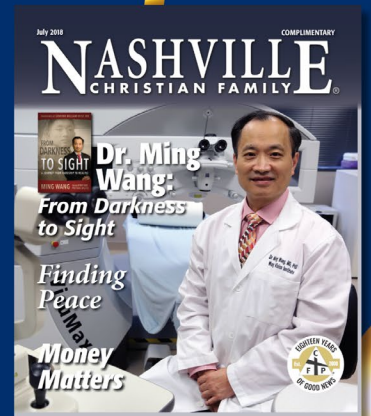
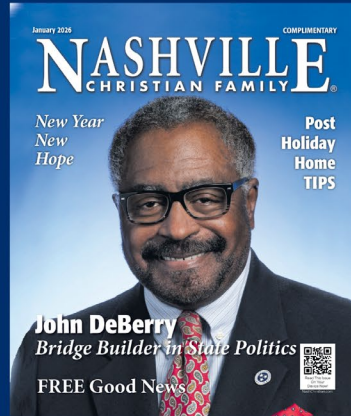


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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### A Father's Calling: Love, Discipline, and Godly Leadership

God's Word makes it clear: fathers are called to lovingly discipline their children in order to help them grow into well-rounded, responsible adults. Throughout history, the Lord has demonstrated His deep love for His people. Yet, in His righteousness, He also judges and disciplines when necessary. As godly fathers and grandfathers, we are to follow His example—offering both love and correction as we raise the next generation.



Proverbs 23:22: *Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.*

2 Samuel 7:14-15: *I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him.*

Proverbs 22:6: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Psalm 103:13: *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*

Ephesians 6:4: *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

Proverbs 23:24: *"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.*

1 Timothy 3:2 – 5: *Therefore an overseer (Father) must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?*

Joshua 24:15: *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ..... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (NIV)*

Proverbs 23:24: *The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.*

Luke 15:20: *So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.'" - Luke 15:20,*

Above Scriptures Are From Various Translations

Regarding Godly Fathers, Martin Luther said, "Keep an apple beside the rod to give the child when he does well." Discipline must be exercised with watchful care and constant training with much prayer. Chastening, discipline, and counsel by the Word of God, giving both reproof and encouragement, is at the core of "admonition."

On this Father's Day, we should not only our honor earthly Father's, but our Heavenly Father as well.

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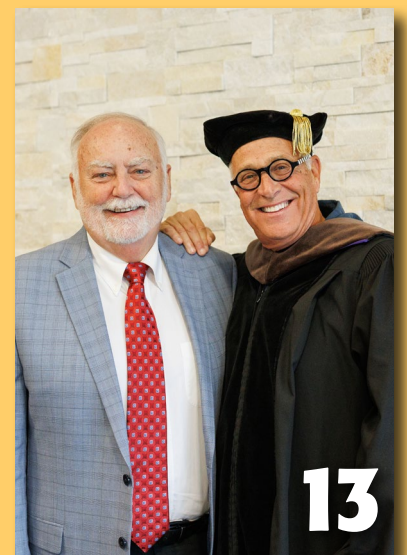
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### An Appeal to Heaven: The Story Behind the Pine Tree Flag

In the autumn of 1775, with war newly declared and the future uncertain, General George Washington faced a daunting problem: he needed ships, yet he had no navy, no official fleet, and no government



funds to build one. What he did have was determination, faith, and a handful of schooners commissioned from the Massachusetts coast. On those vessels he ordered a striking new flag, a white field bearing a single pine tree and the words 'An Appeal to Heaven'. Few Americans today know this story, yet the flag represents one of the most spiritually significant moments in the nation's founding.

Long before the Revolution, the eastern white pine symbolized New England. Tall, straight, and ideal for ship masts, these trees were so valuable that the British Crown claimed the largest for itself, marking them with the "broad arrow." Colonists who cut them risked prosecution. When Washington placed the pine on his flag, the message was unmistakable: these trees, this land, and this people

belonged not to a king, but to God. The pine had appeared on colonial coins and militia flags, but the phrase beneath it elevated the symbol into a declaration of faith.

"An Appeal to Heaven" came directly from philosopher John Locke's "Second Treatise of Government". Locke argued that when earthly authorities become tyrannical and no court can offer justice, the oppressed may appeal to God Himself. The Founders, steeped in Locke's writings, believed they had exhausted every earthly remedy. They had petitioned, negotiated, and pleaded for redress. When all failed, they concluded that only God could judge their cause and that He would.

In late 1775, Washington commissioned a small fleet from Marblehead and Beverly, Massachusetts, to intercept British supply ships. His secretary, Colonel Joseph Reed, specified the flag to be flown: a white banner with a green pine tree and the inscription 'An Appeal to Heaven'. This fleet, often called "Washington's Navy," predated the official Continental Navy. Crewed by ordinary fishermen and merchants, these men sailed into danger under a flag that declared their belief that their struggle was not merely political, but moral and spiritual.

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From a Christian perspective, the flag is remarkable not for what it asks of God, but for what it acknowledges about Him. It affirms that God is sovereign over nations, that earthly powers are accountable to a higher authority, and that when human justice fails, divine justice does not. This was not the distant God of deism, but the biblical God who hears and acts. The Declaration of Independence echoed this worldview months later, proclaiming that all people are "endowed by their Creator" with unalienable rights.

Today, the Appeal to Heaven flag has reemerged in churches, homes, and prayer gatherings. For many, it symbolizes a foundational truth: America was shaped by people who believed that ultimate authority rests not in government, but in God. When institutions falter, the flag reminds us that we still have recourse, an appeal to the One who governs all history.

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### Hands On announces 2026 Strobel Volunteer Awards Recipients

Middle Tennesseans were honored today for their volunteerism during Hands On's 40th annual Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Awards presented by Jackson Financial Inc. (Jackson®). Recipients were announced at 14TENN in a ceremony emceed by News Channel 5 reporter Amelia Young.



The Strobel Awards honor volunteers of all ages and backgrounds for their inspirational service to their communities and celebrate the legacy of Mary Catherine Strobel, a Nashvillian who displayed outstanding dedication to service throughout her life.

"A huge congratulations to this year's Strobel Volunteer Awards recipients and nominees. Their passion for making a difference in our communities is truly inspiring, and they are living out the values the Strobel family has championed for 40-plus years. To celebrate this milestone, we're proud to introduce a new internship at Hands On in Alice Strobel Eadler's name – Mary Catherine's daughter – to carry forward the volunteer spirit we see demonstrated each and every day," said Lori Shin-

ton, chief growth officer, United Way of Greater Nashville.

More than 100 community members were nominated from three counties who showed the spirit of service. A panel of judges selected the six award recipients, who will each receive \$1,000 to donate to the nonprofit of their choice. The other finalists will receive \$250 to donate to an organization they care about.

"Congratulations to each of the honorees for this well-deserved recognition," said Niya Moon, corporate philanthropy manager at Jackson. "Their compassion and commitment to serving our community inspires us all and remind each of us of the power we all have to lend a helping hand."

The award recipients are as follows:

- Charles Strobel Legacy of Service Award presented by Amazon: Mary Walker, Renewal House and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee
- Youth Volunteer Award presented by Nashville Soccer Club: Sergio Lopez, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee

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- Adult Volunteer Award presented by HCA Healthcare | TriStar Health: Dawn Warner, Monroe Harding
- Older Adult Volunteer Award presented by Advance Financial: Anita Reed, Nashville Shakespeare Festival
- Disaster Response Award presented by Kroger: Rob Coleman, American Red Cross
- Social Justice Award presented by The University of Tennessee College of Social Work: Allison Quintanilla Plattsmier; ENP, Futuro and others

To learn more about the recipients, click here.

#### About the Strobel Volunteer Awards

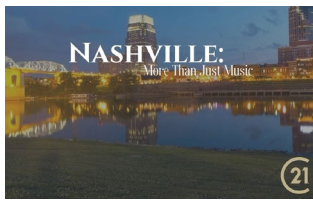
The Strobel Awards were created to honor the memory of Mary Catherine Strobel, a Nashville volunteer known for her compassion and generosity. The ceremony, now in its 40th year, has grown to become Middle Tennessee's largest annual celebration of service.

—Kris Wiese,  
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## Expanding the Dream of Homeownership in Tennessee

Homeownership remains one of the most powerful ways families build stability, create generational wealth, and strengthen communities. Yet in today's rapidly changing housing market, many hardworking Tennesseans have found the dream of homeownership becoming increasingly difficult to reach.



As broker-owner of [Century 21 Capital Properties (<https://www.c21capitalproperties.com>) and as a commissioner serving on the Tennessee Housing Development Agency board, I have the privilege of working closely with individuals and families navigating today's housing market. Alongside my incredible team at Century 21 Capital Properties, we work daily with buyers who are searching not only for a home, but for stability, opportunity, and a brighter future.

Over the past few year, I have been honored to advocate alongside housing professionals, lenders, fellow commissioners, and community leaders for solutions that expand access to homeownership across Tennessee. One of the most important conversations centered around the realities of rising

home prices and the growing need to modernize housing assistance guidelines to better reflect today's market. I am proud to share that THDA recently implemented a significant change that will help more Tennessee families qualify for homeownership programs to help achieve the American dream of homeownership.

Effective May 18, 2026, the maximum purchase price for THDA financing increased from \$400,000 to \$500,000. This adjustment represents a meaningful step forward in expanding housing accessibility and creating opportunities for more middle-income families throughout our state. Qualified buyers may also receive up to 5% of the loan amount in down payment assistance through THDA's Great Choice Plus program, subject to program guidelines. This assistance can help cover down payment and closing costs and may be the difference between continuing to rent and finally becoming a homeowner.

Many people are surprised to learn that the income limits are higher than expected. In counties such as Davidson, Williamson, Rutherford, and Wilson, households earning up to \$137,760 for one-to-two-person households and \$160,720 for households of three or more may qualify. For many Tennessee

families, this change creates new possibilities and renewed hope.

