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## A Letter From The Editor

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# From The Editor's Desk

Greetings on behalf of the Kentucky District Board. I am honored to serve you as the Interim Editor of the Kentucky District News (KDN). It is my sincere prayer, and that of the entire Kentucky District Board, that this issue reaches you during a time of revival and prosperity. We genuinely appreciate the achievements of those who have served so faithfully in the past and covet your prayers and support as we move forward from here.

We pray that you share in our celebration of all that has been accomplished and our excitement with what God is about to do in this area of ministry in the days ahead.

KDN is a wonderful asset to our district. This and future issues will feature articles relating to various subjects from an apostolic perspective. It also provides the members of each section an opportunity to be aware of what is happening in other sections throughout the district. We are praying to reach a variety of readers. Our goal is to share the rich blessings of God's word and communicate the wonderful things taking place in Kentucky.

Regardless of demographic status, there is something in KDN for everyone. So go ahead and enjoy the articles, crossword puzzles, news about upcoming events in our district and much more. There is even a chance for you to place an advertisement in KDN, which will be seen by hundreds of people statewide. I pray that KDN will bless you as much in the future as it has in the past.

I would like to say once again thank you for your support and for sharing in our excitement. God is doing wonderful things and we want to share them with you.

God Bless.

Truly,

Rev. Gary D. Ellis Sr.

# God's Will... Now!

By Rasheda Abdullah



Scott Marshall, center, his wife Angela, center right, and daughters Rachel, far right, Anna, far left, and Rose, center left

In life, we all have a journey to follow. There is a road that each person will take that leads to the destiny that God has planned for his or her life. That road for Scott Marshall started on July 26, 1961 in the great state of Indiana. Born during a time of great social change in America, he grew up in the time known as the era of Generation X. With the connotation for that generation being, for the most part, negative, some might say, "Can anything good come out of Generation X?" The answer is "Yes."

His journey with Christ started at the age of 15 when he began to truly live for God. In March of 1986, he married Angela Schoolcraft.

He and his wife became a part of the Kentucky District in July of 1986. In 1990, he was appointed as Kentucky District Youth Secretary and served in that position until 1998. In 1998 he began serving as the Kentucky District Youth President until 2001. In 2001 he was elected Presbyter of Section T and served in that position until spring of this year when he was elected as the superintendent of the Kentucky District.

Brother Marshall has been with the district for almost 20 years and he is humbled and happy to serve in this capacity. He says that the vision he has for this district is one that everyone can help to accomplish.

His vision is three-fold. 1: To strengthen the hands of the ministry, 2: To see revival and evangelism within the churches and cities, and 3: To experience the gifts of the Spirit. However, with any vision there will be obstacles.

"I believe our biggest challenge will be planting new churches," said Brother Marshall. With the planting of new churches in areas that are in need of an established work, the process to fulfilling the vision will be easier to achieve.

Brother Marshall's two-year goals are to see family camp attendance increase and to see revival in the local churches.

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## Home Missions

He believes promoting unity among the ministry and that everyone would be on the same mind are very important issues.

Another goal of his is to make available the information regarding the starting of new churches. He is so proud of all that God is doing and that he was chosen for this assignment, for this time, for God's purpose.

"I [feel] that it is the Will of God for my life at this time," said Brother Marshall of his appointment.

When asked what he was proud of most in the Kentucky District, Brother Marshall replied,

"We have a beautiful campground, strong leadership and a desire in the hearts of the ministry."

He believes in reaching people and that is what KDN is set to do. Brother Marshall sees KDN immensely expanding its subscription base and upgrading the articles. He looks forward to the future.

He takes joy in all his endeavors, however, at the end of the day, Brother Marshall enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters Rachel 14, Anna 11, and Rose 6.

In many aspects, the journey for Scott Marshall has just begun. This road that he is on will take him many places, but at end of it all, as is for everyone, only what is done for Christ will last.

## Winning Souls at Home: A look at Home Missionaries

By Alexis Weatherspoon

In the world that we live in, there is a great need for the Gospel to be spread all over the earth. There are faithful men and women of God who dedicate their lives to reaching lost souls in foreign countries. With that, there are also dedicated men and women who commit their lives to going into American cities and starting works to reach the lost souls on the home front. They are called Home Missionaries.

Many people may not realize what exactly is meant by a home missionary. These are individuals who start churches in inner-city areas and other places that do not have a UPC church present. The work that they do is irreplaceable and deeply appreciated.

The United Pentecostal Church International has a Home Mission Division committed to

helping home missionaries. They provide them with support through excellent ministerial programs to aid in evangelical efforts across the North American Continent.

It is in this division that God is doing awesome things. In every area of the United States God is using home missionaries to perform and share this glorious Truth. Kentucky is definitely no exception. Earlier this year the Kentucky District had their second annual Growth Conference. It was an inspiring conference that featured Rev. Gerald Adams, Former District Superintendent Ronald Hendricks, and General Superintendent Kenneth Haney as speakers. Also, the Home Missions Website spotlighted Kentucky home missions pastor, Johnny Barnswell, his family, and his church, Highest Praise Apostolic Ministry,

for the month of September.

