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Forensic Psychiatrist Contrasts Kamala Harris and Joe Biden with Donald Trump

by White House Correspondent Dr. Matthew Anthony Harper



Forensic Psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman joins me August 12, 2024 to contrast the behavior of Vice President Kamala Harris and President Donald Trump especially towards Israel. To watch, click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/qtTKNB-rWIM>

Forensic Psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman joins me June 22, 2024 to contrast the mental health of Biden and Trump with her final comments about anti Israel activities and antisemitism. To watch this crucial video, click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/mIMVE5NhE9E>

Dr. Lieberman concludes from observing policies and behavior of Trump, Harris and Biden that former President

Trump is pro Israel and more qualified to be President whereas Vice President Kamala Harris and President Biden are anti Israel and mentally unfit to be President.

To watch the interviews with Dr. Lieberman and for more information, go to the following web sites:

<https://youtu.be/qtTKNB-rWIM>

<https://youtu.be/mIMVE5NhE9E>

Mark Levin: These are Kamala Harris' radical positions , July 29, 2024



FOX News, 'Life, Liberty & Levin' host Mark Levin pulls the curtain on Vice President Kamala Harris' 'radical' ideology.

Watch Mark Levin's video presentation on Kamala Harris at the following link: <https://youtu.be/XJfksdKyMEW>

We welcome your feedback to these highly charged political articles regarding Kamala Harris and Donald Trump.

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In Stand-off with Iran, Rosenberg Sees Yahweh at Work and Israel Unafraid

by Parrish Alford August 22, 2024

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Israel remains on edge as its No. 1 enemy, Iran, vows historic revenge on the hated Jewish state.

The Iranians believe it's their moral obligation to respond to a string of assassinations of key Hamas and Hezbollah leaders, killings either claimed by the Israeli government or theorized to have been the work on the famed Mossad.

Of course, two of the killings came after a Hezbollah rocket hit an Israeli youth soccer field and 12 children died.

So round and round goes the conflict in the Holy Land.

"As the Quran states, a non-tactical retreat in any domain – whether military, political or economic – will incur divine wrath," for the people of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told government leaders last week.

Amid the rising tensions, many Israelis feel a sense of confidence, Joel Rosenberg, a noted Middle East analyst and author, said on American Family Radio Wednesday.

"There is a sense of resilience. I think people who aren't even particularly religious, or spiritual here in Israel, don't believe that God has reconstituted the sovereign native state of Israel in 1948 and is bringing us here by the millions from all over the world,



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IMCNews Publisher Dr. Harper trip to Israel

Reporting in Israel at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast, meeting with Israel leaders...
May 26 – June 7, 2024



(JERUSALEM, Israel)— The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast (JPB) met for the first time in Jerusalem since the October 7, 2023 barbaric and demonic attack on Israel to pray for the peace of Jerusalem with attendees representing government, Christian leaders and many others who support Israel. This crucial event was founded by previous Knesset Member Robert Ilatov and is co-chaired by previous U.S. Congresswoman Michele Bachmann.

Highlights of this year's event included:

- Celebrating Israel's 76th Anniversary
- Knesset and Parliamentarians Reception

below:



- Live Concert from Jerusalem



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For more information about the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast, visit their following web site:
<https://www.jerusalemprayerbreakfast.org>



Pictured above Monday May 27, 2024 I was blest (Baruch HaShem) to sing the Israel national anthem 'Hatikvah' at the Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, Israel: <https://youtu.be/Gi-JU4sva0U>

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Former President Trump Survives Apparent Assassination Attempt at Campaign Rally

by Brandon Porter, Baptist Press, Used by Permission Posted July 13, 2024 in World & Politics

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story has been updated.

BUTLER, Pa. (BP) – A rally for former President Donald Trump was interrupted Saturday afternoon following what appeared to be gunshots. Trump was speaking at a campaign rally when several pops rang out. After lifting his hand to his ear, Trump ducked to the ground as the crowd behind him scattered.

Secret Service agents immediately swarmed the platform. Moments later, Trump seemed to stand and was helped off the stage while waiving to the crowd.

A statement from the Trump campaign said the former president is “fine after being checked out a local hospital.”

The Associated Press reported the shooter was killed and one rally attendee was also killed.

Within the hour, a representative from the U.S. Secret Service released a statement: “An incident occurred the evening of July 13 at a Trump rally in Pennsylvania. The Secret Service has implemented protective measures and the former President is safe. This is now an active Secret Service investigation and further information will be released when available.”

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) posted that he was “praying for President Trump and all the attendees of the campaign rally today in Pennsylvania, and we send our gratitude to the law enforcement who responded at the scene.” Johnson also noted that he had “been briefed by law enforcement and am continuing to monitor the developments. This horrific act of



Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump is helped off the stage at a campaign event in Butler, Pa., Saturday, July 13, 2024. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

political violence at a peaceful campaign rally has no place in this country and should be unanimously and forcefully condemned.”

Sen. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) posted, “I am horrified by what happened at the Trump rally in Pennsylvania and relieved that former President Trump is safe. Political violence has no place in our country.”

“While reports show that President Trump is doing ‘fine,’ this is a horrific moment,” said Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission president Brent Leatherwood. “The reality that this has taken place tonight should bring us to our knees.”

“We should all stop to pray for President Trump and that those responsible will be swiftly apprehended

and brought to justice. We should pray for anyone else injured by this despicable incident,” Leatherwood said.

“We are praying for President Trump amid today’s horrible event. I praise the Lord he appears okay and that the Secret Service so heroically intervened. We need to pray for our nation and for calm hearts and minds. The Lord reigns,” said Clint Pressley, Southern Baptist Convention president, in a statement to Baptist Press.

The event follows a busy political week as the Republican National Convention finalized their 2024 campaign platform on July 9.

The Republican National Convention begins on Monday, July 15, in Milwaukee.

“In a democracy like ours, we voice our opinions, we passionately press our case, we bravely dissent, and we loudly campaign for our cause,” Leatherwood said. “But we must never cross the line to harm those we disagree with. Political violence has hurt too many individuals and taken too many lives in our history. Now is the moment for all of us to unite and bring a swift and universal condemnation to this vile act that has no place whatsoever in America.”

Source: <https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/former-president-trump-survives-apparent-assassination-attempt-at-campaign-rally/>

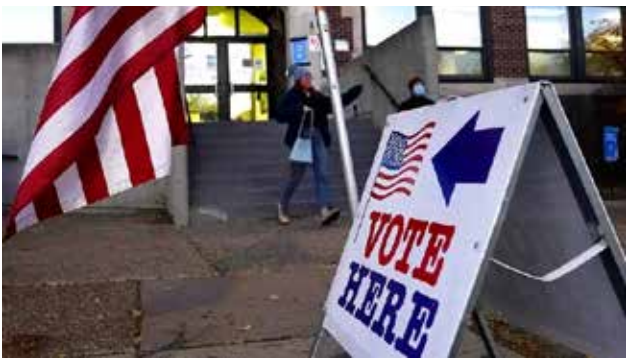
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After Millions Cross U.S. Border, Democrats See No Need To Keep Non-Citizens From Voting

Parrish Alford Jul 9, 2024
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President Joe Biden has announced he supports no further action to protect election integrity in light of rampant crossings at the southern border during his presidency.

The administration released a statement Monday saying it “strongly opposes” H.R. 8281, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act.

The legislation is expected to come to the House floor for a vote this week.

The bill was introduced in May by Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) in the House and by Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) in the Senate. It would require states to obtain proof of citizenship from anyone registering to vote and would

mandate that states remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls. It would also allow individuals to file civil lawsuits against election officials who do not follow the requirements.

The White House contends that “effective safeguards” already exist to verify voters’ eligibility and maintain the integrity of voter registration rolls.



“This bill would do nothing to safeguard our elections, but it would make it much harder for all eligible Americans to register to vote and increase the risk that eligible voters are purged from voter rolls.

The evidence is clear that the current laws to prevent noncitizen voting are working as intended—it is extraordinarily rare for noncitizens to break the law by voting in Federal elections,” the Biden administration wrote.

Perhaps the existing law was effective for previous federal elections. Pew Research Center numbers show millions of migrants have entered the U.S. since Biden became president.

While Biden expressed his displeasure, the White House statement did not mention a possible presidential veto.

Roy isn’t surprised his bill is getting blow back from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Democrats “don’t believe in America as a thing. They don’t want to protect what it means to be an American citizen. They don’t believe in American exceptionalism. They want one world, a new order, and they’re fine with open borders,” Roy said on American Family Radio Tuesday.