At Century 21 Capital Properties, my team and I remain deeply committed to educating buyers, advocating for housing opportunities, and helping families navigate the path toward homeownership with confidence. We believe a home is more than just a financial investment — it represents security, dignity, and the foundation for future generations.

I am grateful to serve alongside individuals and organizations who continue working to expand access to housing opportunities across Tennessee. Meaningful change happens when leaders, advocates, and communities come together with a shared purpose to serve others. This is more than a policy update. It is a reminder that advocacy matters, collaboration matters, and helping families achieve the dream of homeownership still matters deeply in Tennessee.

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## Four Legal Topics People Are Talking About This Year



### 1. How AI is Changing the Legal Landscape In Intellectual Property

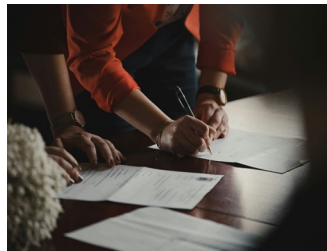
Remember when you were so excited to hear on the radio the release Beatles' latest hit song? This will certainly predate many NCF readers. In November of 2023, 55 years after the Beatles split up in 1970, their final song was released "Now and Then". And it is still making history. It won best rock performance Grammy in 2025. The song used what is called "restorative artificial intelligence" (AI) to strip John Lennon's voice track from a 1978 demo and create a new, pristinely-produced song.

AI is revolutionizing the music world today, and it is creating a tsunami of legal headaches for lawyers and their clients in the music industry. AI is actually creating songs based on legacy artists by mimicking their voice, and musical style. But is this piracy or creativity? If AI can create a "George Straight song" instantaneously, what does that mean for George Straight himself? Should music producers be allowed to create an AI-created version of an artist's voice for a musical work without the artist's consent?

### 2. Elimination of Non-Compete Agreements

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The times they are a changing. Recent changes in the law have now made covenants not to compete unlawful in Tennessee. Also, this year the Federal Trade Commission ordered one of the largest pest-control companies in the United States—to stop enforcing noncompete agreements against more than 18,000 employees nationwide.

Employers can still protect themselves against an employee's use of confidential and proprietary information, but care must be taken today when drafting such agreements.

### 3. Election Law and Drawing New Districts



Where did the term "gerrymandering" come from? It was coined at a Boston dinner party in 1812, when a Massachusetts politician Elbridge Gerry redrew the state senate district to strike a blow the Federalists party to make room for the newly emerging Democratic party.

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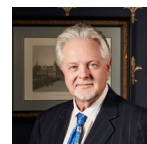
It seems like it is open season this year on redistricting. Eight states, including Tennessee, have announced plans to redraw Congressional districts. The result is that several new districts are comprised of large geographic areas separated by land as narrow as an Interstate which stretch for miles.

The Supreme Court weighed in on this issue in its decision in *Louisiana v. Chavis*, where the Court struck down a congressional map as an unconstitutional racial gerrymander that created two majority-black districts, and limited the scope of the Voting Rights Act. The decision sent shock waves throughout the electoral community and has sparked even greater attention to creative line-drawing in states across the country.

### 4. Legal Protection for Employees and Students From Sexual Discrimination

Do employees have the right to sue for sexual harassment under Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, or is this law limited exclusively to students? The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to accept a case that will decide this issue. The case will resolve a split among federal appellate courts on the issue. The case centers on MaChelle Joseph, who was fired from her job as a women's basketball coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2019 after filing a complaint alleging discrimination against the basketball team over the limited resources compared with the men's team. The lawsuit seeks to level the playing field.

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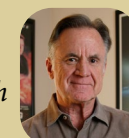
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## The Heavens Declare His Glory

*Inspire Your Family This Summer to Discover God's Glory Through Science, Wonder, and Creation*

Summer is one of the greatest opportunities parents have to inspire their children in their faith. With more time outdoors, family trips, and evenings under the stars, children naturally begin asking questions about the world around them. Why are the stars so bright? How vast is space? How does Earth support life? For me, those questions began early in life and ultimately shaped the mission I pursue today.

As a teenager, I spent countless nights photographing distant galaxies and star clusters with my personal camera attached to my telescope. I remember the awe I felt the first time I captured The Great Orion Nebula. The more I studied the heavens, the more I realized that the universe was not chaotic or random. It was orderly, precise, and breathtakingly designed.

At that moment, Scripture became more real to me than ever before. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." I realized I was witnessing God's creation firsthand through the lens of a telescope. Every intricate pattern in the cosmos pointed to a Creator.

That passion to share both the beauty of creation and the science behind it eventually led to the founding of the **Genesis Science Network**. I became increasingly frustrated watching major television networks, as they often showcased incredible scientific discoveries and documentaries, but almost every program was presented through an atheistic framework. The design of nature was discussed constantly, yet the Designer was never acknowledged.

Eleven years ago, a thought crossed my mind: What if Christians had a network of their own? What if there were a place where families could enjoy science programming, documentaries, astronomy, and other educational content from a biblical worldview?

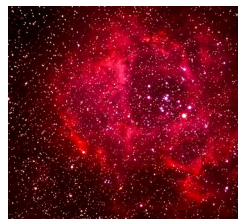
As ambitious as it sounded at the time, within just a few months, **Genesis Science Network** launched as a free 24/7 streaming television network dedicated to science and creation education.

Today, **Genesis Science Network** reaches viewers around the world through Roku, Fire TV, Apple TV, iOS apps, and online streaming at [genesissciencenetwork.com](http://genesissciencenetwork.com). Unlike many modern streaming services, we intentionally chose to make the network completely free. It is fully donor-supported because our goal has always been to place trustworthy, faith-building educational content directly into homes without barriers.

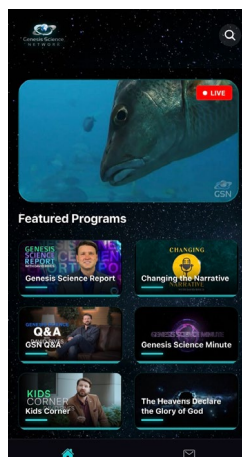
What began as a television network has grown into a much larger ministry effort. We now feature thousands of hours of science programming covering everything from astronomy and geology to biology and archaeology. One of our most popular features is **Knowledge Block** (weekdays 11:00 am – 12:00 pm CT), designed to help families explore subjects like Earth science, human anatomy, and creation-based education together.



Our flagship program, **Genesis Science Report**, airs weekly as a science news program covering breaking discoveries from a biblical perspective. From dinosaur fossils and planetary discoveries to headlines about



**The Rosette Nebula photographed by David Rives.**



**The Genesis Science Network app.**

UFOs and space exploration, we examine current scientific topics in a way families can trust. One of my favorite parts of the show is the **Kids' Corner** segment (Tuesdays 8:00 pm CT) filmed inside the **Wonders Center & Science Museum**, the largest science museum from a creation perspective, just outside Nashville in Dickson, TN. Each episode highlights a single artifact or exhibit and turns it into an engaging lesson for children. We feature ancient biblical artifacts from Israel, live animals in our zoology exhibit, and even a NASA-related display in our astronomy hall.

The goal is not simply to teach children that science is fascinating, though it certainly is, but to help them recognize the fingerprints of God throughout creation. When children begin to see design in the universe, it strengthens their faith while also encouraging critical thinking.

In a culture where many young people are taught that science and Christianity are incompatible, I believe it is more important than ever to reclaim scientific discovery and wonder. Science should never pull us away from God. Properly understood, it should draw us closer to Him.

I think back to those summer nights as a teenager, standing beneath the stars with a telescope pointed toward the heavens. Every image I captured reminded me that creation is proclaiming something far greater than itself. It is declaring the glory of God every single night. My hope is that families everywhere will take time this summer to look up and explore creation together. You never know how one moment of wonder beneath the stars could shape a child's future forever.

I also invite you to visit The Wonders Center & Science Museum this summer, as one of the ways to be inspired by the beauty of God's creation as a family. An upcoming event to consider is **The Wonders of Creation Conference: The Evidence Speaks**, June 10th-12th. I look forward to seeing you at the Wonders Center this summer!

To plan your visit or learn more about our events: [wonderscenter.org](http://wonderscenter.org)