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# Your Mother Daughter Relationship: Imperfect Makes Perfect

*"How did you end up being related to me?" The answer: God set it up that way.*



**D**on't ever try to talk to my mom while she is on the telephone. She firmly believes in doing one thing at a time and doing it well. I, on the other hand, have mastered the art of doing three things at once — all poorly. Mom, she drinks her coffee black. Me, I add more sugar than is put in your average cotton candy. My mom is graceful, poised, and calm. I'm expressive, sporadic, clumsy, and (according to my sisters) a little crazy. When Mom talks, everyone listens. I talk so much that people often tune me out like elevator music. Mom's favorite meal is roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, and strawberry shortcake. She's a southern gal. But give me a plate of sushi with extra wasabi and a cup of hot green tea. I'm a suburban girl.

Maybe you can relate. Maybe you and your daughter are as different as, well, roast beef and sushi. Maybe you have no common interests or style of communication; so you just don't talk much. Or maybe your differences go deeper than silly preferences. So when you do try to talk, conflict inevitably flares up. You've allowed real disagreements to wedge between you, and they are slowly but steadily pushing you apart.

Perhaps a little question occasionally rings the doorbell of your mind: "How did you end up being related to me?" The answer: God set it up that way.

## God Doesn't Make Mistakes

**H**e has created your mother-daughter relationship. He

doesn't just put mothers and daughters together like a guy in a deli slapping meat and cheese on bread. God has placed us in the exact mother-daughter relationship that He desires. Psalm 139 informs us of this: *"In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them"* (v. 16).

The exact family we were placed in, the exact mother and the exact daughter we have received, were prearranged before the first day of creation. And if you are adopted or have a stepmother, God was equally sovereign in His choice for you. He specially selected the woman who is now your mother [and the young lady who is now your daughter] with precise detail and matchless love. It's no mistake.

Not only has He made these selections, but God in His love granted us unique abilities, gifts, talents, and strengths that benefit each other. Moms, your daughters are a heritage (Ps. 127:3). They are not a bother, a burden, or a problem — but a reward! Your daughter is the perfect girl for you. And, daughter, this works two ways: Your mother is also the perfect mom for you.

## But What If Things Have Gone Terribly Wrong...

**I** must pause here, for some of you may have trouble swallowing the truth that God's goodness was at work in arranging your mother-daughter relationship. Perhaps you have a mother who is not a Christian or, worse, whose behavior causes you great heartache and trouble.

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She may be an alcoholic, verbally berating, or physically abusive.

[Or maybe you are a mother and your daughter is a runaway, got pregnant out of wedlock, is disrespectful or just indifferent]. Maybe, in the quiet moments, you wish to yourself that you'd never had a daughter.

So how could a loving God have chosen your mother or daughter? You are at a loss to understand.

While I can't begin to comprehend your suffering, there is a story in the Bible that can help you gain understanding. You may recall the account of Joseph found in the book of Genesis. As a young man, he experienced

great harm from his family — in fact, his brothers sold him into slavery. But Joseph understood that God's sovereign love was at work for good even through the malicious actions of his brothers.

From slavery, and by way of prison, Joseph eventually became powerful in the land of Egypt and saved his people from famine. He later told his brothers, "*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive* (Genesis:50:20)."

Whether or not your mother or daughter intends her actions for evil against you, she cannot thwart God's

intentions. God has a plan, a gracious plan, for your mother-daughter relationship. You are the perfect combination for passing on the language of biblical womanhood.

Excerpt from [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

For more information on the Ladies Ministry, contact Ladies Ministry director Phylis Turner @ 270 726-1142

## Bible Studies for Men?

Every person, male, female and children, are of

course, different. The tools used to reach a woman are not the same to reach a



child and so on. Men are no exception. One area where using different tools can make a difference is in Bible study. Having a bible study tailored to a man is beneficial and smart.

Some might say, why a men's Bible study? Can a men's Bible study give a man a better and clearer understanding of the Bible than another type of Bible study? Does a men's Bible study offer something different or special to a man which he might not otherwise get in a group of women or children? The answer to this question is a resounding 'YES'! Let us explain.

We know unequivocally that men, women and children all deal with different issues. A child doesn't worry about paying the bills, a man doesn't worry about getting pregnant, and a woman doesn't worry about making the high school football team. Since we know each group has specialized thinking, concerns, and emotions, we need to take this understanding and apply it when studying the Bible. Men's Bible studies deal specifically with sexual purity, church leadership, and other issues that affect men.