House Speaker backs SAVE Act

House Speaker Mike Johnson in late June released

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Survey: Likely Harris Voters in the Dark About Her Radical Positions

by Parrish Alford August 22, 2024
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Republicans could really use the feet of someone to bring good news. Recent research from NewsBusters reveals that some of Kamala Harris’ most committed supporters in her quest to lead the free world are ones who are least informed about the extent of her radical policies.



environment, crime, the border – her voters do not know what she believes in. The fact that they’re still willing to vote for her anyway is a real dangerous commentary on the state of our politics,” Houck told show host Jody Hice.

The survey’s findings make it easy

A survey by NewsBusters, a project of the Media Research Center, targets Democratic and Independent voters with a simple question: Are you aware or unaware? From there they touched on ten policy questions about the sitting vice president who has spoken so little about policy during her campaign.

“Some things were stunning. Of the ten things we polled, they were no lower than 71% unaware,” Curtis Houck, the managing editor for NewsBusters, said on Washington Watch Wednesday.

Among the interesting findings were:

71% of likely Harris voters were unaware that Harris has considered the ideas of de-funding police and paying reparations for black people.

73% did not know that she favors the Green New Deal – which would, among other things, cut the military budget by 50% and devastate gas-powered cars with a goal of net zero for U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

78% did not know that in 2020 Harris encouraged donations to the bail fund for violent criminals jailed for their roles in the Minneapolis riots after George Floyd’s death.



Houck, Curtis (MRC)

86% did not know that in a CCN Town Hall program Harris said there needs to be a conversation on allowing death row inmates to vote.

“So, no matter how you slice it, no matter what the issue – whether it’s the economy,

to conclude that likely Harris voters also do not understand the impact of “reproductive rights” – the code phrase she often uses for abortion. It’s been a hot topic for Democrats since the Supreme Court’s decision to return abortion regulation to the states in the summer of 2022 – and especially this week at the Democratic National Convention.

Eight states this fall have ballot initiatives that, if successful, would codify abortion in state constitutions. They’re not all blue states. One of them is Florida.

THE PAVONE CHALLENGE

Democrats inside Chicago’s United Center have been celebrating abortion this week ... while offering the procedure for free outside the convention arena. Frank Pavone, a former Catholic priest and leader in the fight for life, would like to see Democrats use modern technology to be more specific as they celebrate abortion.

“My challenge is, you’ve got all these big screens at the convention, all this technology, you’ve got people watching from coast to coast ... [so] show us an abortion. You think this is such a great idea, show it to us. They won’t, not in a million years would they dream of doing something like that,” he said on American Family Radio Thursday.



Pavone, Fr. Frank (Priests for Life)

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Israel leader MK Ohad Tal Interview

by IMCNews publisher Dr. Harper July 25, 2024



Israel leader (Member of Knesset) Ohad Tal with the National Religious Party–Religious Zionism joins me July 25, 2024 to talk about the rise of antisemitism, the current war situation with Iran proxies Hamas, Houthis, Palestinian Authority, and Hezbollah in light of October 7 and the recent missile attack on the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv by the Houthis, the responses to Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s speech to the U.S. Congress Wednesday July 24, 2024 as well as about the International Criminal Court warrant for Prime Minister Netanyahu’s arrest and the pressure on Israel to agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state that would divide Israel.

To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Op0XvQesQRk>



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CCU, IWU Pave a Pro-Israel Path for Other Institutions to Follow

Bronson Woodruff
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Jul 30, 2024



A supporter of Israel is pleased to see that the leaders of two of the nation's largest and most influential Christian universities are inviting Israeli and American Jews onto their campuses.

Colorado Christian University President Eric K. Hogue and Indiana Wesleyan University President Jon S. Kulaga have issued an invitation that promises prospective students, "You will be welcomed, and you will be safe" on their campuses.

"We write to express our profound shock and indignation in response to the surge of hate and violence directed against Jewish and Israeli individuals on university campuses across the United States earlier this year," their open letter notes.

It also calls on all seminaries and universities to review their commitment to upholding the biblical principles of inclusivity and diversity, as the presidents contend the university system is predicated upon Judeo-Christian values.

Sophia Witt, executive vice president of Students Supporting Israel, calls this a beacon of hope.



Witt

"I wish other universities would follow suit; I hope they do," she tells AFN. "It kind of goes to show you who the greatest allies are."

But because it is almost redundant to say that Christians and Jews are such, she does not like to use the word "allies."

"I believe that Christians also have claim to the land and are inherently Zionist," Witt says. "It's sad that Jews have kind of forgotten this idea that Zionism is inherent to Judaism, just as it's inherent to Christianity."

She thinks these universities have demonstrated that they have not forgotten that, and she hopes this gesture paves a path for other universities to follow.

Campus Reform notes that several Catholic colleges and universities, such as Assumption University and Saint Louis University, have also expressed their commitments to accept Jewish students at a time of increasing antisemitism and disruptive and violent anti-Israel protests at many colleges and universities.

Source: <https://afn.net/education/2024/07/30/ccu-iwu-pave-a-pro-israel-path-for-other-institutions-to-follow/>



Don't Be the Boiled Frog in the Story

Steve Jordahl Aug 16, 2024
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Between now and November, a conservative former mayor expects the Democrats to utilize their common tactic of offering a carrot and hiding the big stick that's attached.

Under the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, insurers will reportedly be forced to significantly raise monthly premiums to offset caps on drug prices for Medicare recipients. Since that at this point in the election year would likely move voters from Harris to Trump, the Biden-Harris administration is inventing a taxpayer-funded "demonstration project" to temporarily cover the deficit.



Pierce, Jason (mayor of Eagle, ID)

"You've got four years to make things better, and you don't do it," he poses.



"And then all of a sudden, it comes election time, and you artificially pump money into things and do stuff which is only going to, in the long term, raise inflation again."

He says the coming headlines touting a growing economy and lower prices will fool a lot of people, but the

conservative again asserts that pain is coming down the pike.

"The problem is the average American voters are so busy raising their children and working that they don't have the time to deep dive," says Pierce. "They go by these headlines."

When the bad news finally starts to break, it will come in so slowly that Americans will not know they are in trouble until it is too late.

"The problem is the frog's already dead before he realizes he was boiled," Pierce laments.

So, he urges Republicans to keep hammering on Harris' lousy economic track record and continue to "point out those things that have already happened in the past."

Source: <https://afn.net/politics-govt/2024/08/16/don-t-be-the-boiled-frog-in-the-story/>

Gideon Testimony: A Hospital Bible Halts a Troubled Girl's Plans

Source: <https://gideons.org/blog>
By Kevin McIntosh July 31, 2024

Kari's story of transformation started when she was 13 years old in junior high school. Experiencing the typical junior high girl traits, she was moody, emotional, insecure, and wanting to be liked more than anything. Her life was about to be turned completely upside down.



Kari Pankonin

certainly, He would never allow something like this to happen..."

She felt like she couldn't talk to anyone about what was happening—it was so embarrassing, and nobody would understand. She remembers thinking, "I didn't want to believe in

a loving God anymore because in my sheltered and shallow teen mind, certainly He would never allow something like this to happen—let alone to someone like me, a good, church-going girl."

PERFECTLY NORMAL TO TUMULTUOUS

"My parents went from having an almost perfect marriage to falling apart. My dad went from being seemingly very happy and normal to going through major depression and having suicidal thoughts," she remembers. He made multiple threats to shoot himself and fell in love with someone much younger than Kari's mom.

Their home went from perfectly normal to tumultuous and unstable. Her parents were headed for divorce. Kari says, "I hated them both, but they ignored me because they had their own issues. I felt alone and ashamed."

To escape from it all, Kari started hanging out with much older kids, going to parties, drinking when she could, and occasionally smoking. This was followed by dating several guys who were not God-fearing. "I became so depressed. I would go into my room at night and fantasize about my death and funeral. I would listen to depressing music and write dark poems about death. I thought things would never get better, and my only alternative was suicide."

"I didn't want to believe in a loving God anymore because in my sheltered and shallow teen mind,

AN UNEXPLAINABLE SENSATION

Kari had it all figured out. She planned her funeral and typed up her obituary. Fortunately, she had a good friend whose parents loved her like she was their own child and a teacher who was very concerned about her. "I guess they noticed signs of my attempted suicide and told my mom," she recalls. A few weeks before Easter of her eighth-grade year, Kari got off the school bus to find her grandma and mom waiting for her. They drove her to a psychiatric unit in Minnesota, about an hour away from her house.