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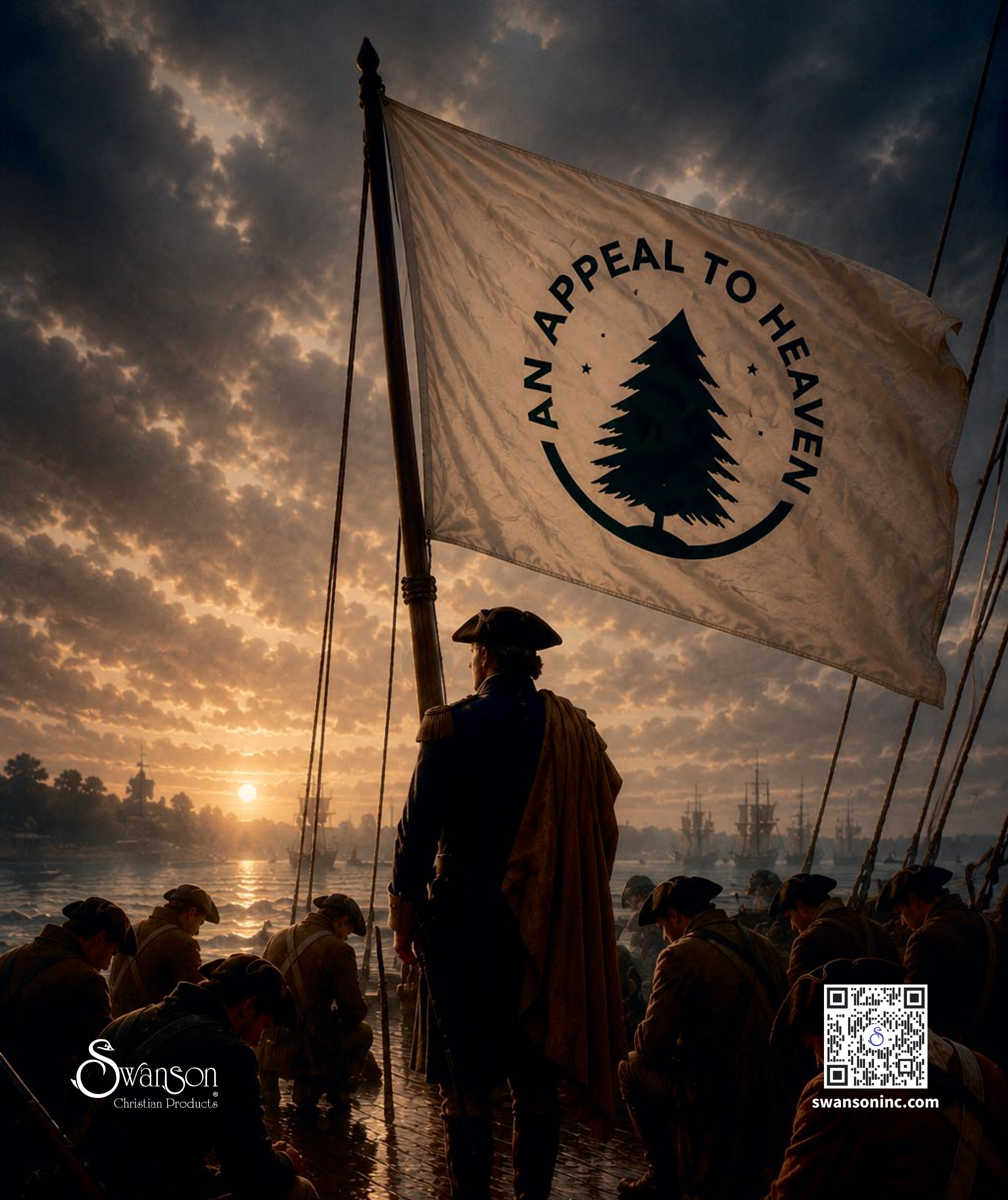


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—David Rives is a science expert, biblical scholar, author, speaker, and TV host focused on exploring the connection between science and the Bible. He is the founder of the Genesis Science Network, President of David Rives Ministries, and Founder of the Wonders Center & Science Museum in Tennessee.





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### The Flags Of Brentwood

#### Question and Answer With Robert Stringfellow and Ben Davis

Robert: Ben thank you for taking time to talk to me about the flags in Brentwood!



Ben: Thanks Robert for the opportunity to set the record straight about who flies those flags

Robert: Wait, it is not the City of Brentwood?

Ben: That's what a lot of folks think but it is actually the Hillsboro-Brentwood Exchange Club (HBEC) based in Brentwood!

Robert: I see! And how long have y'all been doing that?



Ben: Great question! The Club has been displaying the flags for almost 30 years.

Robert: My goodness that is a very long time! And how long have you been involved with flying the flags?

Ben: I'm starting my 26th year of putting up Old Glory! There have been several Exchange clubs involved in this project of which I have been a part of.

Robert: That too is a very long time! Why the interest and dedication?

Ben: I am a Red/White/Blue kind of guy. Both my parents served in the military, so I just grew up with it. When I found out that the Exchange Clubs have as one of their pillars of service – Americanism – and that involved flying the flags I was hooked!

Robert: Interesting! So how many flags do you put up and how many times a year?

Ben: Well Robert it's not just me. Our club has several folks that help. We put out about 110 flags on most to the major holidays and/or if the city of Brentwood asks us. If we have the right number of helpers, we can get all those flags up in about 20 minutes! We have it down to an art.



Robert: It sounds like it! You said y'all put them out on most major holidays – why not all of them?

Ben: Good question. Mainly it has to do with having enough personnel to get them out. You see, depending on the holiday and when it falls during the week dictates at what time of the day/night we put them up and take them down. We have done it with as few as two people but with 4-6 folks it can be done in a hurry!

Robert: So let me recap. It is the HBEC that flies the flags in Brentwood, not the city of Brentwood.

Y'all fly them 8 of the major holidays, your club has been doing it for well over 20 of those years, and you have been involved for over 25 years.

Ben: That is correct! And when a holiday falls on a Friday or Monday, weather permitting, we will fly them that whole time – not just the holiday itself. Oh, and did I tell you this is a fundraiser for our club?

Robert: That is in my notes to ask.

Ben: You have done your homework! An individual or company or group can sponsor a flag for \$50 per year. We take these funds and use them for local scholarships for high school seniors from the local high schools in the area. We also use some of these funds to donate to our club's main focus – the prevention of child abuse – to our local center in Nashville, The Raising Resilience Center.

Robert: That sounds like two very worthy causes! Anything else you'd like to add?

Ben: Again, thanks for the opportunity to tell your audience who flies the flags in Brentwood and when. I'll close with this thought – if you have not seen all these flags flying in Brentwood, it is a sight to behold! If you would like to sponsor a flag for 2026, please scan the QR code below.

Robert: Thanks Ben! And thanks for what you and your club do for the citizens of Brentwood and the surrounding area!



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## MIGHTY MEN

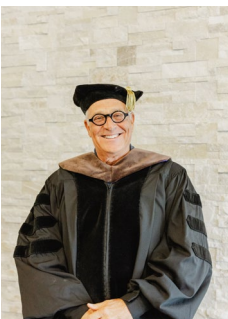
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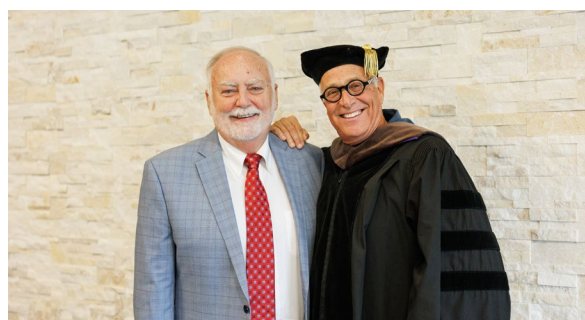
### Stephen Bargatze Awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree from Trevecca Nazarene University

Trevecca awarded Stephen Bargatze an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree during its Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 2. A 1984 Trevecca graduate, Bargatze has made his mark on the entertainment world as a magician, comedian and motivational speaker.



Having been left with a speech impediment from a childhood accident, Bargatze found a home at Trevecca where he was supported and challenged to find his calling.

"God brought me here to find my purpose and that is what Trevecca is all about, helping people find their purpose," he said. "It was the professors here who gave me a chance. When no one believed in me, this school believed in me."



In addition to receiving multiple awards for both comedy and magic, he is also well-known as the father of Nate Bargatze, a comedian who has found success through Netflix specials and sold-out tours nationwide. Stephen has opened for Nate frequently to the delight of audiences everywhere.

—Rebekah Warren, Senior Copywriter,  
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## Navigating Life After High School: Choices and Challenges for 3.9 Million Graduates



Over the next 30 days, an astounding 3.9 million young adults across the United States will don caps and gowns, crossing the stage to receive their high school diplomas. For each of these graduates, this rite of passage marks not just the end of one chapter, but the beginning of another filled with possibilities, decision points, and challenges that will shape their futures.

### The Crossroads: Education Pathways

One of the first and most consequential decisions facing high school graduates is the choice of what comes next academically. Should they pursue continued education, and if so, what form should it take? The options are varied: trade schools offer focused, hands-on training for in-demand careers; community colleges provide affordable access to higher education and a stepping stone to four-year institutions; and traditional four-year colleges and universities promise a wide-ranging academic experience and, often, a broader social network.

Each path presents unique advantages and potential pitfalls. Trade schools can fast-track students into the workforce, often with lower debt, but may offer less flexibility if career interests change. Community colleges are cost-effective and allow

students to explore different subjects while staying close to home, but they may lack the full campus experience of a larger university. Four-year colleges can open doors to more career opportunities and personal growth, yet they frequently come with a higher price tag and the pressure to declare a major early on.

### Independence and Self-Discovery

Beyond academics, a central theme for graduates is the pursuit of independence. For many, the transition into adulthood involves moving out of their parents' homes, taking on new responsibilities, and making decisions without parental oversight. This newfound freedom can be exhilarating but also daunting. Managing finances, balancing work and study, and navigating everyday adult life are skills that must be learned, often through trial and error.

A significant challenge is balancing the cost of living associated with their desired lifestyle with the achievable income levels of their chosen paths. Understanding how future earnings align with housing, transportation, and daily expenses is vital for long-term satisfaction and security.

Relocation is another significant aspect of this transition. Some graduates will leave the familiarity of their hometowns for new cities or states, whether for college, trade school, or employment. This move can foster resilience and adaptability, exposing young adults to diverse cultures and viewpoints. However, it can also bring feelings of isolation and homesickness as they build new support networks from scratch.

Additionally, as they enter the workforce or earn income, graduates will be introduced to new realities such as FICA, SECA, and SALT taxation. Navigating these taxes—whether through payroll deductions for Social Security and Medicare (FICA),

self-employment contributions (SECA), or state and local taxes (SALT)—is an often-overlooked but essential part of financial literacy that impacts take-home pay and future planning.

### Common Challenges, Individual Journeys

Despite the shared nature of these decision points, every graduate's journey is unique. Some may feel pressure from family or society to choose a particular path, while others might take a gap year to work, travel, or explore their interests before committing. The challenges are real—ranging from financial constraints to uncertainty about the future—but so are the opportunities for personal growth and success.