Men have their own set of fears, joys, emotions, and issues. Wisdom tells us to gather together with other men to study how the Bible applies specifically to a man's heart and life. In particular, a big issue for men is battling pride. Pride tells us to be a lone ranger. It gently reminds us of our own self-worth and how isolation and self-teaching is far more impressive and beneficial. Don't give into this false thinking! Unfortunately, for many men this is how they view the investment of

Excerpt taken from [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

committing to a men's Bible study.

With a men's Bible study, one should expect a raw, under-engineered atmosphere where the teacher hammers home God's truth dealing specifically with men's issues. There is a massive amount of unapplied truth given directly from scripture that isn't being lived out in men today. Guys are blending with the culture, rather than battling for obedience as God's men. Men are allowing their eyes and minds to wander into areas of lust and fantasizing.

Men need to chase truth and combat the lie. Today, men are spending more time at work, watching TV, and reading the paper than accepting their role and gift as a father, husband, and leader.

For more information about the KY District Men's Ministry and Men's Retreat Contact Rev. Jim Adkins (270) 646-3800



# Here's to Your Health

By Evelyn Crow



"In the beginning was the Word," not french fries. With all the attention given to the

unhealthy habits of Americans and our deteriorating health, where does the Christian stand? There is some interesting information on Christian health and wellness, as well as thought provoking ways that churches are combating poor health and teaching others to better respect the temples God has given to them.

It seems that we as Americans have become fast food junkies and less interested in God's expertise on how to nourish our bodies. According to the American Obesity Association, approximately 1/2 of Americans are overweight. 1/3 to 1/2 are obese and 9 million of those are severely obese. So how does the Christian weigh in?

In the major religious affiliations (i.e. Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim) Christians are the heaviest. Within that, Southern Baptists are the heaviest and the Catholic Church being the lightest, according to an article published in the Review of Religious Research. The Associated Content reported approximately 1/3 of Christians in America are overweight. So with all that said, how can we be more Christ-like in taking care of our bodies? By taking care of ourselves both spirit and body.

There is good news, however. Christians fair better in other areas of health. In a study performed by Duke University, research revealed that frequent church goers, which was defined as one time a week or more, generally had lower blood pressure, than the less frequent attendees.

Christians also had more positive results of lower depression and anxiety disorders. They further found that Christians, for the most part, tend to live longer. Their study also reported the effects of intercessory prayer on cardiac patients.



They conclude that there is a result of 25%-30% reduction rate in situations that have been said to be hopeless. God is good!

Many churches have seen a need for improvement concerning these issues. Many have taken steps toward bettering education on health through bible studies that address health issues. One church in Texas even has a bible boot camp that explains the role better health plays in our Christian walk.

In all this, we must look at our health as a part of our ministry to others and do what is instructed to preserve it. We are challenged to bring the souls to Christ and we must begin by doing our best to follow His Word in all aspects of our life.

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## Sheaves for Christ: A History of Giving

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By Shamilya Mitchell

When Jesus commanded us to bring the whole Gospel to the world, he gave us the assurance that he would provide the means and resources necessary for us to fulfill the command. God has always made a way for people to hear the Gospel, even in the most desperate times.

In 1952, the vision for a fundraising program to finance the spreading of the Gospel was given to

Calvin L. Rigdon. May 24, 1953 was declared international Sheaves for Christ Day.

The first year that the program was in operation, the funds raised were carefully allocated to meet the immediate needs of the home missions and foreign missions divisions.

Each year, Sheaves for Christ supports many of the minis-

tries of the United Pentecostal Church. From the first year's offering of \$1,500.00 in 1953, to the largest one time offering ever given in the United Pentecostal Church of \$2,744,312.63 in 1984, Sheaves for Christ has grown beyond everyone's expectations.

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From the beginning, Sheaves For Christ made commitments to foreign missions, home missions and to help launch Harvestime.

For foreign missions, Sheaves For Christ committed to purchase vehicles for missionaries. 25% of funds raised are given to the foreign mission field. Since the beginning, Sheaves For Christ has remained constant in giving with over \$16.7 million donated to foreign missions.

ings would not have been built, and property would not have been purchased. Since the beginning in 1953, SFC has provided nearly \$5.1 million to Home Missions.

Sheaves for Christ supports other ministries and organizations that bring help and hope to a world that so desperately needs Jesus. They include Tupelo Children's Mansion Ministries, Spirit of Freedom Ministries, an outreach into the dark world of alcoholism and drug abuse which directly touches the

To home Missions, Sheaves for Christ gives to men of great sacrifice. Over the years, more than 3.5 million Sheaves for Christ dollars have been committed to purchasing property and refurbishing storefronts, so that the whole gospel might continue to be preached to the whole world. In many cases, without Sheaves for Christ funds, local leases would not have been made, build-

lives of thousands of young people each year. Also the Light-house Ranch for Boys. This ministry is directed toward Pentecostal young people who have become severely troubled because of the pressures of our modern society.