She says these were the worst days of her life. She had to go to group therapy several times a day, as well as individual therapy. She was subjected to some pretty intense mental and emotional testing. Soon, she discovered that if she lied to the hospital personnel, she would have had more privileges. "I was transferred to a regular hospital room and got the great news that I was going to be released. I was going home. I could continue with my plan to end my life,"

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God and Country Festival

Wednesday July 3, 2024 Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, Idaho
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Date and Time July 3, 2024 @ 06:30 PM

Location: 16200 Idaho Center Blvd, Nampa, ID 83687

The God and Country Festival began during a movement organized by western actor Chuck Connors during the sixties to promote our country's founding ideals and faith in God. Nampa held its first rally back in 1967. When the event moved to the Idaho Center in 2000, the name was changed from "God and Country Rally" to "God and Country Festival."

About the Festival

God and Country Festival in Nampa, Idaho is organized by a volunteer-driven organization called the God and Country Association, Inc. The organization is made up of Christians who are committed to strengthening the fabric of the Treasure Valley community through the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are also interested in helping believers around the nation get an independent God and Country event started.

We believe that Christians in America should have a natural affection for their country because it was founded on the godly ideal that liberty is derived, not as a gift of governments and politicians, but as a gift of our Creator.

For more information, visit the web site: <http://www.godandcountryfestival.com>

Idaho Church Using the Outdoors to Share the Gospel

by Karen L. Willoughby, posted July 1, 2024 in Church Planting, Evangelism
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<https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/idaho-church-using-the-outdoors-to-share-the-gospel/>



RIGBY, Idaho – A defunct church plant's ministry has become a mainstay of a now thriving church.

Scott and Jennifer Plath received a mass email in 2010 sent from the online studies office at Liberty University that challenged students to consider ministry in lesser-evangelized areas of the nation, such as the Northeast or the Rocky Mountain region.

"Once we read that email, it's hard to quantify but there was a definite draw to the Intermountain West," Scott Plath told Baptist Press. The church they attended, Cornerstone Community Church in Drummonds, Tenn., paid for them to check out western Montana, Idaho and Utah.

"We learned about the need in Rexburg, [Idaho] but in His providence the Lord provided a place to live in the neighboring community of Rigby," Plath continued. Still believing that the church would be planted in Rexburg, the Plaths labored for months trying to get a Bible study started in Rexburg with little success.

It was only when they decided to host a small group in their Rigby home that the tide began to shift. There were eleven people at that first small group meeting in Rigby. "The Lord made it pretty clear this was where we were to focus our attention," Plath said.

In October of 2013, Faith Baptist Fellowship was launched in Rigby, Idaho, with about 40 people in attendance. It was the first Southern Baptist church to ever be planted in that city.

Faith Baptist Fellowship provided a "traditional"

Southern Baptist service because that was what they knew, Plath said. It grew a bit, but after four years of attempting to reach Rigby with the gospel, "It became clear toward the end, when we had declined to about 10, that there was not going to be longevity. Something had to change.

"At the same time. I was building significant relationships and sharing the gospel with people in my shop in Rigby," continued the pastor who works bi-vocationally as a taxidermist. Plath began to seek

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Vision Beyond Borders News

Casper, Wyoming Aug 23, 2024

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We humbly ask for your prayers and support as we stand at a pivotal moment in two significant Bible distribution efforts.

In Southeast Asia, we are facing the challenge of moving 10,000 Bibles across the borders of a closed country. These Bibles represent hope, faith, and the opportunity for spiritual growth in a region where access to the Word of God is severely restricted. We ask for prayers that these Bibles will safely reach those who are yearning for the Gospel, and for anyone who feels led to assist, whether through financial support or physical help.



At the same time, our Spanish Bible Project continues to expand, with a need for \$185,000 to keep this initiative alive and thriving. This project has already seen the distribution of over 1.1 million Spanish Bibles, touching the hearts of people throughout the Spanish-speaking world. The demand for Bibles continues to grow, and with your support, we can meet this need, bringing the Word of God to those who are seeking it in their native language.



These projects are more than just numbers—they are about lives transformed by the power of Scripture. We are deeply grateful for the prayers, financial gifts, and physical help that make these endeavors possible. With your prayers and support, we are spreading the light of God's Word into some of the darkest corners of the world, and we invite you to continue partnering with us in our mission.

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Lee Greenwood and the God Bless the USA Bible

by IMCNews publisher Dr. Anthony Harper
Tuesday July 2, 2024



Lee Greenwood, Country Music composer and singer of the 'GOD Bless the USA' song and with the 'GOD Bless the USA Bible' joins me Tuesday July 2, 2024 via Zoom to talk about his Music career, his faith, the development of his song 'GOD Bless the USA' and the 'GOD Bless the USA Bible.' To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/OiJpiuJYeuY>

For more information, go to the following web sites:

<https://leegreenwood.com>

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Missions, Evangelism at the Heart of Growth, Says Nevada Pastor

By Scott Barkley, posted August 7, 2024 in Evangelism, Missions
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<https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/missions-evangelism-at-the-heart-of-growth-says-nevada-pastor/>



RENO, Nev. (BP) – A passion for missions brings growth. South Reno Baptist Church is proof.

Joe K. Taylor was called to the congregation in December 1993, when there were 42 people on roll. A Texas native who wanted to minister outside of the Bible Belt, Taylor brought a passion for missions that has since been at the center of the church's growth to as many as 600 on Sundays.

"We give God all the glory," he said. "I'm very humbled to be in the West, but feel like our church ministers all over the world."



Members of South Reno Baptist Church lead a worship service in Lima, Peru. At far left is Joseph Savage, youth and missions pastor. Standing third from the right is Preston Yoshioka, team leader. Photo courtesy of SRBC

This year has been South Reno's most active, with trips taken or planned for Peru, Uganda, Southeast Asia, Mexico and Canada as well as supporting a local church start.

Taylor was the student minister at Lamar Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, when he took his first

mission trip. It was to Africa and opened up a new door to experiencing his faith.

"I loved Africa, and went there twice with the church," he said. "When I came to South Reno, we were pretty small, behind on our building payments and stuff like that. We weren't in a place to do missions like that."

There was also a physical limitation. His second week as pastor, Taylor broke his back while on a tubing trip. He missed two months in the pulpit, then spent the next nine preaching from a chair.

Not long after that, however, the church took its first mission trip. That one was to Mexico, followed by another one to Canada and then Uganda.

Several individuals helped facilitate South Reno's expansion into missions. Keith Brown, a doctor, moved into the area and brought with him experience facilitating mission trips for large churches.

"He was very strategic in getting our policies together," Taylor said.

Joseph Savage was a veteran teacher of 18 years in the local school district when he began feeling a call to missions. At 44 years old and raising teenagers, though, it was unclear how that would look.

"I was saved at 14 and doing the things I was supposed to be doing – reading my Bible and going to church. I pursued the American dream and had a wife and kids and served in the church," he said.



With the help of a translator, in white shirt, South Reno Baptist Church pastor Joe K. Taylor led this family in Africa to Christ. Photo from Joe K. Taylor

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October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Source: https://media.focusonthefamily.com/pastoral/pdf/CAM_Guide_2012.pdf

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching



their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those

October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

With the shepherd doing so much to encourage the flock, wouldn't it be nice if the flock returned the favor? As teachers, counselors, comforters and the ones who unselfishly serve, your pastoral staff and their families could use an extra pat on the back. So go ahead and find your special way to say thanks. You'll be glad you did.

whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.

Don't your pastors and their families deserve this kind of recognition? Do something about it today!

Help your pastors and their families feel appreciated

1. Figure out what you can do personally to recognize and honor these leaders. A simple card, an invitation to lunch, a promise to pray for them or an offer to babysit, wash a car or mow a lawn make wonderful statements.
2. Share the concept of CAM with others in your congregation and challenge them to join you in some kind of formal planning. You might consider a special service of affirmation, a