### Looking Ahead

As these 3.9 million young adults step into the next phase of their lives, they face a future filled with both uncertainty and promise. The decisions they make now will influence not just their careers, but their personal development and sense of self. With support, self-reflection, and determination, this new generation of graduates is poised to navigate the crossroads ahead with resilience and ambition, ready to shape their own destinies.

If you or one of your loved ones is exploring the areas I discussed in this article and has any uncertainty, give our office a call, and we will provide you with a system to help you map out a financial plan for success.

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## MIRACLE MOMENTS

### God's Covenant Written Across the Sky

The other evening at sunset, I witnessed one of the most brilliant rainbows in the sky. It was literally breathtaking. I was reminded that this beauty was so much more than a natural wonder after a storm but an expression of God's covenant with humanity. God's covenant with me.

Because we see rainbows after a storm, it serves as a visible reminder to believers that God keeps His Word and He will continue to care for us.

Genesis 9:13, *"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth"*.

In recent days, the rainbow has received negative connotation. Some would say it has been "hijacked".

The primary difference is that the pride flag is a human-created symbol of personal identity and community, whereas God's rainbow was created by God Himself, through a weather phenomenon representing a divine promise. Also,



there are only six colors in the pride flag versus seven colors in God's rainbow.

The beauty of God's rainbow is that it stretches across the sky for all to see. It is wide enough to remind every human heart that God is faithful to His word and the biblical meaning does not disappear because society may give it additional meanings. God's promises are not undone by culture, trends, or human interpretation.

The next time the clouds break, and the colors begin to shine, remember this is heaven's reminder that God keeps His promise. We can place our total trust in Him. Even after the storm, His covenant still stands.

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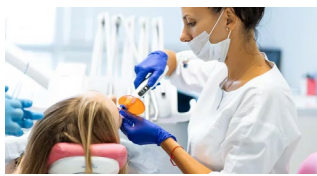
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## Summer Smiles Start Here: Why Summer Is the Perfect Time for Wisdom Teeth Removal

Summer break is a season filled with family vacations, celebrations, milestones, and preparation for the next chapter of life. For many parents, it is also the ideal time to take care of an important health need for their teenagers and young adults — wisdom teeth removal.



At Solace Oral Surgery & Implant Center we understand that oral surgery can feel overwhelming for both parents and patients. That is why our mission has always been centered around creating a compassionate, comfortable, and elevated experience for every family who walks through our doors.

Led by Dr. Jaime Romero, our team is passionate about providing exceptional care while helping patients feel informed, safe, and supported throughout the entire process. Dr. Romero is recognized as one of Tennessee's leading oral surgeons and was proudly named one of Nashville's top specialists for more than a decade. As the first Latino oral surgeon in Tennessee, he has built a reputation not only for clinical excellence, but for treating every patient with kindness, compassion, and integrity.

Summer is often the best time for wisdom teeth removal because students have time to properly recover before returning to school, sports, college, or busy extracurricular schedules. Removing wisdom teeth early can help prevent future complications such as pain, infections, crowding, swelling, cysts, and damage to surrounding teeth.

Many parents are surprised to learn that wisdom teeth issues can begin developing even before symptoms appear. That is why regular evaluations are so important during the teenage and young adult years.

At Solace Oral Surgery & Implant Center, we combine advanced technology with a personalized approach to care. From the moment patients arrive, our goal is to provide a calm and welcoming environment that eases anxiety and builds trust. Our incredible clinical and administrative team works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure every patient receives outstanding service, clear communication, and compassionate support before, during, and after surgery.

We know parents are entrusting us with what matters most — their children — and we do not take that responsibility lightly.

In addition to wisdom teeth removal, our practice specializes in dental implants, All-on-4 smile restoration, bone grafting, and full-scope oral surgery procedures. Every day, we witness how restoring oral health can transform confidence, improve quality of life, and help patients smile again.

As summer begins, we encourage families to plan ahead and schedule consultations early, as appointments fill quickly during the school break season.

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## God and Country: A Nashville Nonprofit Is Calling the Church Back to Its Civic Roots

There is an image that has endured in the American imagination for more than two centuries: George Washington, kneeling in prayer at St. Paul's Chapel the day of his inauguration on April 30th 1789. It is a picture of a leader who understood that freedom is not merely a political achievement — it is a sacred trust. That image is at the heart of a new initiative from The 917 Society called God and Country.

**Rooted in Faith. Strengthened by Freedom. United in Purpose.** God and Country is a nonpartisan civic engagement program mobilizing churches, pastors, and community leaders across America to restore constitutional literacy and voter participation — right now, as our nation approaches its 250th anniversary.

The premise is simple but powerful: the church has always been the backbone of American civic life. From the Black Robe Regiment of the Revolutionary era to the civil rights movement of the 20th century, faith communities have never been bystanders in the story of American freedom. They have been its authors. God and Country invites them to take that role again.

**What Participating Churches Receive — Free.** Every church that joins the God and Country program receives a package of resources at no cost:

- A 250th Anniversary Special Edition Pocket Constitution for every congregant
- A replica of the First American Bible — the Aitken Bible — for the church
- A 15-minute God and Country presentation, available in person or by video
- Voter registration resources and civic education materials
- Direct connection to The 917 Society's national network

This isn't a political program. It's a civic one. The goal is not to tell congregants how to vote — it's to remind them that their vote is an act of stewardship, and that constitutional literacy is a form of faithfulness.

**A Nashville Initiative With National Vision.** The 917 Society is headquartered in Nashville but reaches into all 50 states. The numbers tell the story: 32 million registered Christian voters did not cast a ballot in recent elections. These are not apathetic people. They are people who need to be reminded

that their voice matters — and that their faith compels them to use it.

“Constitutional literacy starts in the pew just as much as it starts in the classroom.”  
—Joni Bryan, Founder, The 917 Society

As featured on YourNews.com, God and Country is already drawing attention from faith leaders, civic organizations, and churches ready to re-engage.

How to Get Involved

If your church, pastor, or community organization wants to be part of the God and Country movement:

- Email: [godandcountry@917society.org](mailto:godandcountry@917society.org)
- Learn more: [917society.org](http://917society.org)
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America turns 250 years old this year. The church helped build this nation. It's time to help renew it.

—Joni Bryan, Founder and  
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## A Nashville Tradition Returns: 44th Annual Sunday Mornin' Country® at the Grand Ole Opry® House



The tradition continues as Sunday Mornin' Country® returns to the legendary Grand Ole Opry® House for its 44th year, bringing together the best in Country and Gospel artists for an uplifting, familyfriendly celebration. Scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2026, this cherished Nashville event invites fans from around the world to experience an unforgettable afternoon of inspirational music, faith, and fellowship.

The historic Grand Ole Opry® House provides the perfect backdrop for this special gathering. For generations, the iconic Opry circle has been home to Country Music legends, and once again it will host an extraordinary blend of acclaimed artists and rising stars sharing songs of hope and encouragement.

The afternoon begins with a WarmUp at 3:30 PM, leading into the main program at 4:00 PM. The warmup features soloists and performances by The Country Chorale®, directed by Mark Thomas. This ninetyvoice choir is made up of Christian Country and Gospel artists from across the United States and around the world. Joined by music students from Carpe Arista Academy, The Country Chorale® will present a special tribute celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry®, a milestone in Nashville's rich musical history.

This year's lineup includes an impressive mix of legendary performers and exciting new talent. Featured artists include Jimmy Fortune, Hall of Fame member and former Statler Brothers vocalist; John McEuen, cofounder of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; Charlie McCoy, Country Music Hall of Famer, Grand Ole Opry® member,



**Jimmy Fortune returns to Sunday Mornin' Country®.**

and renowned harmonica virtuoso; and beloved Grand Ole Opry® member Mandy Barnett. Also returning are Christian Country artist and television host Melanie Walker and Grammy Award winner John Berry, both delivering powerful messages through song.

Making their Sunday Mornin' Country® debut are Cassidy Daniels, a fi-



**Mandy Barnett joins this year's lineup.**



**Cassidy Daniels makes her Sunday Mornin' Country® debut.**

nalist on CBS's *The Road*, and Aubrey Nicole, a finalist from NBC's *The Voice*. Patriotism remains a central element of the program, with Nikki Headley performing the National Anthem, joined by patriotic selections from longtime favorites The Tennessee River Boys and The Fox Brothers.

Fans of bluegrass will enjoy the high-energy sounds of Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass, whose footstomping

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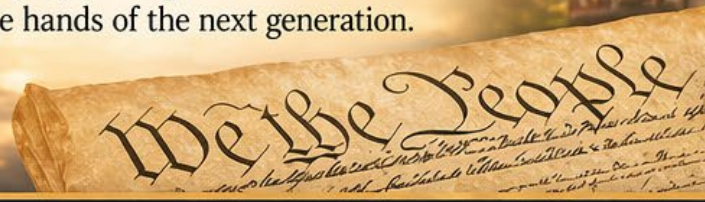
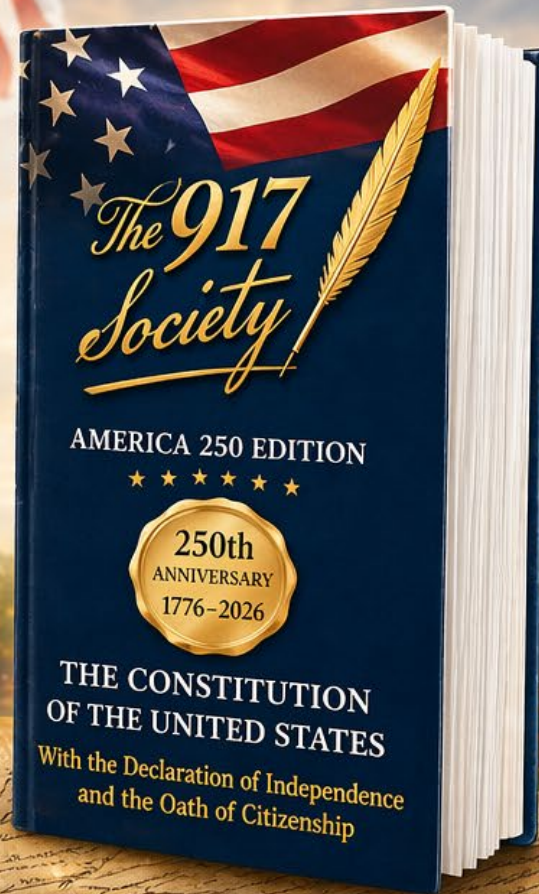
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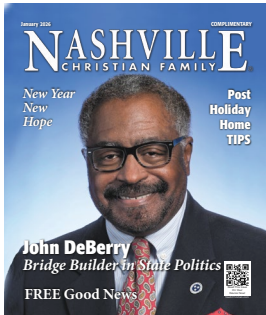