The Sheaves for Christ commitment touches every level of our fellowship. At the local, district, national and international level, it reaches out to every aspect of ministry.

The challenging motto of the United Pentecostal Church, "The Whole Gospel to the Whole World," is a commission and commitment to evangelize our entire generation. Sheaves for Christ remains committed to support and to sponsor the preaching of the gospel to every person.

## Pro-Life Youth Hold Prayer Rally At DC Abortion Clinic

By Rasheda Abdullah

*Excerpt taken from Crosswalk.com*

"More than 200 pro-life youth from across the country gathered in the nation's capital Monday to begin three days of prayer rallies and peaceful protests centered around the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion during all nine months of a woman's pregnancy.

"It's wrong to kill children in the womb. They are human beings

precious to God,' said Therese Nazar, a teen from La Crosse, Wis. 'They have a right to live.'

"The group gathered on a public sidewalk across the street from one of the Planned Parenthood abortion facilities in Washington, D.C., for more than an hour in a frigid wind praying, singing praise songs and hymns, and reading scriptures they believe prove that "God is pro-life."

Can we ever get to that place in our faith? The times that we live in do not allow for the youth

of today to sit back and be complacent. Whatever is done in moderation while we are young will be done in excess when we are adults.

Pentecostal youth are at a pivotal point in history. We have the power to change our world, but we cannot do so when we desire to conform to the world's image and while seeking acceptance in the world. We must be strong and bold to stand for what we believe. I pray that the answer is yes we will.

# Where There Is A Vision...



By James Maroney

In Proverbs:29:18, the writer tells us "where there is no vision, the people perish." Whereas we have often used this scripture to emphasize the importance of a vision, careful examination of this scripture tells us much more.

The word vision is commonly used to explain the revelation of God's will to the prophets. This, in turn, expressed to the people, is what keeps them in line with God's plan. Thus, where there is no understanding of God's will and grand design, His people perish. As one definition of the word perish explains, the people become idle or ceased from doing good works. Another word describes that the people are let to "run loose" or "wild."

Neither of these definitions set well with me, nor should they with any apostolic young person concerning this generation. The apostolic youth of today are not a youth let loose to run wild. Neither are we a

youth which has become idle. "This is the generation of them that seek thy face, who seek thy face O Jacob." Psalm: 24:6

Rather, we are a generation with a definite purpose and a firm resolve to seek his face and wear his name.]

As never before, the youth

of the Kentucky District are seeking and finding the will of God. They are listening to the voice of God as spoken to them by their prophets; their leadership. With this understanding, they are grasping a deeper understanding of God and His perfect will in their lives.

I believe that there will be many great ministries unveiled at future youth rallies, Winter Youth Retreats and youth camps because our youth will accept the challenge and align themselves with God's plan. After all, they are World Changers.

The "vision" of the Kentucky District Youth Department, is to prepare the way for these young people to take hold of God's will for their lives by making these events greater than ever before: **This is our vision.** Planning made within the Youth Department will center on this one goal; **to create an atmosphere for the youth of this district to reach their full potential in living for God.** When our youth feel this happening around them, barriers are

broken, walls come down and they become vulnerable to the Spirit of God.

It is our desire to see the youth of this district become more involved than ever before with greater camps, youth retreats and greater SFC drives.

We solicit your prayers and cooperation in achieving this goal for our youth.

To God be the glory and a very special "Thank You" to all of the churches who participated in reaching our goal this year of a **\$50,000.00 Sheaves For Christ offering.** Our district was able to achieve this because of hard working churches and youth groups having a vision. Let us work together diligently with our youth to continue to accomplish great things in His kingdom.



*For more information on Sheaves for Christ, contact James Maroney @ 502-532-7229*

# Creative Corner: Chocolate Marble Cream Cake

Makes 12 servings

Prep: 25 minutes

Bake: 50 minutes

Cool: 15 minutes

Stand: 15 minutes

## Ingredients

3/4 cup butter, softened

1-1/2 cups sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla

1-1/4 cups buttermilk or sour milk\*

2/3 cup chocolate-flavored syrup

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 eggs

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

## Directions:

1. Allow butter and eggs to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, grease and lightly flour a 10-inch fluted tube pan. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

2. In large mixing bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on low to medium speed about 30 seconds. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating on low to medium speed 1 minute after each addition and scraping bowl frequently. Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to beaten mixture, beating on low speed after each addition just until combined. Reserve 2 cups batter. Turn remaining batter into prepared pan.

3. In small mixing bowl combine chocolate-flavored syrup and reserved 2 cups batter. Beat on low speed until well combined. Pour chocolate batter over vanilla batter in pan. Do not mix.

4. Bake in a 350 degree F oven about 50 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes on wire rack. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack. Drizzle cake with Semisweet Chocolate icing. Makes 12 servings.

\*Note: For sour milk, place 4 teaspoons lemon juice or vinegar in a measuring cup. Add enough milk to equal 1-1/4 cups.