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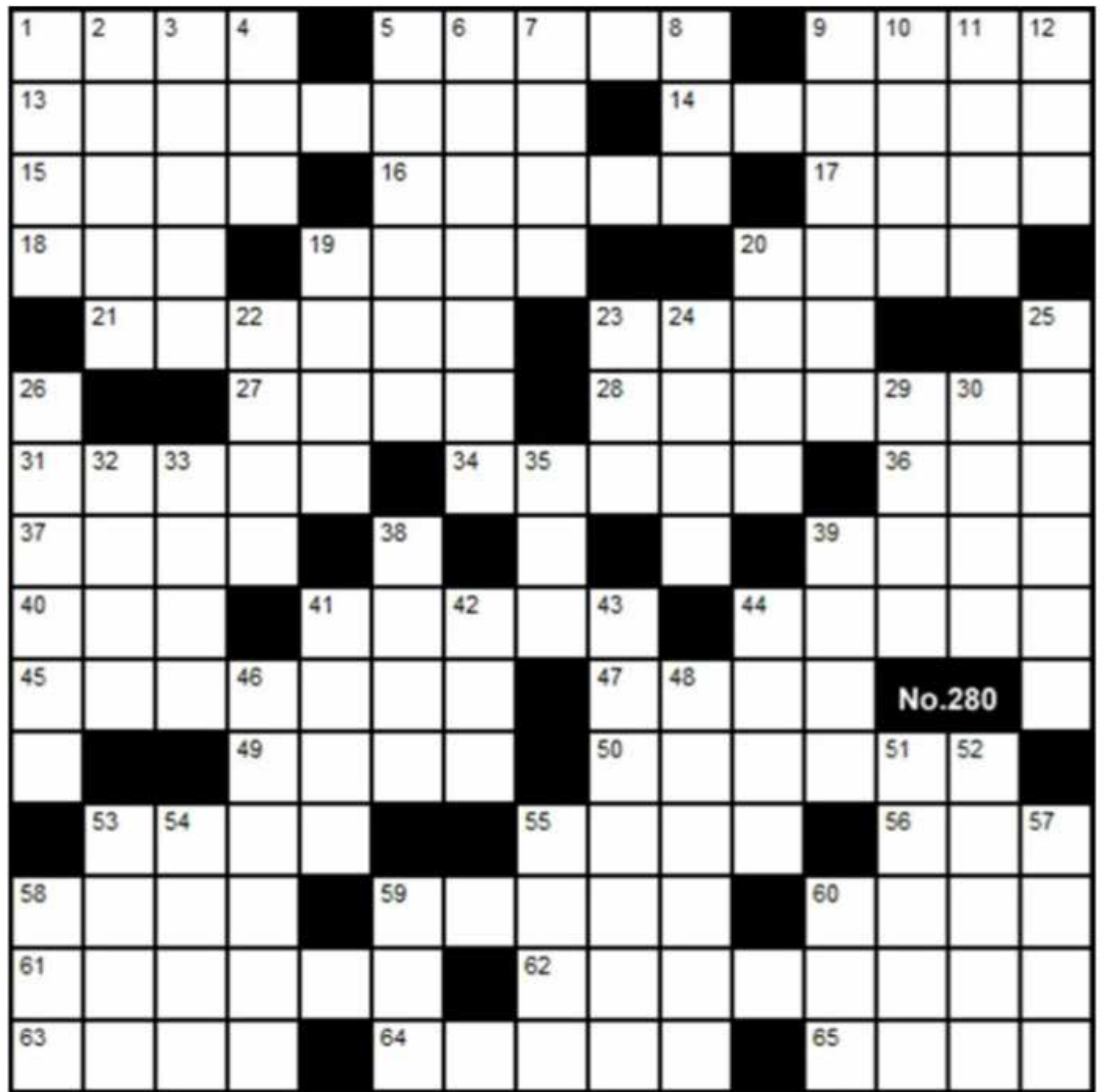
- 1 earneth wages to put it into ____ with holes. (1,3) (Hag 1:6) KJV
- 5 As an ____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:2)
- 9 Praise the LORD with ____: sing unto him with the psaltery (Ps 33:2)
- 13 and hath greatly offended, and ____ himself upon them (Ezek 25:12) KJV
- 14 And the rough goat is the king of ____ (Dan 8:21) KJV
- 15 Cut down the tree and ____ off its branches (Dan 4:14)
- 16 The alien who lives among you will rise ____ you (Deut 28:43)
- 17 He who ____ his father and drives out his mother is (Prov 19:26)
- 18 LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the ____ (Ex 14:26)
- 19 Mockers ____ up a city, but wise men turn away anger (Prov 29:8)
- 20 No one ____ a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Matt 9:16)
- 21 Uzziah the king was ____ unto the day of his death (1,5) (2 Chron 26:21) KJV
- 23 The man said, ____ is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23)
- 27 Do you see this ____ army? I will give it into your hand (1 Kings 20:13)
- 28 Moses, Joshua, and David were ____ of some of the books of the Bible
- 31 I saw something like a large ____ being let down from heaven (Acts 11:5)
- 34 a foolish man who built his ____ on sand (Matt 7:26)
- 36 Abner son of ____, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
- 37 The nations will ____ and tremble; anguish will grip the people (Exod 15:14)
- 39 Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, ____ and Ivvah? (2 Kings 18:34)
- 40 God ____ raised this Jesus to life (Acts 2:32)
- 41 At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three ____ (Dan 10:2)
- 44 so that by the grace of God he might ____ death for everyone (Heb 2:9)
- 45 I will obey your decrees; do not ____ forsake me (Ps 119:8)
- 47 the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, ____, Zepho (Gen 36:11)
- 49 When the LORD God ____ the earth and the heavens (Gen 2:4)
- 50 "Will he even ____ the queen while she is with me in the house?" (Est 7:8)
- 53 Men stalked us at every ____, so we could not walk in our streets (Lam 4:18)
- 55 His master replied, ____ done, good and faithful servant (Matt 25:23)

- 56 "They ____ me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! (Prov 23:35)
- 58 being not a forgetful hearer, but a ____ of the work (James 1:25) KJV
- 59 David, wearing a linen ____, danced before the LORD (2 Sam 6:14)
- 60 for wide is the ____, and broad is the way (Matt 7:13)
- 61 return to it and remove all its vile ____ and detestable idols (Ezek 11:18)
- 62 He is coming with ____, our faithful and dear brother (Col 4:9)
- 63 Man is a ____ phantom as he goes to and fro (Ps 39:6)

- 64 creatures of the sea are being ____ but no man can tame the tongue (James 3:7-8)
- 65 Like a bird that strays from its ____ is a man who strays (Prov 27:8)

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- 1 the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret ____ (Ex 7:11)
- 2 the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to ____ (Acts 17:10)
- 3 Then Samuel took ____ of oil, and poured it upon (1,4) (1 Sam 10:1) KJV
- 4 on the two stones the way a ____ cutter engraves a seal. (Exod 28:11)
- 5 I will make thy windows of ____, and thy gates of carbuncles (Isa 54:12) KJV
- 6 He saved us through the washing of ____ (Titus 3:5)
- 7 by this time there is a bad ____ (John 11:39)
- 8 Abraham died in a good old ____ (Gen 25:8) KJV
- 9 Bakkabkar, ____, Galal and Mattaniah son of Micah (1 Chron 9:15)
- 10 Do not slaughter ____ or a sheep and its young on the same day (1,3) (Lev 22:28)



- 11 He took one of the man's ____ and closed up the place (Gen 2:21)
- 12 He was with David at ____ Dammim when the Philistines (1 Chron 11:13)
- 19 He ____ on the ground, and made clay of the spittle (John 9:6) KJV
- 20 Sell me some property for a burial ____ here (Gen 23:4)
- 22 Nobody has ____ heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind (John 9:32)
- 23 The 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 24 twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the ____ thereof (II Ki 4:42) KJV
- 25 Jacobs new name (Gen 32:28)
- 26 the wife of Hezron bore him ____ the father of Tekoa (1 Chron 2:25)
- 29 Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ____ (Jude 14)
- 30 Joshua ____ his clothes, and fell to the earth (Joshua 7:6)
- 32 the sun rises with scorching ____ and withers the plant (James 1:11)
- 33 There were three gates on the ____, three on the north (Rev 21:13)
- 35 Absalom got his hair stuck in this type of tree (2 Sam 18:9)
- 38 My steps have ____ to your paths; my feet have not slipped (Ps 17:5)
- 39 rabbit (Deut 14:7) KJV
- 41 ____ your cloak around you and follow me (Acts 12:8)
- 42 The ____ is the lamp of the body (Matt 6:22)
- 43 If ____ forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles (Matt 5:41)
- 44 the ____ ones will be brought low (Isa 10:33)
- 46 represent four kingdoms that will ____ from his nation (Dan 8:22)
- 48 Remember that you ____ me like clay (Job 10:9)
- 51 In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to ____ (Ps 71:1)
- 52 To ____, mine own son after the common faith (Titus 1:4)
- 53 As he was scattering the seed, ____ fell along the path (Mark 4:4)
- 54 Like a lion I will devour them; a wild animal will ____ them (Hos 13:8)
- 55 "May your God, ____ you serve continually, rescue you!" (Dan 6:16)
- 57 to see if you would stand the ____ and be obedient (2 Cor 2:9)
- 58 my eyes are ____ with grief. I call to you, O LORD (Ps 88:9)
- 59 abbr. for the 17th book of the Old Testament
- 60 for a ____ and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem (Isa 8:14) KJV
- 58 the tongue can no man ____; it is an unruly evil (James 3:8)
- 61 he that endureth to the ____ shall be saved (Matt 10:22) KJV
- 63 have them shut the doors and ____ them (Neh 7:3)