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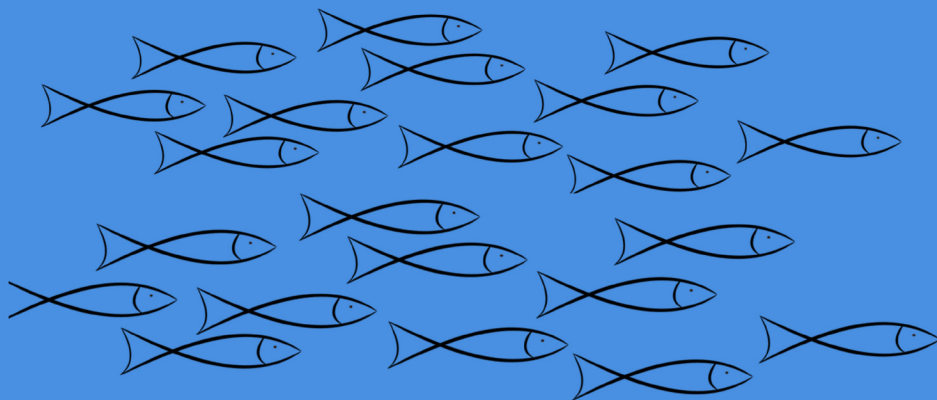
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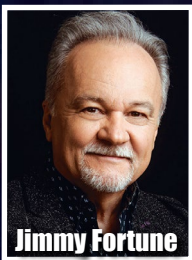
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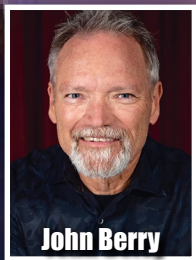
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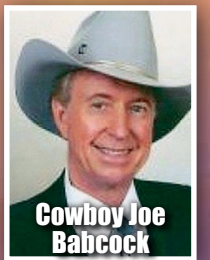
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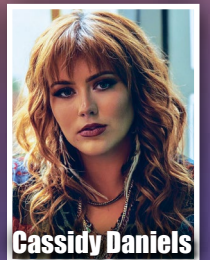
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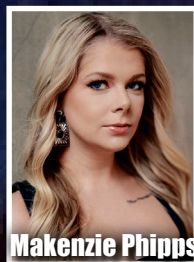
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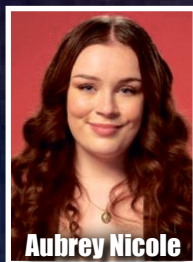
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## The Costs of Long Term Care (Custodial Care)

My Mom died in 2020 of Alzheimer's disease at age 94. My Dad passed away recently at age 94 and had Dementia and Parkinson's disease. The cost of caring for my mom for over 3 years was about \$250,000. The last 9 months of her life at a memory facility at \$6000/month.



The cost of caring for my dad for the last 18 months prior to moving him into a memory facility was between \$6200 to \$6500/month. This cost increased to \$8900/ month with that move for the remainder of his life.

No long-term care insurance on either one. Income for them is above qualifying for Medicaid. How to pay? His hard-earned money. Dad was a blue-collar worker that worked his way to mid-level management and was able (due to Mom) to save some money. He retired after 38 years of working and took his Social Security early.

I tell you all this so that you can plan on living. You see it costs to live. And the longer you live the more it is going to cost you. If they had bought LTC insurance in their 60's they could have saved tens of thousands of that hard-earned money. My current guess is that it would be over \$300,000. And they may have spent 20-25 thousand dollars on that coverage.

There is a 70% chance when you are over the age of 65 that you will need some type of coverage. Now you 40 to 60 years old listen up – 40% of this group is using it now! So don't think this is 'old folks' insurance. Let's back up just a bit and learn just what LTC insurance is.

LTC coverage is when you are unable to perform unassisted 2 of 6 Activities of Daily Living (ADL). Here is the way I remember these. In the morning when you wake up you need to go from your bed to somewhere (generally speaking, to the bathroom). That is called transferring – going from one location to another. And speaking of the bathroom that is the second activity, you must be able to do all the things associated with toileting. After that you probably head for the shower/bath. This is the third activity. You must be able to perform the necessities of personal hygiene (bathing). Then after getting cleaned up, you put on your clothes. Activity number 4, you must be able to get your clothes on and off. Now that we are all clean and dressed, I'm hungry! This is the fifth activity; you must be able to feed yourself. And the last activity is remaining continence throughout the day.

So, the six ADLs are: Transferring, Toileting, Bathing, Dressing, Eating, and Continence.

Paying for such care is available in one of Four ways.

1. Using your hard-earned cash.
2. Depending on the Government; spend down to being eligible for Medicaid (not Medicare).
3. Note that Medicare does NOT pay for long term care.
4. Having LTC insurance. And the number one objection to having LTC insurance? It is a use it or lose it propositions. Until now!
5. Assetbased. This is done through either an annuity or a life insurance policy that has a LTC rider.

Experts will tell you the best time to buy this coverage is age 50 to 60. I think that should be 40 to 64 and here's why. There is a policy that if you buy coverage during this age range (and like all insurance the younger you are the less expensive it is) and you never use it the company will return 3 times your paid in premium to your beneficiary. This is a game changer. For more information on all the other details call me and let's discuss.

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## SECRETS FROM THE STUDIO

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### Truth, Identity and Secrets

Some interviews stay with me long after the studio lights fade. My recent conversation on Bridges with author Kirsten Hart for the episode Truth, Identity and Secrets was one of those unforgettable moments. As Kirsten shared the deeply personal story behind her memoir, *Alias Identity: Three Women. One Baby. Silent Secrets*, I was reminded how powerfully truth can reshape a person's life. Kirsten discovered at the age of 41 that she had been adopted — a truth she learned unexpectedly while requesting a routine copy of her birth certificate. Instead of receiving simple paperwork, she received a letter that changed everything she believed about herself and her past. Imagine discovering that a foundational part of your identity had been hidden your entire life.

**We Wrestle with Our Identity.** Her story immediately revealed something many people can relate to: we all wrestle with identity, even if our circumstances look different. During our interview, Kirsten spoke honestly about the emotional impact of uncovering family secrets and navigating the lives of three women connected by one decision — her adoptive mother who lovingly raised her, her birth

mother who silently released her, and herself, the woman trying to reconcile truth with the life she had always known. What struck me most was how secrecy can quietly shape a person's sense of self. Many people carry hidden wounds, unanswered questions, or painful memories they never discuss openly. Sometimes those hidden struggles begin to define us more than truth does. We create identities around rejection, fear, abandonment, shame, or insecurity. But God never intended secrets to become prisons.

**Truth Brings Freedom.** One lesson I've learned through interviewing people over the years is that healing often begins the moment honesty enters the conversation. Kirsten's courage to tell her story reminded me that truth can be painful, but it can also be freeing. Scripture tells us that truth brings freedom, and I saw that principle reflected throughout her journey. Another important takeaway from our conversation was the power of grace. Kirsten spoke compassionately about both her adoptive and birth mothers. Instead of allowing bitterness to take root, she chose understanding. That perspective requires maturity, faith, and tremendous emotional courage.

**Your True Identity does not Rest in in Circumstances.** In today's culture, many people define themselves by labels, family dysfunction, mistakes, or disappointments. Yet our true identity is never meant to rest in human circumstances alone. Our identity is ultimately found in God — not in secrets from the past, but in His truth about who we are. As I left the studio that day, I kept thinking about how many people are quietly searching for answers about themselves. Some are searching through family history, while others are searching spiritually, emotionally, or relationally. Kirsten Hart's story is a reminder that even painful truth can become part of a healing journey. Sometimes the greatest freedom begins with one honest discovery. And sometimes, the secrets we fear most become the very place where restoration starts. Today's Secret from the Studio: Sometimes the secrets we fear the most become the very place that healing starts.

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### The Five Biggest Challenges Facing Today's High School Graduates

Recent high school graduates stand on the precipice of adulthood—facing a world more complex and uncertain than ever before. While graduation should be a celebration, for many young people it is also a moment of anxiety. Recent surveys and reports reveal five major challenges shaping the post-graduation landscape: employment, college affordability, mental health, preparedness for adult life, and the impact of rapidly changing technology.



**1. Finding stable employment.** Entering the workforce has always been a rite of passage, but today's job market is more competitive and unforgiving. Entry-level opportunities are fewer, and employers increasingly expect candidates to have experience and technical skills that many young people have not yet had the chance to develop. According to the Washington Post, recent graduates are securing jobs at a slower pace than previous classes, a trend that not only affects their immediate prospects but can have lasting effects on their career trajectories.

**2. College affordability and cost of living.** Tuition rates, housing costs, and the general cost of living have all risen dramatically, forcing many students and families to question whether the investment in college is justified. Higher Ed Dive reports that 67% of high school graduates who are opting against college cite cost-of-living concerns as a major factor. For those who do enroll, the financial strain is a persistent source of stress, often requiring part-time jobs or loans that can take years—sometimes decades—to repay.