**Semisweet Chocolate Icing:** In small saucepan heat 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate pieces, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon light-colored corn syrup, and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla over low heat, stirring until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth. Use immediately.

## Nutrition facts per serving:

calories: 416

total fat: 18g

saturated fat: 10g

monounsaturated fat: 5g

polyunsaturated fat: 1g

cholesterol: 75mg

sodium: 400mg

carbohydrate: 59g

total sugar: 36g

fiber: 2g

protein: 5g

vitamin A: 0%

vitamin C: 0%

calcium: 7%

iron: 9%

other carbs: 3.5 diabetic exchange

fat: 3 diabetic exchange



## Artist Spotlight

By Garrett McCauley

J O N L E T T  
*Do it for me*



This month's featured artist is Jon Lett. A minister in the UPCI, Jon Lett heads Jon Lett Ministries with the mission to reach an unsaved world with the Truth. Jon Lett Ministries targets youth, ages 12-21, in an effort to give them Biblical teachings that will assist them in their walk with God through word and song.

Recently he released the album "Do it For Me" which features the title track as a song written for the National Abstinence Program, "Worth the Wait." This program doesn't promote purity and abstinence through fear of pregnancy or disease. It teaches abstinence through a true and sincere love for God. Young people are taught that they are vessels set aside for His honor.

When asked if he had any advice to offer the youth of the world, Jon replied,

"Serve the Lord in your youth! Commit your all to Him now before you make mistakes that you will regret later on and He will surely bless you in all that you do. Oh the blessings I've missed and the mistakes I've made."

Jon Lett's personal testimony tells of a God who can take the broken, the wounded, and the mistakes and make something that can glorify Him.

## Book Reviews

### Book Talk: Creating the Perfect Reading Environment



The search for creating the perfect indoor aural backdrop always leads me back to the same old, time honed method: my CD collection. I asked a few friends what they listen to when reading.

#### Shaun Groves:

"...If it's music, it's classical. I use the classical to romantic period discs the most.

#### Janna Long of Avalon:

"Reading? With my infant daughter."

If you need a push indoors for a decadent afternoon of reading, let me entice you with a few more titles you might enjoy: "Aria 2" (Windham Hill), "Mozart for Relaxation" (Various Artists: Windham Hill) and my longtime favorite, "Surf and Spray" (New World Music).

Book Review by Margaret Becker of  
CCM Magazine

Full articles on all three books can  
be viewed at [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com).

## Twelve Ordinary Men

By John MacArthur.



In the gospels, Jesus called ordinary men,

including uneducated fishermen, political outsiders and religious outcasts, to be his disciples. Yet within three short years Jesus transformed these ordinary men into people who were able to fulfill his extraordinary purpose. In *Twelve Ordinary Men*, Pastor MacArthur does an excellent job of retelling the story of the twelve and reminding the church of this incredible truth: God still uses his ordinary disciples to fulfill his extraordinary purposes.

### "Marketing of of Evil"

By David Kupelian

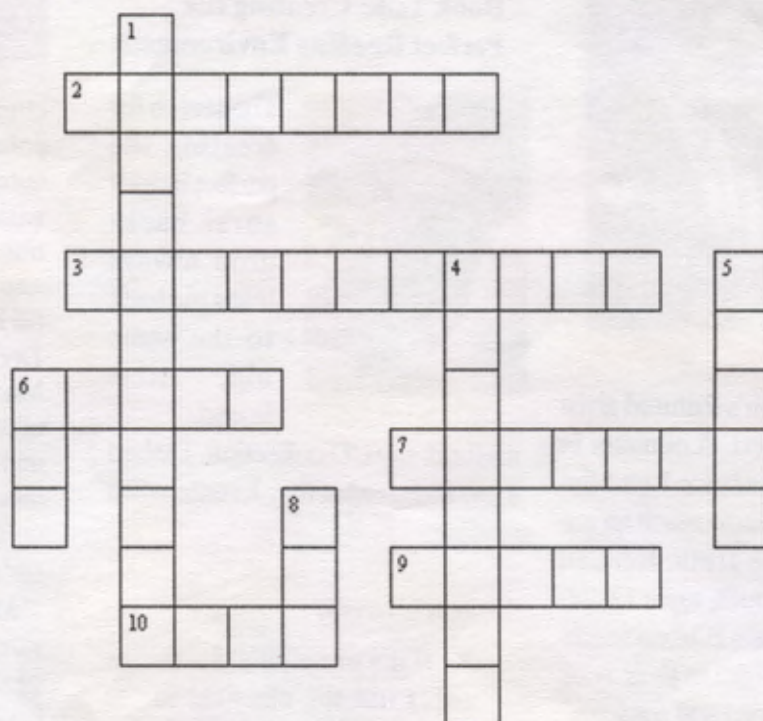


Americans have come to tolerate, embrace and even champion many things that would have

horrified their parents' generation—from easy divorce and unrestricted abortion-on-demand to extreme body piercing and teaching homosexuality to grade-schoolers. Does that mean today's Americans are inherently more morally confused and depraved than previous generations? Of course not, says veteran journalist David Kupelian, but they have fallen victim to some of the most stunningly brilliant and compelling marketing campaigns in modern history.