U.S. State Department Questions on Antisemitism

by IMCNews publisher Dr. Harper July 29, 2024

(WASHINGTON, Dc)- I was blest to ask questions of U.S. State Department Deputy Spokesman Vedant Patel about Hezbollah and Israel and the U.S. holding Lebanon accountable in all of this. Here is the link below to watch:

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questions about Hezbollah and Lebanon's role in attacks on Israel July 30, 2024 of U.S. State Department Deputy Spokesman Vedant Patel. I'm disappointed with the answers given to my questions. Here is the link to watch: <https://youtu.be/4OTIbdUJQII>

July 31, 2024

Thank GOD I was able to ask questions of U.S. State Department Deputy Spokesman Vedant Patel about the desecration of the Šnipiškės Jewish cemetery in Vilnius, Lithuania and what the Biden administration is doing to hold other countries and U.S. citizens and Colleges as well as Universities accountable for antisemitism behavior July 31, 2024. Responses were very disappointing. Read the description box with links to more information about the Vilnius Šnipiškės Jewish cemetery. Watch video at following link: <https://youtu.be/4kKT4XoG0Sw>

July 30, 2024

I thank The GOD of Israel I was able to ask



Supreme Court Sends Idaho Abortion Case Back to Circuit Court

By Brandon Porter, posted June 27, 2024 in ERLC
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<https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/supreme-court-sends-idaho-case-back-to-circuit-court/>

WASHINGTON (BP) – In a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) sent the case of Idaho and Moyle v. U.S. back to the Ninth Circuit Court in a ruling released today. The case involves a conflict between state law and the Biden Administration’s use of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

“At the heart of the case is the wild assertion by the Biden Administration that abortion is healthcare. Instead of dismantling that argument and protecting lives, the Court punted,” said Brent Leatherwood, Ethics & Religious Liberty (ERLC) president.

“We agree with Justices Alito, Thomas and Gorsuch that any perceived conflict here is the result of the federal government’s novel approach to EMTALA. These justices would have moved forward with ruling on the merits of the case—and the Court should have done so,” he said.

The “unsigned order from the justices leaves in place an order by a federal judge in Idaho that temporarily blocks the state from enforcing its abortion ban, which carves out exceptions only to save the life of the mother and in cases of rape or incest, to the extent that it conflicts with a federal law, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act. That 1986 law requires emergency rooms in hospitals that receive Medicare to provide ‘necessary stabilizing treatment’ to patients who arrive with an ‘emergency medical condition,’” according to Amy Howe at scotusblog.com.

Leatherwood said the ERLC will continue to work to support the state law in the case.

According to the ERLC, “While Idaho’s law is allowed to remain in effect in the meantime, it is limited by a decision from the lower court permitting abortion when the health of the woman is deemed at serious risk, and continuing litigation will resolve a lack of clarity on what that terminology means.”



Leatherwood called the Biden Administration action a means to “radically reinterpret laws meant to save lives.”

Lawyers for the Biden Administration argued the law caused confusion between the state’s law prohibiting abortion and the federal regulation mandating physicians perform an abortion in a case when the mother’s health is deemed to be at emergency risk.



“I am disappointed that SCOTUS has not rejected the Biden administration’s blatant attempt to hijack a law that protects mothers and babies. Throughout my 30-year career, EMTALA has never confused me or my obstetric peers when providing emergency care, especially considering 90% of obstetricians do not perform elective abortions,” said Ingrid Skop, an OB-GYN who also serves as the vice president and director of medical affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute.

Pro-life advocates believe some women are manipulating the federal policy to receive an abortion in Idaho despite the state law.

“I have always – before Dobbs, and since– been able and willing to intervene if a pregnancy complication threatened my patient’s life, and every state pro-life law allows us to act. Forcing doctors to end an unborn patient’s life by abortion in the absence of a threat to his mother’s life is coercive, needless and goes against our oath to do no harm,” she said.

According to the ERLC, “The case will return to the Ninth Circuit with the injunction from the lower court once more in effect, where the court will hear the case on the merits and proceed, essentially, as if the Supreme Court had never taken up the case. This case or other litigation raising these underlying questions will likely return to the Supreme Court in coming terms.”

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See You at the Pole™ is Wednesday September 25, 2024

Global WEEK of student prayer is September 22-28, 2024.



“First, Pray” (from First Timothy 2:1) is the theme for See You at the Pole™ 2024, which is all about students praying at their schools. The event is planned for Wednesday, September 25, at schools around the world.

The event is more than just one day of prayer. With diverse schedules at participating schools, students are being challenged to find new and unique ways, places, and times to pray throughout the Global Week of Student Prayer—September 22-28.

Then on Wednesday, September 25, 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 34th year for See You at the Pole™, 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 2024. You can also download the “SYATP” mobile

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Harold's story



On a Mission to Serve Others

“At the Ministry Outreach Center (MOC), I have this policy with the men doing their work readiness: if you need to talk, come into my office. I take off my name tag and

we're just talking—recovering alcoholic addict to recovering alcoholic addict. That's why I work here—to see the changes in people like them and see these guys moving forward.

I now have 11 years of clean and sober. God saved my life and brought me to recovery. I know what it's like to feel the despair and, in early recovery, feel like, 'I'm just gonna go have a drink.'

You need somebody in your corner who says, 'Wait, wait, wait. These are tough times but they're only gonna get better.'

It's about all those old habits of survival and making new pathways. Here, they can set healthy boundaries and learn to work with others. At the MOC, we talk about how to run a forklift or drive some of the trucks, but the most important thing for me is teaching them how to get back into society, just like our mission statement says.

I tell them, 'You guys show up and you're doing stuff that helps people every day. When you leave here you should feel fulfilled like I do.'”

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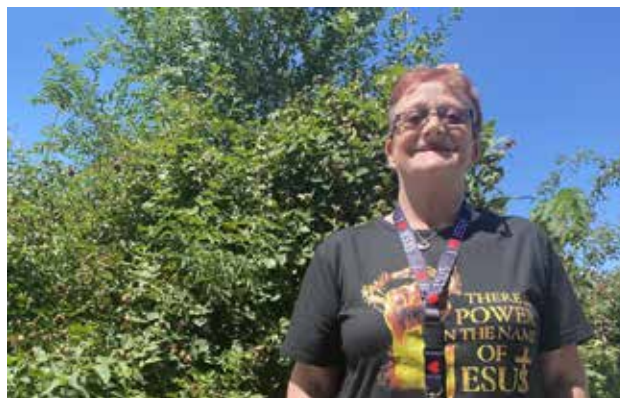
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UTAH

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

Utah

Rebecca's story



While I was homeless for most of my life, I have been blessed to find a home at the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake Women's Facility. Here I found the help I needed to become sober and get off the streets.

Growing up in Michigan, I started a homeless lifestyle when I turned 18. Early abuse made me distrust almost everyone, especially when my mother didn't believe I had been abused. As an adult I traveled from state to state and at age 24, I met a man

at a homeless shelter. We were married and had two children.

However, when he turned abusive, I took my two young children (ages 2 and 3 at the time) and began living on the streets. We were eating out of garbage cans or whatever handouts people would give us. I realized I couldn't make my young kids live that way, so I sought help. I was able to place my children in guardianship with a couple that went to a church where I sometimes attended. The couple raised my kids, who are now nearly 40 years old.

I had two more children as I traveled from state to state, still homeless. I was eventually forced to allow them to be adopted. Alone and using drugs and alcohol to cope with past and current heartaches, I felt scared. I was on the streets not knowing if I would be able to have food and stay safe. At times I would steal just to have food to eat and try to stay alive.

Last year, I made my way back to Utah. I had been here 13 years earlier and had stayed at the Rescue Mission's Women's Facility as a homeless guest back then. I loved the mountains and knew the Mission had a program to help people get off the streets. In my 60s, I faced many health problems and knew I could no longer live in homelessness.

The Mission welcomed me into the New Life Program, and I am happy to say I now have a personal relationship with Jesus. While I had gone to church in the past, I went for the wrong reasons. At the Mission I learned to understand the words of Jesus in the Bible, learned that I could talk to Jesus through prayer, and have been healed in physical, emotional, and spiritual ways.

As I attended Bible studies and through individual and group classes with the Mission's staff, I came to realize I harbored unforgiveness towards many people. On the flip side, I also had done much harm

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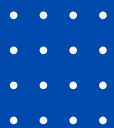
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potluck event or planting a tree in their honor. The sky is the limit!



Guide to Clergy Appreciation Month

Our Clergy Appreciation Month Planning Guide is available online with complete step-by-step instructions and pages of exciting celebration suggestions. It also includes long-term ideas for the

proper care of your pastors and their families. This complimentary guide can be reviewed, downloaded or printed immediately.

There is also a Spanish version of the planning guide for Spanish-speaking congregations and individuals. (También hay disponible una versión gratis de la guía de planificación para iglesias y personas de habla hispana.)

