4Pwz_hwNAIU_NyET8q7A&s=03) on CBS's "Face the Nation," Governor Kathy Hochul (D-New York), whose state has long been a sanctuary for illegal aliens, actually called for "limits" on who can come across U.S. border:

Hochul: "We want them to have a limit on who can come across the border. It is too open right now, people coming from all over the world are finding their way through simply saying they need asylum and the majority of them seem to be ending up in the streets of New York and that is a real problem for New York City There has to be some limits in place and Congress has to put more controls at the border."



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acknowledges

Gov. Hochul "deserves criticism" for not addressing the problem earlier.

"But there comes a time where we have to recognize that no matter what people said in the past, the urgency is on solving the problem," he tells AFN. "There's time to point fingers and lay blame later on – but let's get this situation under control and all work together for a change."



New York City is not alone. Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Houston are bursting at the seams with illegal immigrants. Radio talk-show host Jeff Crank (https://jeffcrank.com/) says when reality punches politicians in the nose, they have to "fess up" – because in

most cases, they're all looking to get reelected at some point.

"Anyone who's out there saying that there isn't a crisis right now at the border, they just don't have credibility with the American people," he adds.

One of the most consistent defenders of Biden's border policies has been the White House press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, who argues (https://www.foxnews.com/politics/karine-jean-pierre-aocbiden-done-more-anybody-immigration-securing-border) the president has "done more ... than anybody else" to secure the southern border and deal with the immigration crisis.

The Center for Immigration Studies (https://cis. org/Arthur/CBPs-August-Numbers-Reveal-Border-Freefall-Massive-Family-Child-Migrant-Surge) says the August 2023 numbers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection reveal a border in "freefall."

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BREAKING: INVASION at our Border!

Elon Musk, a Congressman, Mayor and local law enforcement officials describe invasion at our U.S. Border and the White House is not stopping this

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crisis. Please pray.
Watch Elon Musk Border Crisis video on his Twitter page at the following link: https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1707565081750290910?s=42&t=SvoNROg 8uCOIQ0RiBCFz0Q

For additional information on this border issue, read The Daily Signal news report titled "'NORMALIZING INSANITY': Elon Musk Decries Open Border in Visit to Eagle Pass, Texas" at the following link: https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/09/29/elon-musk-visits-eagle-pass-livestreams-real-story-of-whats-happening-at-southern-border/



State Department Miracles, but White House Press Secretary Afraid

by White House Correspondent and InterMountain Christian News Editor Dr. M.Anthony Harper September 30, 2023



(WASHINGTON, Dc)—It is miraculous to be called on to ask questions at the State Department by the spokesman Matthew Miller who does meet with me freely after press meetings but troublesome that the White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre is afraid to meet with me or call on me in press meetings to ask questions for our Christian or Jewish audience. In contrast to the current White House press secretary Jean-Pierre, Biden's previous press secretary Jennifer Psaki was not afraid to meet with me and did call on me twice to ask questions in press meetings after my persistent asking to be called on.

Pictured above with U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller August 7, 2023 who is kind enough to call on me every day I attend press meetings to ask questions on behalf of Christian and Jewish people. Pray that the White House press secretary will be kind enough to let me ask her questions and for more open doors at the State Department and White House to get good answers to our questions.

I'm thankful to GOD of being called on at the U.S. State Department July 10, 2023 for the first time by spokesman Matthew Miller to ask crucial questions on protecting children and Israel. It is a continued miracle that I have been called on to ask questions every day I attend State Department press meetings. To watch my first State Department questions, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/DUxN7YkIE7E





Pictured above being called on at a State Department press meeting Monday July 10, 2023. For more of my White House, State Department and *Continued on Page 11*

See You at the PoleTM - Sept 27, 2023 Global WEEK of student prayer -Sept 24-30, 2023

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coordinates SYATP promotion. Doug Clark, national field director of the Network, noted: "See You at the PoleTM is a 'moment.' We hope adults and students will consider turning that moment into a movement by praying every day. This year, with the continued challenge of disruptions that have affected the US and every country, we need to ask God to pour out His Spirit on us more than ever. The heart of SYATP is extraordinary prayer."

SYATP is partnering with Claim Your Campus (ClaimYourCampus.com) to encourage students to daily prayer at their schools. CYC currently supports students praying daily on schools across the nation.