**3. Mental health and stress.** The transition from high school to adulthood is inherently stressful, but today's students report unprecedented levels of anxiety and burnout. The pressure to excel academically, secure a good job, and plan for an uncertain future weighs heavily. Mental health concerns are exacerbated by financial worries, social expectations, and the daunting task of navigating an unpredictable world.

**4. Feeling unprepared for life after graduation.** Despite years of education, students report gaps in practical skills like budgeting, filing taxes, and career planning. These deficiencies leave many feeling adrift as they try to take on adult responsibilities without a clear roadmap. This sense of unpreparedness is a recurring theme in student surveys, and it highlights the need for schools to place greater emphasis on life skills and career readiness.

**5. The impact of AI and changing technology.** Graduates are increasingly anxious about the ways AI might reshape the job market, eliminate roles, or demand new technical competencies. Some are even changing their intended majors or career plans in response to these looming changes, unsure of which paths will remain viable in the coming years.

As the class of 2026 enters adulthood, it is clear that they are navigating a far more complex world than the generations before them. Addressing these challenges requires collective action—from policymakers, educators, employers, and communities—to ensure that today's graduates are not only prepared for the future, but empowered to shape it.

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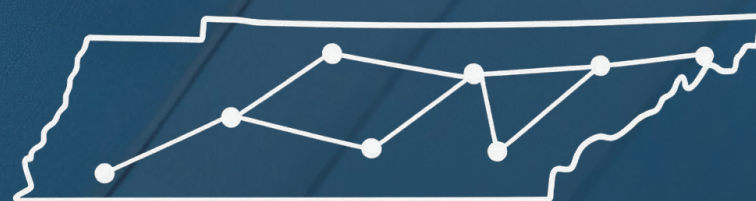
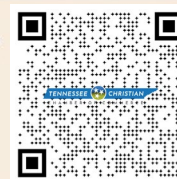
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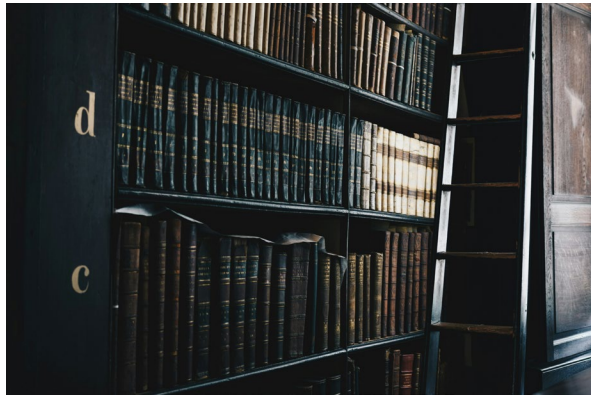
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for the same crime. Under the Fifth Amendment, double jeopardy attaches at different points depending on the type of legal proceeding. In a jury trial, it attaches when the jury is empaneled and sworn in. In a bench trial (heard only by a judge), it attaches when the first witness is sworn in.

### 2. Is there a constitutional right to travel?

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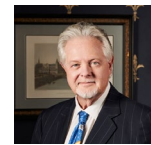


### 3. What is the “Titles and Nobility Clause?”



Found in Article I, Section 9 of the constitution, this clause prevents any person holding a federal office from accepting gifts, titles, or emoluments from a foreign state without the consent of Congress.

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## BODY & SOUL

### The Image and Likeness of God



#### Why Our Choices Matter: The Gift of Human Dignity

Before we judge someone, we must first understand the dignity God has given to every human person. This dignity is not earned, learned, or granted by society, it is given by God Himself.

From the very beginning, God stamped His image upon the human person, not in physical appearance, but in the spiritual gifts that make us truly human. He has given us immortal dignity rooted in our spiritual life, so that we can recognize the order of creation, choose the good, and direct our lives toward the One who made us. We do not look like God; rather, we reveal Him through the way we

think, love, and freely choose what is right.

Since the earliest teachings, we learned that this is the foundation of human dignity. A human being is never “something,” but always someone, a person capable of craving selfknowledge, freely giving of themselves, and entering into communion with others. Every person shares this three-pronged dignity, because every person shares the same origin in God. We are called to share in the same eternal destiny with Him.

Because human dignity belongs to the whole person, mind, body, and soul, it is present in every stage of life, every condition, and every circumstance. Nothing can erase it.

Our theology often describes the divine image in a beautiful threefold way:

- Image of Creation — our reason reflects God’s own intellect.
- Image of Likeness — the soul’s powers are ordered toward God and reflect His triune life through conformity to He, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
- Image of ReCreation — God’s grace restores what sin has wounded and can draw us back toward God, if we so choose.

We bear God’s image, and thus, we also bear responsibility. Freedom is one of the clearest signs of God’s imprint on us: through conscience we discern the moral law and freely choose good or evil; right or wrong.

We are also made for relationship, with God and with one another. Love is not optional; it is the very purpose for which we were created. Human communion has real social consequences, shaping families, communities, and cultures.

We understand the fullness of this divine image because God revealed it perfectly in Jesus Christ, “the image of the invisible God.” In Him we see what humanity was meant to be, and through His grace the image wounded by sin is restored, healed, and elevated.

If this is my last post, I want all to know there was only one purpose for all that I have written; to have made a positive difference in the lives of others.

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### Celebrate America's 250th birthday with faith! Christian parents can teach kids these 5 powerful Bible verses about freedom this July 4th, 2026.

When my kids were younger, we always looked forward to the 4th of July food and fireworks. I am a new grandparent and excited to celebrate this holiday with my grandson! As America approaches its remarkable 250th birthday on July 4th, 2026, Christian parents have a unique opportunity to help their children understand the deeper meaning of freedom, both the liberty our nation celebrates and the spiritual freedom found in Christ.



Here are five powerful Bible verses to share with your kids as you celebrate this historic Independence Day.

**Understanding True Freedom.** Start with John 8:36: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Explain to your children that while we celebrate political freedom on July 4th, Jesus offers something even greater. He offers freedom from sin and the ability to live as God's children. Just as our founders fought for independence from oppression, Christ fought for our spiritual independence through His sacrifice, and we are no longer slaves to sin.

**The Value of Liberty.** Galatians 5:1 reminds us, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." This verse teaches children that freedom is precious and worth protecting. Connect it to how Americans over the past 250

years have worked to preserve the freedoms established in 1776. We can stand tall like the Statue of Liberty, shining our light for all to see.

**Serving Others with Our Freedom.** As you watch fireworks or attend parades, discuss Galatians 5:13: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." Help your children understand that the festivities are fun, but freedom comes with responsibility. We're free to choose how we live, and God calls us to use that freedom to help others.

**Gratitude for Our Blessings.** Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." On this 250th anniversary, teach your children to be thankful for the heritage of faith that influenced America's founding. While our nation isn't perfect, we can appreciate the freedom to worship, gather in churches, and share our faith openly.

**Standing for What's Right.** Proverbs 21:15 says, "When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers." The American Revolution was fought for justice and fair treatment. Use this to discuss with your kids how Christians are called to stand up for what's right while trusting God's ultimate justice.

**Making It Memorable.** Create a family tradition around these biblical principles. During your July 4th celebration, have each family member share one freedom they're grateful for and one way they

can use their freedom to serve others. Write these on stars or stripes of paper and create a display to keep throughout the year.

Consider reading the Declaration of Independence's opening lines with your children, pointing out the phrase "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." Discuss how America's founders recognized that our rights come from God, not government.

As 250 candles metaphorically light America's birthday cake this Independence Day, let your family's celebration shine with both patriotic pride and spiritual truth. Teach your children that while we honor those who fought for our nation's freedom, we worship the One who offers eternal freedom.

This historic anniversary is more than a remembrance of the past; it is a call to shape the next generation with love that conquers all ("Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8) an understanding of liberty anchored in faith, responsibility guided by Scripture, and gratitude that honors both our nation and our Creator.

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### The Importance of Preschool

I met my three-year-old daughter's best friend in Target. I heard a mother sweetly calling, "Mary Ruth... Mary Ruth..." from one row over. To the little blond girl with a unicorn purse, I asked, "Are you Mary Ruth? Do you know Maddie?" I knew the answer would be yes; my own daughter frequently told stories about her friend "Mary Roof." That encounter was where I met "Mary Roof's Mudder," who would become one of my good friends.



It was the beginning of a decade-long journey. Recently, I invited that same friend to a function at my youngest daughter's preschool. Though her children had long since graduated, she happily attended. As we sat there, she turned to me and said, "Your school becomes your community." She was right. On the wall in front of us, the church had hung a simple reminder: "Choose Community."

When parents think about where their child will go to school, they rarely think about going there them-

selves. They don't consider the friendships they might forge, or that they might become close with the teachers. Parents don't intentionally choose a preschool as a community for themselves. But after ten years in the preschool circuit, I'm here to tell you: you should.

I spent four years in high school, four in college, and three in graduate school. But I went to preschool for ten years. While each of my children was only there for a few seasons, I was the one who stayed the longest.

That school saw me through some of the most significant transitions of my life. We added two children to our family and said goodbye to two parents. Some of my hardest mornings were left at that drop-off line. We expect preschool to be a milestone for our children—and it was. But it was a milestone for me, too.

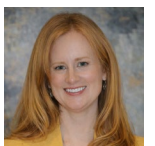
Half-day preschool programs are often underestimated. While many families require full-time childcare, there is a distinct value in the half-day model. It prioritizes the most critical developmen-

tal skill of that age: socialization. But just as much as our children need socialization, we do, too. We need to build our own bonds, vent our frustrations, and find the confidence to ask a stranger if we can sit with them on the playground bench.