A Brief History of Clergy Appreciation Month

We believe that the concept of clergy appreciation started with the Apostle Paul as he was establishing the first Christian churches. In 1 Timothy, he wrote, “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17). And, in 1 Thessalonians, he said, “Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work” (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

Accordingly, over the centuries, decades and years, pastors have been recognized and honored, either formally or informally, by many denominations and local churches at various times of the year. It has been a long-standing practice.

Focus on the Family named and began emphasizing Clergy Appreciation Month in 1994, reminding congregations that it was biblical and proper to honor their pastoral staffs and pastoral families throughout the year, but suggesting that they set aside the month of October for a special tangible tribute. For those churches that preferred a single weekend, we recommended the second

weekend of the month. However, honoring a church’s entire pastoral staff and their families can be done at any time — and, in fact, should become a normal part of a church’s ongoing care of these special families throughout the entire year.

Our goal is that every pastor (including staff ministers) and his or her family would feel appreciated by those they serve. To assist congregations in this process, we have developed a planning guide (in both English and Spanish) intended to facilitate and publicize a CAM celebration. We also attempt to promote the concept ourselves each year through radio, newspapers, magazines and any other means at our disposal.

Over the years, we have been privileged to work in partnership with many publishers, bookstore chains, radio networks, news syndicates, musicians, denominations and other church groups, and have made many friends. Many of these fine organizations promote some form of clergy appreciation on their own. We think this is great! We feel that the fact that no one “owns” the idea of honoring pastors gives the campaign special inertia of its own — or from God.



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to other people and needed to be forgiven myself. Over time, God healed my heart and I have been able to forgive those who I held grudges against. At the same time, I have received God’s forgiveness for the wrongs things I have done, even at times when I am not able to speak directly to the people I have harmed, because of lost contact.

I fellowship with a great church family at Capital Church. The teaching there is inspiring, and I enjoy the community with others. It is a “come as you are” church that makes me always feel welcome. I don’t have to put a front on and can be honest and genuine.

At age 64, I have health issues that have qualified me for monthly disability payments, which I am taking. I am saving money to move into Hope House, the Mission’s transitional housing unit for women who are moving out of Women’s Facility and into self-sufficiency. I expect to be able to move to Hope House in a couple months.

While my disability prevents me from being employed, I can volunteer to a limited extent. I spend several days a week serving breakfast or lunch (sometimes both) at the Gail Miller Resource Center, which is just down from the Rescue Mission’s Women’s Facility. I enjoy serving the homeless there because I have been in their shoes and can connect with them. I share my story and hopefully they experience the love of Jesus through interacting with me. I tell them there is a way to get off the streets.

While my parents have both passed on, and I do not have relationships with my children, I am sustained in my relationship with Jesus, good friends here at the Rescue Mission, and an awesome church family. Please pray for me as I transition to Hope House. Thank you for supporting the Rescue Mission, where God showed me the truth about Himself and forever changed my life.

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WYOMING

From Wyoming Rescue Mission, Casper, Wyoming

Evan’s story



“I’m doing all things for His glory!”

“I was stuck between godliness and chaos,” Evan says, describing his childhood with parents at opposite ends of the moral spectrum. At 10 years old, when his mother developed a chronic illness, he was forced to care for his two younger siblings — and had to grow up way too fast.

To cope with the pressure and stress — and emulating older peers he was drawn to — he began drinking at age 12 and developed an addiction that plagued him for more than two decades. While he succeeded at treatment several times, he continued to rekindle his self-destructive ways... until finally he reached rock bottom.

Living in his truck or with friends, often ill from heavy drinking, he was electrocuted while working a construction job. He felt it was God’s way of getting his attention. “And He put it in my heart to come to WRM.”

“It was a good place to separate myself from the outside world.”

Influenced by his mother, Evan had always felt

close to the Lord, and he embraced our faith-based Discipleship Recovery Program.

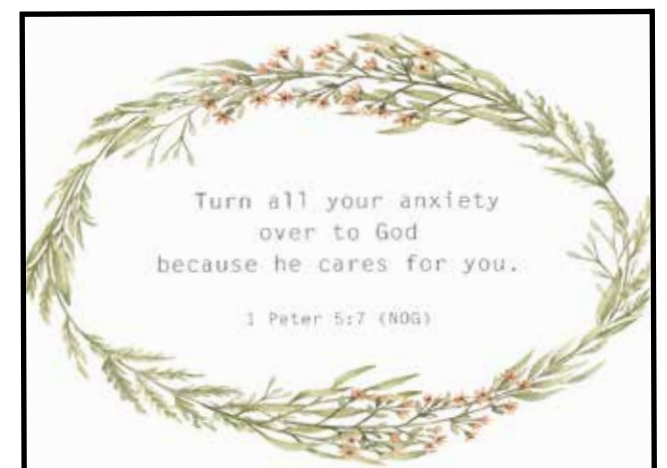
“I’ve learned a whole different way to understand the Bible — what God wants me to do with my life and how to persevere through my struggles.”

Working in our kitchen is giving Evan an opportunity to pursue culinary skills he’s always dreamed of, while also bringing comfort to others who are struggling and broken as he once was. He plans to continue following the Lord’s direction by obtaining life-coaching certifications. “It is definitely something God has been calling me to do my whole life.”

Evan now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, he has a path forward in life. “It’s not financial success that I’m seeking at this point, it’s more of building my treasures with God and doing all things for His glory.”

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In Stand-off with Iran, Rosenberg Sees Yahweh at Work and Israel Unafraid

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out of exile, back to the land of our forefathers in order to kill us,” Rosenberg told show host Jenna Ellis.

Israel is continuing its effort to eradicate Hamas following the Iranian-backed terror organization’s murder and kidnapping spree. Soon it will be a year since Hamas executed a well-planned attack in northern Israel on Oct. 7.

As part of its effort to eliminate Hamas, the Israelis have taken out Mohammed Deif, Hamas’ No. 2 man and the mastermind of the attack.

They also killed Fuad Shukur, Hezbollah’s No. 2, in the bedroom of his Beirut apartment.

The Israelis have not claimed responsibility for the death of Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas’ political leader, who was killed on Iranian soil during a visit to Tehran.



“The Iranian government was hosting the top terrorist in the world,” Rosenberg said.

Israel’s terrorist triple play occurred within roughly a three-week span in July.

Small window of sympathy after Oct. 7

Sympathy for Israel was short-lived last fall. World leaders quickly condemned the Israelis for their response as Hamas terrorists took shelter among civilians in Gaza.

Led by President Joe Biden, world leaders have repeated calls for a ceasefire, while Hamas continued to hold Israeli hostages, that number growing fewer as many have died in their custody.



Rosenberg

Israel recovered six bodies in a rescue operation this week while U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was in the area trying to finalize a ceasefire agreement. He left empty-handed.

“We’re on the highest-possible alert here,” said Rosenberg, who has just returned to Israel from a speaking tour in the U.S. “Iran and Hezbollah are threatening a massive, arguably apocalyptic missile attack any moment. Israelis are stocking their bomb shelters afresh. Many are cancelling their summer vacation plans. Others are returning like we did back to the country to be with our people as we face these threats.”

Confidence and hope are different things.

“We have a real purpose in this country, but if you don’t know the Lord personally, it’s very difficult to maintain hope, courage and optimism when you see Israel under attack from almost every possible direction,” Rosenberg said.

For now, there is a sense of resilience even from people who aren’t especially religious or spiritual, Rosenberg said.

As days pass with no Iranian response Rosenberg sees God’s hand guiding events. He believes the words of the prophet Amos are playing out.



“God says, ‘I will shake the whole house of Israel among the nations.’ Why would he say that? Why? Because God often in our lives and in our country shakes us to wake us up if we’re asleep spiritually, or we’re drifting spiritually.”

“I think God is shaking America right now. I think God is shaking much of the world. He’s certainly shaking Ukraine and Russia and other countries, but he is definitely shaking Israel and our neighbors in order to draw to himself people who don’t yet know the Lord.”

Iranian generals threaten Israel, too

While Israel waits, Iranian Gen. Ali Mohammad Naeini, a spokesman for the Revolutionary Guard, suggests it could be waiting a long time.

Naeini says a response will come at the “proper time and place.”

The delay could be because Iranian officials see the effect of fear on the Israeli economy as roughly two dozen airlines have shut down operations into and out of Israel.

Or it could be the chess game of Iran trying to plot

Israel’s next move. What strategic targets might the Israelis hit in response?



“I think there’s also the fear that a massive attack on us would be an excuse for the Israeli government to launch a massive, unprecedented attack on Iran, as well as Hezbollah, to take out Iran’s nuclear bases and nuclear forces,” Rosenberg predicted.