Media note: For more information about See You at the PoleTM and local event leaders, or to set up an interview, contact Doug Clark of the National Network of Youth Ministries office at (858) 946-1410 Monday-Friday from 9-5, Pacific Time; or e-mail dclark@nnym.org. There is also media information on the See You at the PoleTM web site, www.syatp.com. Facebook: go to "myseeyouatthepole". Audio Broadcast Resources: The See You at the PoleTM web site has Public Service Announcements (PSA) free for download in MP3 format. Access these spots by going to www.syatp.com and click on "Downloads."

State Department Miracles but White House Press Secretary Afraid

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Pictured at left is my news report from the White House Thursday July 20, 2023. To watch that report, click on the following YouTube link:

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https://youtu.be/C7GPFUpvcfk

http://www.nationalblackprolifeunion.com/About-Us.html

For more information about Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, click on the following link:

https://lindatarver.com

For more information about Trinity Wicker and the Louisiana Right to Life, click on the following link:

https://prolifelouisiana.org/board-staff/

For more information about Museum of The Bible, click on the following link:

https://www.museumofthebible.org

For more information about ProLife leader Rev. Pat Mahoney, click on the following link:

https://prayersandaction.com/founding-signers/rev-pat-mahoney/

Pray for Children killed in Abortion! Listen to White House Correspondent Dr. Harper's Child's right to Life question of White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre Tuesday October 18, 2022 during a press briefing when she is advocating on the right to kill children in Abortion by codifying Roe at the following YouTube link:

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For more information about Dr Harper news reporting, click on following link:

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White House Purges 442 Reporters Using New Press **Credential Rules**

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desist letter on July 24 objecting to the new rules.

"The requirement of accreditation by a press gallery in either the U.S. Congress or the Supreme Court appears to be an effort to purge smaller, regional news outlets who cannot afford enough reporters to continually cover both the White House and another branch of government," attorney Paul A. Hoffman wrote on Harper's behalf.

Hoffman added:

This necessarily leads to fewer news outlets covering essential government functions and to more reliance only on large news outlets whose perspectives are often different from smaller, regionally based news organizations representing unique constituencies around the country. Accordingly, these new restrictions appear aimed at reducing press access to the White House and are both arbitrary and discriminatory against small, diverse news outlets that will otherwise go unrepresented at White House press conferences.

The White House granted Harper a 10-day extension, the same courtesy afforded to Lucas.

"We will allow you until August 10, 2023, to submit the required materials," the White House Press Office wrote to Lucas. "While we review your application, your current hard pass to access the White House will remain valid."

It's unclear when the Congress or Supreme Court will make a final determination on Lucas' application—a process that can take months, at least with the congressional galleries—meaning he might not have the "required materials" by the new deadline.

In the meantime, Lucas plans to continue showing



4:38 PM - Jul 18, 2023

up for Jean-Pierre's press room briefings and other events at the White House. No briefings were held this week with Biden vacationing in Delaware.

Biden is among the least accessible presidents in modern history. He has done far fewer press conferences than his predecessors, averaging only 10 per year.

Tamara Keith, the former White House Correspondents' Association president, cited that lack of access to Biden as one of her biggest challenges during her tenure.

"In terms of the relationship between the president and the press, they are not doing a lot of press conferences, and we've had to really advocate to get the ones that we've gotten, which is quite frustrating," Keith said in a wide-ranging Deadline interview in April.

According to the American Presidency Project at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Biden held nine press conferences in 2021, 12 in 2022, and five so far this year. Just one of Biden's press conferences in 2023 was a solo appearance.

The following email, dated May 11, was sent by the White House Press Office outlining the new rules for hard-pass holders such as Lucas.

From: White House Press Office Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:46 PM Subject: Notice to All Hard Pass Holders Dear colleague,

We are writing to inform you that the White House intends to revise the policy on press hard passes to be consistent with that of prior administrations. Under the policy, all current press hard passes will expire on July 31. You will be able to request renewal of your current hard pass as described below, and any renewed passes will remain valid for one year, subject to annual renewal.

To renew your pass, your bureau chief/supervisor will need to email a letter to XXXXX. Your news organization will not need to submit multiple letters if requesting hard passes for more than one employee as long as your letter covers all employees requesting hard pass access to the White House campus.