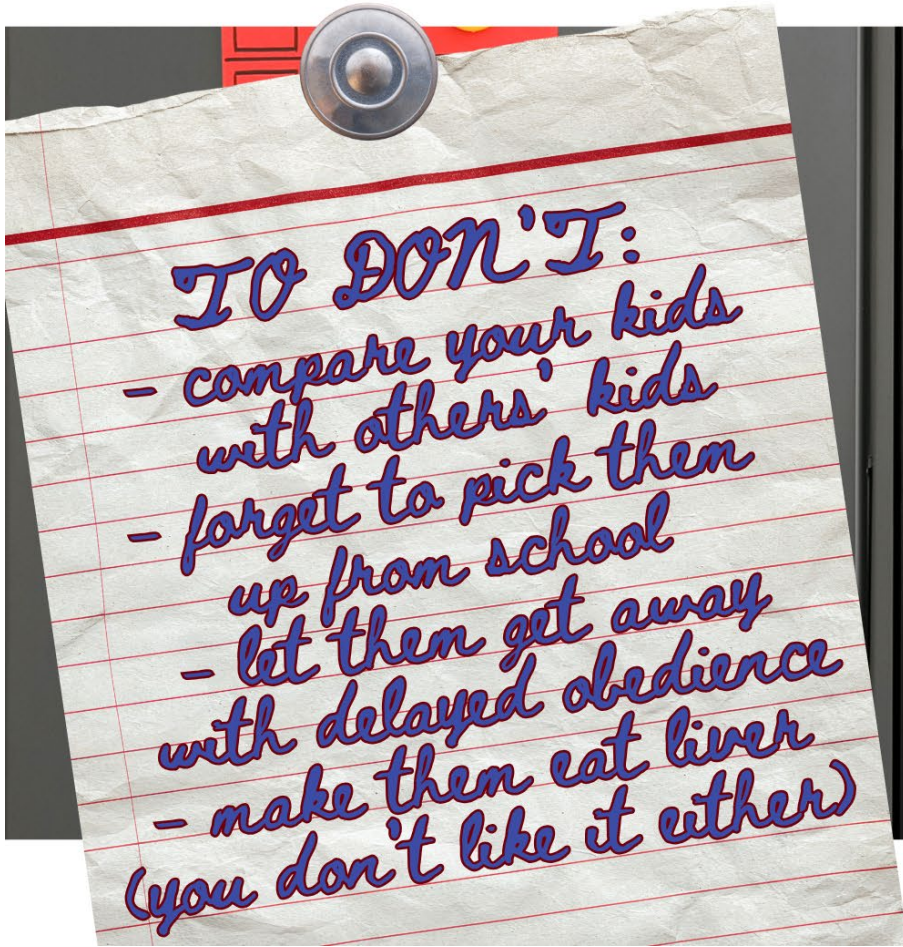
Preschool is a fleeting and trying season, full of milestones. Most of them the children won't remember. But I will. What better reason to use preschool as an investment in parents, too. We don't have to navigate all this alone. We could see that classroom as about a dozen other parents who are in the same boat.

As we close out another graduation season, let's remind the next generation of parents to lean into their school community. It is your village. In a few years, you'll realize that the most important things you learned at preschool weren't just for the kids—they were for you. Just like my children, I made all my friends at preschool.

—Meg Strickland is a wife and mother of three girls.



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## FAMILY MATTERS

### Serving as a Family

Children who are most active in church are more likely to engage with the Bible outside of Sundays and to attend Bible study, camps, and special events. According to a Barna study, these children are twice as likely to participate in outreach. If service is to be a priority, being active in church is the first step, but not the only one.

#### Modeling Service

We discussed modeling Bible reading for our children last month, and the same principle applies to service. If our kids see us serving, they are more likely to help. If we serve with our kids, they will build confidence, bond with us, and experience joy.

#### The Why of Service

Jesus came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). He is our example. Richard Foster, in his book *Celebration of Discipline*, wrote: “The grace of humility is worked into our lives through the discipline of service.” So when we serve, we shouldn’t make a big deal of it to others. Instead, quietly go about the work, knowing God sees you.

#### Excuses

Americans are always busy. But the question is with what? Are all the things we schedule serving others or ourselves? Yes, it’s a hard and convicting question, but an important one. Maybe we need to rethink our priorities, remove what doesn’t serve us, and intentionally set aside time for others.

#### Perspective

Service offers benefits we might not consider. There’s great satisfaction in completing a project for others and seeing the joy it brings. Your family will step out of their safe bubble into a different family structure, socioeconomic background, and culture. These opportunities foster empathy, generosity, and a heart of gratitude.

#### Opportunities

How do you find opportunities to serve? Pay attention to your neighborhood. Is there an unkept lawn? A driveway that needs shoveling? Newspapers piled up on the driveway? These are cues to find out what’s going on and offer a solution. You could also check with your Youth or Children’s Minister for opportunities outside of your neighborhood.

A few weeks before Thanksgiving, an elderly man approached my husband at church, asking if he knew anyone who could clean up the leaves from his yard. I kept hearing the Spirit say we should do it, but we’d already cleaned up many bags of leaves from our yard. Still, an idea formed. The day after Thanksgiving, while everyone else shopped for Black Friday deals, my adult kids, their spouses, and my husband and I arrived at the couple’s home armed with rakes, leaf blowers, and bags. It only took a couple of hours to clean the yard. The elderly man prayed for our family before we left, and we walked away as the blessed ones.

—Sally Cressman is the author of *The Dance of Easter*. Sign up for her email list to receive “Biblical Affirmation” cards.



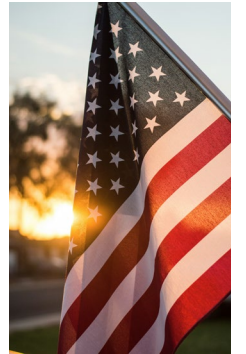
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### America at 250: A Legacy of Faith, Freedom, Resolve, and Patriotism

As the United States of America approaches its 250-year milestone, the nation stands at a moment of reflection and renewal. Two and a half centuries have passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when a group of determined colonists boldly asserted that liberty was not a privilege granted by kings, but a God given right endowed to every individual. That revolutionary idea ignited a movement that reshaped the world and laid the foundation for a nation built on faith, courage, conviction, and the pursuit of freedom.



The early years of the United States were marked by struggle and sacrifice. The Revolutionary War tested the resolve of a young nation fighting against overwhelming odds. Yet the perseverance of ordinary citizens, farmers, tradesmen, families, and soldiers proved stronger than any empire. Their victory secured not only independence but also the promise of a new kind of nation, one defined by self-government and the belief that people could shape their own destiny.

Over the next 250 years, America grew, changed, and confronted challenges that demanded resilience. From westward expansion to industrial innovation, from civil rights movements to global leadership, the United States evolved through triumphs and trials. Each generation added its own chapter to the American story, expanding the meaning of freedom and strengthening the nation’s democratic ideals. The country’s diversity became one of its greatest strengths, uniting people from every background under a shared commitment to liberty and opportunity.

The upcoming 250-year celebration, America’s Semi-quincentennial, is more than an anniversary. It is a tribute to God that has carried the nation through wars, hardships, and moments of profound transformation. It is a reminder that the American dream continues, shaped by the Biblical values that have guided it since its founding: faith, freedom, equality, justice, and the unwavering belief in a better future.

Patriotism plays a central role in this moment of commemoration. American patriotism is not merely pride in the nation’s achievements; it is a deep appreciation for the principles that define the United States. It is the recognition that freedom requires responsibility, that unity demands effort, and that the rights enjoyed today were secured by the sacrifices of those who came before. Patriotism is expressed in service, in community, in honoring the flag, and in striving to uphold the ideals that have inspired generations.

As the nation celebrates 250 years, Americans are invited to look both backward and forward, to honor the past while embracing the possibilities ahead. The Semi-quincentennial is a chance to celebrate the resilience of a nation that has weathered storms and emerged stronger. It is an opportunity to reaffirm the Biblical values that bind Americans together and to inspire future generations to carry the torch of liberty.

The story of the United States is still being written. At 250 years, America stands not only as a nation with a remarkable history but as a people united by hope, determination, and enduring a patriotic spirit that continues to light the way. We are One Nation, Under God.

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### Loneliness Is A Cyclic Epidemic Which Often Returns, Until We Learn

Loneliness has been epidemic in our society for several years and it affects all age groups, especially the young who are most exploited. If we use chronological age as the breakdown for the PERCENTAGE WHO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT LONELINESS, we have the following:

18-24 years 30%+

25-34 years 25%+

35-49 years 22%+

50-64 years 29%+

65 years up 17%+



It is quite interesting that there are numerous organizations which study the trends in loneliness, among them is Jama Research, which primarily focuses on different ramifications of holistic health. Also, there are ongoing research by AARP, CDC and the Pew Research Studies and others. Probably the most respected are the Pew Research, Jama, and CDC. The reason there is a growing interest in loneliness as it increases is because of the direct link to increase risk of chronic illnesses, as well as mental health concerns, especially with significant increase of depression and anxiety, and the potential reduction in one's lifespan. For many years we have been aware that about 55% of us will die primarily because of stress related disorders, which generally believed is best managed from within ourselves usually without medication utilizing Biofeedback, powerful stress management techniques, CBT, hypnosis, and energy psychology, which especially focuses on a significant dimension of loneliness, which often has their basis with trauma and PTSD.