# Creative Corner: KDN Crossword Puzzle

## KDN Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ District News
- 3 "...be baptized in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
- 6 District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Marshall
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ
- 9 Apostolic \_\_\_\_\_ Corps
- 10 "...God is \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Jn. 4:8)

### DOWN

- 1 United \_\_\_\_\_ Church
- 4 Host city for General Conference 2005
- 5 Foreign Missions Director \_\_\_\_\_ Cavness
- 6 Number of sections
- 8 "I and my Father are \_\_\_\_\_"

# The True Doctrine

By Pastor Gerald Adams



1 Tim 4:16

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

I think it is safe to say that people of every church, denomination, and religion share the same goal of eternal bliss or as we Christians call it, being saved. However, what separates the real from the relic, is the doctrine we both believe and obey. We hear the endless pulpit mantras of just have faith and believe on the Lord and thou shall be saved. By no means do I minimize the importance of faith toward God in one's life, yet believing without obeying is simply a doctrinal error embraced by the easy-living religions of today. James 2:20 says,

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *faith without works is dead*?" (KJV)

Scripture speaks very plainly on the subject. Here is another rendition of the same verse.

"Fool! When will you ever learn

that "believing" is useless without doing what God wants you to? Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith." (TLB)

Many preachers today boast of not teaching doctrine to their listeners. The airwaves are filled with ministers that have allowed bulging bank accounts to take preeminence over preaching truth. Consequently, they have become religious entertainers that soothe the conscience of their followers with just enough scripture to inoculate them from seeking out the full truth.

The importance of divine doctrine cannot be overstated. It is the only truth that will save a lost soul. Rom 6:17-18,

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." (KJV)

This is why Paul said to take heed to the doctrine, the true doctrine. God's salvation plan works for all that will obey it. Acts 2:38-39 states,

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (KJV)

Lastly, Paul said to not only

take heed to the doctrine, but to continue in them. It's not enough to start the race, we must continue until Jesus comes or calls. Pressures are great today especially against the ministry. Being overwhelmed by cares of this life and diluting the truth to make some carnal members happy, have caused some preachers to leave the doctrine. Many unfortunately haven't left the pulpits. Paul told the young preacher Timothy that the same doctrine that saved you will keep you saved if you don't forsake it. Consider now the end of Paul's ministry.

2 Tim 4:7-8

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Paul fought and finished his race still preaching the only saving doctrine under heaven given among men. He made it and we can also. Let every child of God pray for a deeper love for the doctrine that we may continue sharing it with others that they too might be saved.

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## Singleness: A Reflection of the Love of God



By Wendy Widder

One of the pervasive themes of Scripture is God's love for His chosen people, the Israelites. He selected them from among all the nations of the world to be His own, established a covenant with them, and vowed His faithfulness to them.

Throughout the writings of the Old Testament prophets, this relationship between God and His people is expressed in the metaphor of marriage. Israel, the bride, spurned God and prostituted herself with other gods, and yet because of His covenant, God's love for her endured. In the New Testament, marriage images the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Marriage provides a beautiful reflection of some of our most treasured spiritual truths. It pictures genuine commitment and unconditional love in a world of no-fault divorce, and it provides the framework for our concepts of spiritual birth and the Family of God.

What could singleness possibly add, if anything, to this array of rich images? What can a life devoid

of lasting romance contribute to an understanding of holy love? Perhaps it merely serves to amplify the beauty of marital love, much like a dark sky enhances the splendor of a rainbow or a Hollywood villain magnifies the goodness of the hero. Or

maybe it's a grand test that, if we pass, we get to move on to the higher ground of wedded life.

Or maybe it's none of these. When understood properly, the picture of singleness can help round out our concept of the love of God. While marriage illustrates what we can call the exclusive nature of God's love, singleness allows us to better understand the inclusive nature of God's love.

Generally speaking, singles have a freedom in relationships that married people don't have. They are free to befriend and love many people without being unfaithful to any of them. I can be friends with men and women alike and not worry about being disloyal to my spouse — although I must always be careful not to give someone else's spouse the opportunity to be disloyal. I am able to invest in a wide variety of relationships without cheating a husband out of the time that is rightfully his. It is this freedom that portrays the inclusive dynamic of God's love — the fact that the gospel message is open to all who will receive it.

While marriage is designed

to illustrate the restrictive nature of God's covenant love for His people, singleness can beautifully display the treasured truth that God's love is open to all. His relationship quotient is never filled — there's always room for one more. Because the friendships that singles form are not restricted in the same way that those of married people are, singles "reflect the openness of God's love that seeks to include within the circle of fellowship those yet outside its boundaries."