“We don’t believe they have nuclear weapons yet, but the facilities that are creating all of this enriched uranium, Israel has wanted to take those things out for a long time,” the author added.

Iranian oil facilities would be another prime target, he said, but the No. 1 cause of delay for an Iranian response may be God Almighty.

“Is it God himself that is stopping and thwarting Iran and Hezbollah from launching this attack?” Rosenberg asked.

Biden, in spite of numerous other “mistakes” in his handling of the U.S.-Israel alliance, did order a U.S. aircraft carrier strike group to return to the region.

Also, in recent days there’s been a “massive” cyber attack on the banking system in Iran, Rosenberg said. The source of that cyber attack is unknown.

God has intervened for His people before Rosenberg laid out his case for God’s involvement at AllIsrael.com.

He cited three examples from scripture of God’s people praying in Israel when they believed an attack was coming.

“And God thwarted the enemy,” Rosenberg said.

He called on Christians to continue to stand with and pray for Israel.

“We need God to supernaturally thwart and confuse our enemies,” Rosenberg said.

Source: <https://afn.net/national-security/2024/08/22/in-stand-off-with-iran-rosenberg-sees-yahweh-at-work-and-israel-unafraid/>

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After Millions Cross U.S. Border, Democrats See No Need To Keep Non-Citizens From Voting

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a 22-page report urging Congress to pass the SAVE Act in an effort to restore confidence in U.S. elections.

There is “irrefutable evidence that noncitizens have been illegally registering to vote and have illegally voted in U.S. elections,” Johnson’s report stated.

It cited a 2014 study of elections in 2008 and 2010 that concluded non-citizens had voted and had likely determined the outcome in certain races.

“When the White House announced they would veto the [SAVE Act], they effectively handed our elections over to all of these illegal aliens that have come here – and the number is far greater than what’s being reported We cannot allow a federal election to be jeopardized by people who can run into the local welfare office, sign up for taxpayer benefits and check a box that says ‘I’m a citizen and I want to vote.’” (House Speaker Mike Johnson on Fox News Channel, July 9, 2024)



Rep. Roy Chip
(R-Texas)

The 14th Amendment and the

National Voter Registration Act – also known as Motor Voter – each establish the requirement of citizenship in order to vote.

The NVRA prohibits states from requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration but allows states to require proof of citizenship for voting.

Roy’s bill clarifies the citizenship requirements for states. The SAVE Act would require states to obtain proof of citizenship – in person – when an individual registers to vote.

It would also require states to remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls.

Democrats’ strategy for 2024

Cleta Mitchell, an attorney and senior legal fellow for the Conservative Partnership Institute, says the SAVE Act is badly needed.

“It would say that not only are states not prohibited from requiring documented proof of citizenship, but ... they’re required to obtain that documented proof of citizenship before registering people to vote in a federal election,” she explained on the Sandy Rios 24/7 podcast. “This is a crisis. This is how I think they’re planning to win the election.”

House Minority Whip Katherine Clark urged Democrats to vote no on the SAVE Act, Axios reported.

“These charges would prevent Americans from registering to vote with their driver’s license alone, as Real ID does not indicate citizenship and is in fact available to noncitizens. Under the SAVE Act, for the overwhelming majority of Americans, the only acceptable standalone form of identification for use in voter registration would be a passport,” Clark’s office wrote.

The Real ID Act was passed in 2005 and established minimum security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards.

The Act recognizes state driver’s licenses that meet Real ID standards, a U.S. passport, a U.S. passport card, a “trusted” traveler card and a U.S. military ID.

The SAVE Act would recognize any form of identification consistent with the requirements of the Real ID Act.



Democrats also contend there has been “zero evidence of widespread fraud” and that the bill would place an undue burden on hopeful voters.

Roy disagrees.

“Our bill is simple. You should be a citizen to vote. Eighty-five percent or so of Americans believe that. It’s already federal law, but federal law currently also has been interpreted to prohibit states from actually checking citizenship. So what good is it? So, our bill would fix that and go one step further,” he told show host Jenna Ellis.

Scare strategy from Democrats

Roy predicts Democrats will try, unsuccessfully, to scare minority voters into believing they will be disenfranchised by the bill. The bill was written, he said, to comply with court rulings in the past about documentary evidence.

“We make it fairly simple. We want to preserve and protect people’s right to vote, but we want to fix the system so that you can believe in it. Nothing more, nothing less,” he said. “They’re hiding behind it because they don’t like the policy. That’s the actual truth.”

Survey: Likely Harris Voters in the Dark About Her Radical Positions

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Pavone’s idea would allow lightly informed likely Harris voters a clearer picture of what Democrats are supporting. He told show host Jenna Ellis the party has given speaking time to several women who have had an abortion but won’t take up his challenge because of the brutality of the procedure.

“They won’t even quote the words in the medical textbooks that describe how abortions are done because when you go there you hear the word ‘dismemberment,’ you hear the word ‘decapitation,’” Pavone described.

In pursuit of their aims Democrats have become disconnected from “real life” stories about abortion, he said.

“We have the Silent No More movement, and these people who have had abortions speak out about their stories. These three women who took the stage Monday night at the convention, talking about their abortion stories – for every one of them, we’ve got a hundred women who will stand up there and say My abortion destroyed my life,” Pavone said.

It’s all about snapshots & sound bites

But will facts about Harris’ positions sway her likely voters? Conservative show host and commenter Dan Bongino doesn’t think so. Elections turn on two things, Bongino said in a recent podcast interview. Neither of them is policy.

“Campaigns are really two things. They are snapshots and sound bites. It’s quick little things that people ingest. The hard reality is people are working for a living. You’ve got cab drivers, architects, pilots. They’re not reading a 51-page tax plan. It’s a freaking sound bite,” Bongino said.

The Harris campaign, he shared, has deftly managed these two things, and the candidate at the top of the ticket has mostly avoided policy discussion in rare public comments.

Republicans hope Bongino’s theory is off the mark.

“The narrative that they want to be out there is that Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, and the Tim Walz pick underlining this, that they are a danger to each individual Americans’ personal, economic and national security,” Houck said.

Unfair, unbalanced

A NewsBusters study shows that coverage of Harris by ABC, CBS and NBC is positive 84% of the time, Houck pointed out. Even the media commentary of the Harris campaign is light on policy, he added.

“Only twice have they mentioned her ideology as a ‘progressive,’” he said. “Our side? We’re always labeled ‘conservatives,’ ‘hard right’ or even just ‘Republican.’ There’s always some sort of label affixed to us – but they haven’t done that with Kamala Harris.”

Source: <https://afn.net/politics-govt/2024/08/22/survey-likely-harris-voters-in-the-dark-about-her-radical-positions/>



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Pictured above Dr. Max and Dr. Sela Stern join me for a wonderful visit to the Friends of Zion Museum I highly recommend June 2, 2024 in Jerusalem. This great museum excellently documents the crucial role that Christian Zionists played in the formation of the modern State of Israel. For more information about the Friends of Zion Museum, go to their following web site: <https://fozmuseum.com>

To watch my video greeting from the Museum, click on the following link:
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Pictured above (left) Simcha Greinman of 'ZAKA' meets with me at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast event in Jerusalem at the Waldorf Astoria hotel May 30, 2024 to talk about his experience with retrieving dead bodies and body parts from the October 7, 2023 massacre of Israelis by Hamas. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/h49Dlp4Uzcw>



Pictured above (left) here with the Israel Prime Minister's brother Dr. Iddo Netanyahu to share our message of prayers for he and his family and all of Israel at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel May 31, 2024. Please pray for GOD to use me for His Glory and more good meetings and interviews with Israel leaders.



Here above is my interview with member of Knesset Simcha Rothman June 2, 2024 in Jerusalem, Israel to talk about the U.N. agency UNRWA and the rise of antisemitism in light of Hamas' attack on Israel October 7, 2023: <https://youtu.be/Qn2-0A0V4RM>



Pictured above, Knesset member Yitzhak Pindrus of the United Torah Judaism party joins me June 3, 2024 inside the Knesset, Jerusalem, Israel to talk about UNRWA and the rise of antisemitism in light of October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel. Watch our interview at the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/TRqVUBVv_GU



Pictured above, Israel Knesset member MK Amit Halevi of the Likud Party joins me Tuesday June 4, 2024 inside the Knesset building in Jerusalem, Israel to talk about UNRWA, the myth of Palestine and the rise of antisemitism in light of October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/TtLp32bdkM>

While in the Knesset, I was able to meet with Israel's previous Prime Minister Yair Lapid and hostage family members. It was so painful to hear from the October 7 first responders and the hostage families. Please pray for the Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his family, all of Israel and safe return and healing of all their hostages.