This letter will need to be written on the official letterhead of your news organization, including contact information for someone who can verify the details provided below, and indicate that each applicant meets the following requirements:

Full-time employment with an organization whose principal business is news dissemination (If you are freelance, we will need letters from two news organizations describing your affiliation, or, if you freelance primarily for one organization, a letter from that organization describing the extent and duration of your relationship with the organization);

Physical address (either residential or professional) in the greater Washington, D.C. area;

Have accessed the White House campus at least once during the prior six months for work, or have proof of employment within the last three months to cover the White House;

Assignment to cover (or provide technical support in covering) the White House on a regular basis;

Accreditation by a press gallery in either the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, or Supreme Court: and

Willingness to submit to any necessary investigation

by the U.S. Secret Service to determine eligibility for access to the White House complex, where Secret Service will determine eligibility based on whether the applicant presents a potential risk to the safety or security of the President, the Vice President, or the White House complex.

This letter should be attached, along with a photograph or scan of a Senate, House of Representatives, or Supreme Court credential, and the completed hard pass application and submitted at one time to XXXXX.

After receiving the letter from your supervisor and updating your background check, the U.S. Secret Service will grant a hard pass upon confirmation from the Press Office that you meet the above criteria. You will not need to receive a new physical pass if you already have one.

If you currently do not have a hard pass, you will need to complete the standard application and also provide the letter stated above. The Press Office will then be in touch to schedule a time to pick up your hard pass if approved.

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Please let us know if you have any questions. Sincerely,

The White House Press Office

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Why I'm A Gideon: **Ted Landers**

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Douglas 9th Annual Bible Reading 2023 – Life, Liberties, and Family

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and their camp doubled in participation. Yet, seeing people come to know Christ moved Ted the most.

THE MAIN THING

He firmly believes every Gideon should be helping other Christians witness. "This is the main thing—we need to be equipping Christians. Teaching them to share Jesus is the most important way we do



this. My prayer is Gideons will lead by wanting to share Jesus more and more."

This is why he is so excited about the new Conversations personal witnessing

course offered by The Gideons, which helps equip church congregations to share their faith. "I have been waiting for something like this to come along for quite some time. Doing these trainings at churches has drawn me closer to the Lord. When you train people to lead others to the Lord, it just does something to you," he says.

Ted's life verse is Psalm 40:1-3. God waited patiently for Ted and Rosemary. They know what it means to be drawn from a pit of destruction, and this inspires them to faithfully continue winning others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:1-3 ESV

spectacular display. The special 3-hour program with a bold reading of Genesis 1 and went on from provided prayer and a collaborative commitment there until 9pm and started up again on Monday. to the Bible, Christian flag, and American Flag. Gideon Representative, John Steel and local pastor Don Bergstrom shared "Why we read the Bible" and September "Back to Church Sunday".

Soon after was a live concert by, "Fire by Night", a band led by Debbie Dalman. Debbie's crew played a genre of familiar worship and old time Christian contemporary songs. The spectators joined in clapping and toe tapping as they moved to old time Christian rock and roll. Next, was a rendition of patriotic dance pieces from "Beautiful Feet Academy of the Dance Art's" of Casper, Wyoming. Julie Oliver and her company of youthful performers specialize in a variety of ball, hop, ballet, tap and jazz that accompanied a gear of fatigues donated by veterans, props and emotional drama and featured echoes of scripture into the interpretation of dance. Each performer displayed a longing for patriotism, commitment to a Christian lifestyle, as well as, encouraging life, liberties, and family.

Georgia Garland and her 3-hour block coordinators; Marge Porter, Sue McKee and Carla Sternhagen commented on the "Captive childlike local talent from churches that have been involved attitude that pulled them into the moment." By the end of the evening founders of Douglas Bible Reading Marathon Jes and Bonnie Rodiger was commemorated for 35 years of dedication to Bible Readings around the USA. They were given a fall plant, a \$100 Walmart gift certificate for their ongoing travels, and a card.

Throughout the week they volunteered to read and were honored at the national headquarters and can be featured at this address. https://www. biblereadingmarathon.org/marathons.html.

The reading began Saturday, August 12th at 2pm

and love for Jesus. Friday evening was such a at Jackalope Square, Douglas, Wyoming. It began



Pictured above: Bible Reading Opoening Ceremony Beautiful Feet Academy of Dance

On Tuesday the Bible Reading would continue at the Douglas State Fair grounds Bible Reading tent. Each day it would begin at 9am and end at 9pm, finishing on Saturday evening. By the end of the week the number of Performers included 39; Readers/Volunteers include 109. From year to year, coordinators await a creative plan to open the Bible Reading with a worshipful environment as a kickoff to the week.