We must never forget that the message of love in the gospel has two sides. God jealously guards and provides for His own. He chastens us as children. He reserves space for us in His everlasting kingdom. We are precious in His sight. However, if we overemphasize His exclusive love we start to think like elitists.

If, however, we overemphasize God's inclusive love, we start to think that God is just a nice guy who will accept everyone, whether or not they believe in Him. Both sides of this mysterious love must be kept in balance, even tension. The complementary natures of marriage and singleness can help the church picture this difficult task.



# CRUSADES ALL OVER ARE FOLLOWING THE FIRE

By Shamilya Mitchell

In our daily lives, we take for granted the small blessings that God bestows upon us like seeing, hearing, speaking and feeling. We fail to see how blessed we are that all of our body's biological and physical processes are functioning.

Imagine what it would be like to have been able to hear and then lose that ability and never understand why. In the United Kingdom during a youth camp, a young woman named Gloria was delivered from the bondage of a witchcraft curse that rendered her deaf when she was five years old. She is now relearning how to speak after thirteen years of being a mute. Isn't God awesome? Through the power of prayer, and faith, the stronghold of the enemy was destroyed.

Testimonies like this emphasize the importance of foreign missions. If it had not been for the presence of UPCI foreign missionaries in the UK, Gloria would never have

had the opportunity to be delivered from that stronghold.

There are countries all over the world that don't have any works established. There are souls longing for fulfillment and peace and every other blessing that we as Christians have at our liberty through Jesus Christ. In the midst of all the turmoil and conflict we see on the news, there is a worldwide outcry for healing and deliverance.

There is a desire for the power of the *One true Lord* to come down and change lives. **People Need the Lord!** In these last and evil days, we, the church of the *Living God*, are his representatives. We must do our part to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. God has placed every missionary in a certain country for his purpose. He is a strategic God.

We are all members of one body. Foreign missions need our financial support.

If the eternal resting place for your soul were at stake, no price would be too high. To know that Jesus paid the ultimate price for you to have opportunities and abilities, monetary gifts prayer and support are small investments with infinite returns.

So remember saints of God, when you give to foreign missions, you are investing in the salvation of souls and Jesus is collecting the dividends. God bless you.

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## Russia the Last Frontier

By Rasheda Abdullah

Recently, the congregation of Abundant Life Outreach Center in Clarksville, TN, were so blessed by the ministry of Russian Missionary Janice Hersey. This is a young lady who felt the call of God to go to an unfamiliar place to help build a powerhouse church in the name of Jesus.

In Russia, there are currently only two UPC churches. Now, you have to realize that while in some cities in the US, to have two UPC churches is good, Russia's population is half that of America. Russia has over 145 million people. The need for more missionaries is

great.

The beautiful thing about Sis. Hersey is her energetic zeal to do God's work. While ministering at ALOC, she told the story of David and how he was not a king who was a worshipper, but he was a worshipper who was king. Worship will put you at the feet of Jesus and at the heart of the greatest revival ever. We were all so blessed by her ministry and we want to keep her and all of the missionaries in prayer for the harvest is truly great but the laborers are few.

It may not be you out there on the mission field, but what if

God did call you to this area of ministry? Sometimes we do not know or realize what it takes to do something until we are put in that place. Let us pray without ceasing for these brave men and women of God.



## Kentuckians Know State isn't Healthy

Associated Press

A majority of state residents say the health of their fellow Kentuckians is only fair or poor, according to a new poll.

The latest Bluegrass Poll by the Courier-Journal gives several indications that the state's overall health is below average.

In a telephone survey of 801 respondents, conducted between Sept. 7-13, two-thirds rated the state's health as fair or poor and 27 percent said they smoke cigarettes daily. Also, 20 percent of respondents didn't exercise and about a third ate fried food for a meal three or more times in the week before they were interviewed.

The poll also revealed that people's views of their own health depended on their education level, income and where they live.

Only 14 percent of respondents in households earning \$50,000 or more a year rated their health as only fair or poor, while 56 percent of those earning less than \$15,000 rated their health as fair or poor. And 43 percent of eastern Kentuckians rated their health as only fair or poor, compared with 30 percent of respondents from Louisville or north central Kentucky.

The frequency of smoking also depended on income. Among respondents from households earning less than \$15,000 a year, 38 percent smoked daily, compared with 19 percent of those in households earning \$50,000 or more. And 34 percent of those in the lowest-earning households did not exercise in the previous week, compared with only 12 percent of the highest-earning households.

Access to health care and medicine also appeared to be a problem for some residents, with 17 percent saying they needed medical care in the past year but didn't get it.

Martha Bucy, 56, of Murray, rated both her health and the state's health as poor. Bucy has had two heart attacks and several illnesses, including Crohn's disease and coronary artery problems.