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Gideon Testimony: A Hospital Bible Halts a Troubled Girl's Plans

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she remembers.

The night before her release, she was alone in her room, finalizing her suicide plan in her special notebook. She sat there feeling so sorry for herself.

And then an overwhelming, overpowering, unexplainable sensation came over her and led her to open the nightstand drawer and read the Bible placed there by The Gideons. She opened it to Psalm 22:1 (ESV) and read, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?"

That was precisely how she felt. Kari kept reading until she got to Psalm 27:1 (ESV), "The Lord is my light and my salvation..." And then Psalm 27:10 (ESV), "For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in."

"You have no idea what that verse did for my soul. There in that hospital room in Minnesota, I gave my life to Jesus Christ, the only One who will ever completely feel my pain and know exactly what I'm going through. The only One who will always love me unconditionally and never leave me."

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEATH AND LIFE

Life since that day hasn't been perfect. Yet she knows God has been faithful and will never abandon her.

Today is much different for Kari. "The Lord gave me a wonderful, godly husband. We are both very active in serving our local church together. We have two sons and a daughter-in-law who love the Lord and are great gifts from God. I have a granddaughter who just turned nine months old."

"Without Christ, I was literally on a path of death—and with Christ, I'm alive."

For Kari, having a personal relationship with Christ has been the difference between life and death. She says, "Without Christ, I was literally on a path of death—and with Christ, I'm alive. Without Christ, I was lost and hopeless. And with Christ, I'm found and full of hope."

Each time she tells her story, she is reminded of the pain she experienced. But she is also reminded of the Bible in her hospital room that God used to speak to her heart. "Without that Bible, I would not be alive today," she exclaims!

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Missions, Evangelism at the Heart of Growth, Says Nevada Pastor

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A mission trip to Southeast Asia shook that perspective. It wasn't just the work of the local believers and churches, but that of Southern Baptist missionaries. A pivotal time came in January 2023 when he attended a Missions College held by the International Mission Board at its training center outside of Richmond, Va.

"My heart was to minister both to our field workers as well as our people back here at home into the field so that they can experience a call," he said.

He resigned from education – turning down the offer of a one-year leave of absence in the process – at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Currently he is taking classes at Gateway Seminary while serving the church as youth and missions pastor.

Students have been part of the mission trips, such as a recent one to Lima, Peru. Those experiences can only help the next generation grow with a heart for missions and the Gospel, Savage said.

"It's the same for them and adults. We can get stuck in our day-to-day life and not look outside of our own perspective," he said. "It opens their eyes if we can get them to other places where they see people with a deeper need for the Gospel as well as those with a genuine faith that is tested in ways we don't experience here."

About five years ago the church paid off its building. Taylor had an idea to keep making payments, but to South Reno's missions budget. That added \$28,000 a month to the missions budget and is a major reason any member can go on a trip and pay no more than \$500.

"We have about 75 people in our church going on these trips," he said. "We have one or two who go on multiple trips, but want people to have the opportunity to go."

Taylor has a neuromuscular disease called Myasthenia Gravis. The relationship with his doctor

grew to the point where Taylor led him to the Lord. One day during a checkup Taylor said he needed some infusion therapy for an upcoming trip to Israel.

"He said, 'Oh no, you're not going to Israel,'" Taylor recalled. "I said, 'I am going to Israel.' Then he said, 'Well, you're not going without me, because I want you to baptize me in the Jordan River.'"

The doctor who had been accustomed to traveling first class with upgrades has since come to love the mission trips and can't get enough of sharing Jesus, Taylor said. That spirit has spread to others in the church.

Preston Yoshioka moved from his native Hawaii to California and then on to Reno with his job as an instructional designer for one of the engineer groups at Google. He has managed several mission trips for the church but is focused on Lima.

"Last year to Peru was my first mission trip, and I came back completely changed," he said. "I received a whole new perspective on the harvest being plentiful and the need for workers."

He maintains consistent contact with the IMB missionary and others in Lima. They share prayer requests and how things are going at their respective churches. A chicken sale to help raise funds for a new building went well last weekend, Yoshioka learned on Sunday.

"When you see what churches look like and what they do in different parts of the world, you get a unique perspective on the impact and power of smaller churches," he said.

"It changes everything about what it means to be a part of the body of Christ."

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- Genesis 12:3 (KJV)

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Idaho Church Using the Outdoors to Share the Gospel

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the Lord about what it would look like to bring together what felt like two disconnected lives, work and ministry.



He had a conversation with Mike Palmer, church planting director for Idaho (now part of NAMB's Send Utah Idaho Network), expressing his interest in something for outdoorsmen. Palmer suggested he check out Outdoorsmen Church in Missoula, Montana.

"As soon as Jennifer and I walked into that service we said, 'This is it!' It was just a simple service of singing the Word, preaching the Word, and praying the Word, without all the other trappings that come along with the traditional church model," Plath said.

"We came away invigorated," the pastor continued. "We talked all the way home about what it would look like to close Faith and open up what would become known as South Fork Outdoorsmen Church."

That was in August 2017.

"We closed Faith in November and restarted as a small group with the vision to plant South Fork Outdoorsmen Church on January 1, 2018," Plath said. The church gets its name from the south fork of the Snake River, the lifeblood of the valley.

"We started in our home again with 21 people attending our first small group, and met weekly for several months while we prepared to launch South Fork," the planter/pastor said. On May 6, 2018, Rigby's South Fork Outdoorsmen Church launched public services with about 40 people in attendance. "It seemed huge."

Other than the preaching of the Word, dependence on prayer, and a goal for discipleship, the only ministry vestige of Faith Baptist Fellowship is "Mega Sports Camp," which was started at Faith with the help of mission teams from Tennessee.

"Sports Camp gives us opportunities to reach into our community and develop relationships that are real," Plath said. "I was at the grocery store in Idaho Falls [15 miles south of Rigby] recently and a 9- or 10-year-old-girl came running up and hugged my legs. Her dad came up with 'that look' in his eyes and I had to explain to him who this strange man was that his daughter was hugging. Sports camp has connected South Fork with this community."

Because it's for kids in a part of the country that values doing things outside, Mega Sports Camp has grown to about 100 youngsters each July hearing the gospel while playing basketball, soccer and cheerleading.

Rigby's Outdoorsmen Church now meets at 5 p.m. Sundays in a former ATV repair shop that at Easter drew 120 people, though 60 is more typical. It is a simple service centered on the expository preaching of God's Word, with theologically rich worship through song, and a rich sense of fellowship.

In addition to the Sunday gathering, South Fork holds small groups throughout the week for youth, men, and women with an emphasis on Bible study, evangelism, and discipleship. South Fork saw 10 people baptized in 2023 and has seven in the preparation process for 2024.

"It's really growing rapidly and we are out of space," Plath said. "There's no building available around here that's any bigger, though, so it looks like we're going to have to build, but land prices have gone sky high. There are challenges but God is faithful."

Plath has a four-stage plan to build the church: prayer/saving, land purchase, shell construction, finish out the inside. The hope is to build a modest facility without strapping the small congregation with a mountain of debt.

"God is faithful," Plath repeats. So is Outdoorsmen Church. It's reaching out to its community, looking ahead to a mission trip in 2025, to possibly planting a church further north in Idaho, and 10 percent of undesignated offerings is allocated for missions through the Cooperative Program and Eastern Idaho Baptist Association.

"It's just good practice to give to the Lord, giving back out of what He has given us," Plath said. "With our missions giving through the Cooperative Program, we partner in the spread of the gospel and fulfillment of the Great Commission."

"We love being part of like-minded, ministry-minded churches that have a desire to reach the lost in north America and beyond," the pastor continued. "The whole idea with the Cooperative Program is that we can do far more together than we can do alone. It's not simply a cliché."

Plath was hospitalized with covid pneumonia at the same time his best friend and worship leader Kent Burchyett was. When Burchyett died, "I began to think," Plath said. "I could be gone tomorrow, and I began to look at everything around me. I realized that if I died, South Fork would likely stop. If I wanted this to last far beyond me, I needed to obey scripture and equip the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph 4)."

Since then, he has doubled down on getting laypeople in the church trained and doing all types of ministry in the community and Eastern Idaho. This May he took 15 others to Preacher School in Salmon, Idaho, for advanced training in Bible study for some and Worship for the others. He routinely takes men with him on his recreational forays into the back country for one-on-one conversations. "My heart in pastoring and even church planting is not about building a big church with lots of people, but being a good shepherd to the folks the Lord does bring, and that's all I'm really interested in," Plath said. "That and equipping the saints for the work of the ministry."

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Why Am I Here?
How Do I Beat This
Who is
What Makes My Life
So Hard
Where is That One
Special Relationship?

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."

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