There is a plan to celebrate 10 years by featuring in the Bible Reading. These details are still a work in progress. Lastly, donations are strictly utilized for the details (permits, insurance, snacks, and fees to the booth at the fairground). No one gets paid for their efforts." This is the Lord's work and our way to thank Him for what He has provided. We are servants who love Jesus" - Camilla Hicks, Lead

Coordinator, Mark Hicks said, "I get involved because it's an easy way to get many people involved in spreading the Gospel. It is very low risk; people only need to read." As a coordinator, I overheard more than one person state the importance of what we were doing, and that it must continue. – Mark Hicks, 9-year volunteer Carla Sternhagen, 5-years volunteer said, "I love reading the Word and getting the word of God out to Douglas. I am following my heart and what God is asking me to do."

For more information you can Contact Facebook at Debbie Dalman, "Fire by Night" https://www. beautifulfeetdance.com

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Bible Crossword Solution for Apr/May/June 2023



5,600 People in Attendance at the **Look Up Tour in Idaho Falls**

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Courtesy Billy Graham Evangelical Association

"When have we ever experienced hundreds of people responding to Jesus in Idaho in a single day on a Saturday? I don't think that has ever happened in our history," said Pastor Todd Wood, speaking before Sunday afternoon's closing event. "Glory to God for this powerful, spiritual movement—this special season. Our prayer is that it is a rippling of the Gospel through the region."

Looking Ahead

With the efforts in Curitiba and Idaho Falls completed, Graham will now turn his attention to Canada, where he will hold the three-city Thompson-Okanagan Look Up Tour in Kamloops (Oct. 13), Vernon (Oct. 14) and Kelowna (Oct. 15), British Columbia.



About Will Graham: Will is the third generation of Grahams to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the banner of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). He has spoken to more than one million people on six continents since beginning his evangelistic ministry in 2006.

visit the following web site:

https://www.lookuptour.org

For more information about the Will Graham and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, visit the following website:

https://billygraham.org/about/biographies/willgraham/





MEET THE SPEAKER:

PAT ROY



Pat Roy served at the Institute for Creation Research for 12 years as the Director of Broadcast Media. It was during this time at ICR that he and his wife. Sandy created the Jonathan Park audio adventures -- a creation-based audio drama heard by millions around the world. Pat has served as Director at Genesis Apologetics and been the Director at the Mount St. Helens Creation Center. He is currently producing a video series for Answers.tv, and traveling the nation as host of the Creation Experience. He has presented to hundreds of audiences, of all ages, about the importance of trusting God's Word.

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Stanton Healthcare Sees Increase of Clients and Services

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pregnancy in a post-Roe America has access to life-affirming, quality care, compassionate resources and tangible support.

"In my home state of Idaho, which is virtually abortion free, Stanton Healthcare has organized a coalition of political, faith and community leaders, and organizations to come together in a non-partisan way to find creative and life-affirming solutions as we unite to support women with unexpected pregnancies. We are excited other states are joining with us.

"One year after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, For more information about the Look Up Tour, the pro-life community is reminding the nation of our commitment to serve and empower women as we make abortion unthinkable."



Linda Thomas, Director of Community Outreach for Stanton Healthcare, shares:

"The pro-life community continues to prove its

commitment to women and their children. Since the overturn of Roe, our clinics are busier than ever and

our services have expanded. By contrast, Planned Parenthood is reducing their staff and limiting their services.

"According to CNN, at least 43 abortion centers permanently closed within 30 days of the Dobbs decision, including in Boise, Idaho. While women continue to fill our parking lot at Stanton Healthcare in Meridian, Idaho, and receive compassionate, quality medical care, Planned Parenthood's parking lot is regularly empty."

Rev. Patrick Mahoney, Chief Strategy Officer for Stanton Public Policy Center, adds:

"For months after Roe v. Wade was overturned, the pro-choice community was shouting that thousands of women with unexpected pregnancies would face hardship, pain and even death without access to abortion. They criticized the pro-life movement saying we would not be ready to meet their needs.

"One year after the Dobbs decision, that heated rhetoric has amounted to nothing more than fear mongering. Pro-life centers and medical clinics across America are providing real tangible support, quality medical care and hope to thousands of women facing unexpected pregnancies while Planned Parenthood is cutting their staff and services. This is a reminder to everyone who is truly pro-woman."

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