"I'm going to die of one of these illnesses," said Bucy, who was among respondents who agreed to be interviewed.

Respondents said individuals and the government both play a part in keeping people healthy.

## Election or not, students get Nov. 8 off

Lexington, KY -There will be no classes Nov. 8 for Lexington public school students.

The school calendar explains why: Election Day.

That doesn't mean the Fayette County School Board has taken a position on the extremely contentious issue of whether voters will be having their say on condemnation of Kentucky American Water that day.

Schools spokeswoman Lisa Deffendall said the board simply had to send its calendar to press and could not wait for a court to decide whether there will be a vote. A professional development day scheduled for Oct. 24 was moved to Nov. 8.

Now, Deffendall said, "Whether they actually have the

election or not, we will not have school."

## Curb on Eminent Domain Possible

Legislation that would curb the use of eminent domain likely will be on the Kentucky General Assembly's 2006 agenda when it convenes in January.

Northern Kentucky legislators think there is enough bipartisan support to pass a law in the next session that would limit how cities and counties can take private property for economic development projects.

"I think members of both parties are interested in reining in some of the powers that have been given to state and local governments to acquire property through condemnation," said Rep. Joe Fischer, R-Fort Thomas, a member of the joint legislative judiciary committee that heard testimony on the issue last spring.

A decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in June has infused some momentum into the cause, he said.

In *Kelo v. City of New London*, the high court ruled that private property could be taken for a private good if it also benefits the public - building a shopping center, for example.

The 5-4 decision, however, also said states have the right to place further restrictions on the use of eminent domain.

Some Kentucky legislators said they are particularly interested in rescinding a provision in state law that allows cities to declare property blighted as a pretext to then acquire it by eminent domain for redevelopment.

## Calendar of Events

### 2005

#### October

- 15 - Section T Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 17 - Kentucky Bible Institute  
Section U Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 24 - Kentucky Bible Institute

27 - 28 - Chosen Conference

30 - Daylight Savings Time ends  
Fifth Sunday Camp Offering

31 - Kentucky Bible Institute

Section I Christmas For Christ Promotion - TBA

#### November

- 4 - Section N Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 6 - Early Pentecostal Disciples' Day
- 7 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 8 - Election Day
- 11 - Veterans' Day
- 14 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 18 - Section D Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 18 & 19 - Minister & Spouse Retreat/TBA
- 20 - Harvestime Soul Harvest Offering
- 21 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 24 - Thanksgiving
- 28 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 29 - Section E Christmas For Christ Promotion

#### December

- 1 - Mail Christmas cards to missionaries  
Paid District & Section dues?
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve  
4th quarter district tithe/dues deadline

### 2006

#### January

- 1 - New Year's Day  
Bread begins  
Save Our Children Kickoff
- 13 & 14 - Youth Retreat in Louisville/Downtown Marriott
- 18 - Official License Request Deadline
- 27 - Section D Sectional Conference/Corbin - 7:30 PM
- 28 - Section E Sectional Conference/Lexington - 1:00 PM
- 29 - Missions of Hope Offering Deadline  
Fifth Sunday Camp Offering
- 31 - Ladies' Missionary Christmas Offering Deadline

#### February

- 3 - Section U Sectional Conference/Erftinence - 7:30 PM
- 10 - Section N Sectional Conference/Morehead - Anderson -  
7:30 PM
- 11 - Section T Sectional Conference/Bowling Green
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 16 - 17 - District & Section Audits/Executive West/Louisville
- 17 - District Conference Resolution, License Application &  
Home Missions Application Deadline
- 21 - 22 - Tupelo Board Meeting
- 24 - Section I Sectional Conference/Clarksville - 1:00 PM
- 25 - Sunday School Seminar - Middletown -  
Mike & Vickie Oliver

#### March

- 3-4 - Ladies Conference in Louisville/Executive West  
Marvin & Claudette Walker/ Gwen Oakes
- 6 - Kentucky Institute
- 10 - Raceland Youth Rally/SOC Promotion - Robbie Knox
- 11 - SOC Crusade - Location - Elizabethtown
- 13 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 15-18 - Apostolic Restoration Conference (Hopkinsville, KY)  
Pastor Gerald Adams
- 18 - SOC Crusade - Location - Morehead/Binion
- 19 - License Seminar Registration Deadline
- 20 - First Day of Spring/ Kentucky Bible Institute
- 27 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 31 - 1st quarter district tithe/dues deadline  
Men's Retreat/Bowling Green

Hey, got an event that needs to be promoted? If you are having revivals, anniversaries, special services, etc. we want to know about them. Submit your church's special events and we will put them in the Kentucky District News calendar section for free. If you want to have even more exposure, you can buy ads at inexpensive prices to maximize coverage of your special event. Call 931-648-8577 for ad rates or send an email to [rkn123@hotmail.com](mailto:rkn123@hotmail.com) if you have special events that you want put on the Kentucky District News calendar.

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