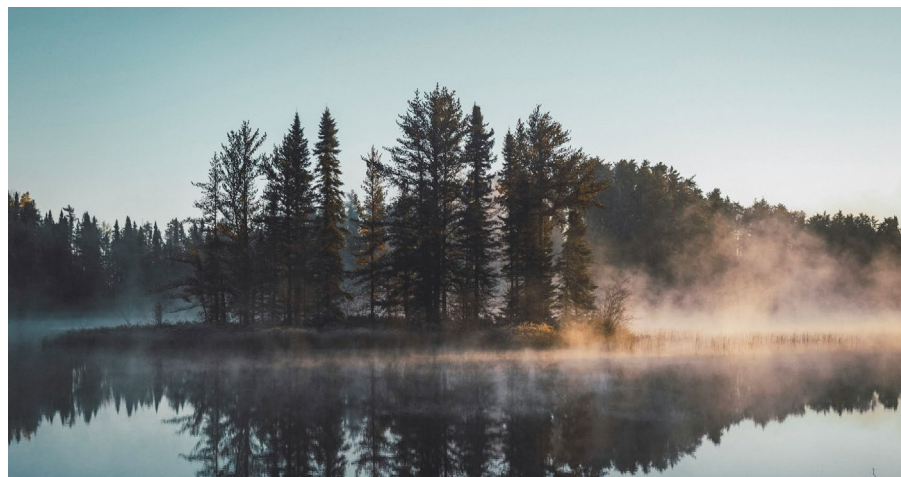
In the research that I have been involved with regard to loneliness, I have become very cognizant of a significant number of people who want to be identified in a group, and ideally, they want to live in the super ZIP Code, and they want to be well recognized as unique People with the freedom to pursue whatever they personally and uniquely desire. The irony is that so often these individuals then must be associated with the "In" church, school, country club, and they will do most anything to have the financial means to have as many toys as possible. I observe this with one of the latest toys, such as Elon Musk, Tesla, because it sets each person apart with something most cannot have. I have particularly seen this with individuals who, just purchased a Tesla and when the audience forms, they will

click their Tesla "come to me button", and the vehicle will slowly make it its way through the parking lot and stop in front of that person! For some it's almost like winning a small lottery or being awarded a Nobel prize of some type. Many



people will enter the "Rat Race of Life" and work frantically to accumulate the most of everything they can have because they must have it all NOW in the superficial present time, however, they have become the most distracted and

interrupted people because they're answering every message, every call, and every email etc. They often are stuck in their past life when they really didn't have anything, but now they can appear as if they have everything, though it is on credit which often has sad and depressing things in it. Others in this group



are focused on the future, which is not there yet and the emotional toll driven anxiety because they cannot possibly manage and imagine entering into another time zone without tripping and overwhelming, our inner world with more issues of anxiety, often panic, attacks, insomnia, etc... as we strive harder to be even more of what we are not.

Most ironically, what is often missed is really what we really do have and that is present time. Present time is truly a gift, a huge gift, it's where everything important happens and where wonderful memories of one's past, as well as beautiful dreams of one's future, can take place. Every day, we must remember to open and step into our PRESENT GIFT. This is what is consistently not recognized by most people, because they are not connected, they are not in relationships but acting really hard to be what they are not and this is exhausting and leaves one feeling very empty. They are actually part of the silent epidemic where there are huge numbers of lonely people who may be in a room with 100 superficial friends they have no connection with because they're primarily driven to be in



the "Rat Race" of life, which is running from one's past, skipping through the sweet spot, frantically reaching into what they hope the future has for them.

Next month I'm I am excited to share with you the second part of this "silent epidemic lifestyle" and ways to step out of the superficiality, the mindlessness of life and the painful consequences we are experiencing striving to be what one is not, and missing the significant blessings full of meaning and purpose, which are wrapped in our personal PRESENT GIFT, which is life itself!

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## How to Clean Grout & Recharge Your Tile

- Use a baking soda and water paste for gentle scrubbing.
  - Apply vinegar for tougher stains, but avoid on natural stone.
  - Rinse thoroughly and dry to prevent mold.
- Seal grout regularly for long-lasting results.

### What's the best way to clean grout and tile? Do we need to clean the grout separately/specifically?

For ceramic tile, a manufacturer-recommended mild detergent works best. Never use abrasive products, as they can scratch the tile, or bleach or ammonia-based cleaners, which can discolor the grout. For cleaning natural stone tile, also follow manufacturer's instructions, which likely will call for a soap-based product. Again, never use abrasive products or bleach or ammonia-based cleaners. Also do not use lemon juice, vinegar or other acids on marble, limestone or travertine. Mix the cleaning product according to manufacturer's recommendations and keep a soft brush ready to tackle stubborn stains.



For grout, the potential for built up dirt and bacteria that may be accumulating needs regular cleaning attention. Typical grout needs to be cleaned every four to six months, but can stay clean longer with proper technique and sealant. There's an assortment of options in getting the grime out of your grout. Home-made solutions include baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, and even shaving cream! Any common household grout cleaner should do the trick as well. But if you have small children or pets, we recommend using oxygen bleach. Oxygen bleach is a non-toxic, fume-free alternative to chlorine that will kill bacteria and brighten your tile at the same time.

Using a spray bottle filled with water, wet your grout. Next, spoon your oxygen bleach along the grout to create a paste-like consistency. After your oxygen bleach and water paste is on your grout, practice the art of patience. Spend fifteen minutes on something else: meditate, run around the block, make a pot of coffee, or even cut coupons. The point is to let the oxygen bleach work its magic. After fifteen minutes or so, come back with an old toothbrush or grout brush and you'll be amazed at how easy the dirt and mildew wipe away.

Rinse the now brown, possibly black, oxygen bleach solution away with a damp cotton cloth and your grout should now be as good as new. You could even find your grout a color you've never seen it! To keep your grout mildew and dirt free for longer, make sure you treat your tile floor with a grout sealant once a year. Keep in mind, however, that sealed grout will still need cleaning about every six months.

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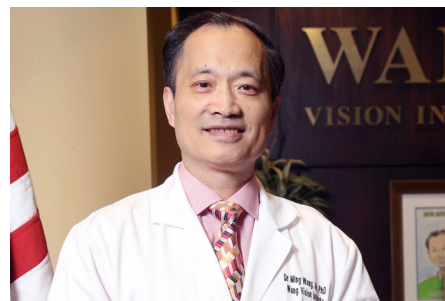
(June 2026) Dr. Ming Wang, Harvard & MIT graduate (MD, magna cum laude) and one of the few laser eye surgeons in the world today who holds a PhD in laser physics, announced today that the Angel Studios' film "Sight" (FREE link: [sight.drmingwang.com](http://sight.drmingwang.com)), which has won the Best Picture at ICVM International Christian Film Award, has been banned in China.

"Sight" is based on Dr. Wang's autobiography "From Darkness to Sight", and his faith journey is also featured in the award-winning Christina film "God's Not Dead".

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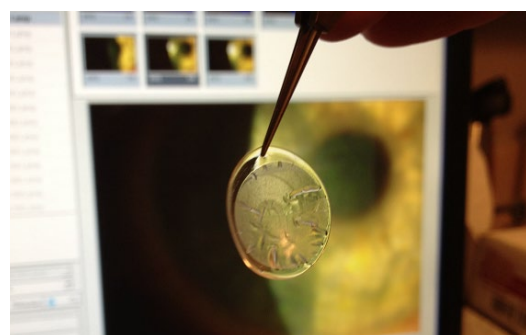
- Seeing beyond our pain;
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- Seeing beyond our polarization.

### About Dr. Ming Wang, MD, PhD



As a teenager, Ming fought hardship in his childhood and came to America with only \$50 and earned two doctorate degrees, one in laser physics and one in medicine, and graduated with the highest honors from Harvard Medical School and MIT. Dr. Wang has performed over 55,000 laser vision surgeries, including on

over 4,000 doctors.



The amniotic membrane contact lens, which Dr. Wang has invented (and holds two U.S. patents), has been used by tens of thousands of eye doctors throughout the world in nearly every nation, and millions have had their eyesight restored.

### An amniotic membrane contact lens, a breakthrough developed by Dr. Ming Wang, used worldwide to help restore vision.

Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration has helped patients from over 40 states and 55 countries, with all

sight restoration surgeries performed free-of-charge. Dr. Wang was named the Kiwanis Nashvillian of the Year for his lifelong dedication to help blind orphans from around the world.

The film "Sight" (FREE link: [sight.drmingwang.com](http://sight.drmingwang.com)), distributed by Angel Studios, is based on Dr. Wang's autobiography "From Darkness to Sight" and co-stars Terry Chen and Greg Kinnear.

—Leona Walthorn

# Spiritual Goal for June

## Held by His Hand

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13

Fear has a way of showing up uninvited. It whispers worst-case scenarios, magnifies problems, and tries to convince you that you’re on your own. But God’s Word speaks louder than fear. He doesn’t just tell you not to be afraid... He gives you the reason why: He is with you, and He will help you. Not might help you. Not could help you. He will help you!

Think about that image—God taking hold of your right hand. That’s personal. That’s close. That’s not a distant God watching from afar; that’s a loving Father walking beside you, guiding you step by step. Whatever you’re facing today, you’re not facing it alone. God is right there, steadying you, strengthening you, and leading you through it.

Fear often comes when we feel out of control. When we don’t know what’s next. When the path ahead looks uncertain. But God is not asking you to have it all figured out... He’s asking you to trust Him. His help doesn’t always remove the situation immediately, but it gives you the strength, the wisdom, and the peace to walk through it victoriously.

Today, when fear tries to rise up, don’t entertain it—replace it. Speak the promise of God over your situation. Remind yourself that He is holding your hand and leading you forward. You don’t have to shrink back. You don’t have to panic. You can move forward with confidence because the One who created you is walking with you.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I choose today to let go of fear and trust in Your promise. Thank You that You are holding my hand and walking with me through every situation. When fear tries to rise up, remind me that You are my helper and my strength. Fill me with Your peace and give me the courage to move forward in faith. I trust that You are guiding my steps and working all things for my good. I will not fear, because You are with me. In Jesus’ name, Amen

—Mark W. Koch

## PLAN OF SALVATION

*Has something in the magazine or something you have discussed with someone or some thoughts that you have had or something that you have heard, brought you to a point of realizing that you want and need to know Christ in the truest and personal sense?*

*If so, below is a simple outline for someone of any age who is not a Believer to act on their desire to accept Jesus Christ into their heart as their Savior.*

### God’s Plan of Salvation

#### God created us to honor and serve Him

Revelation 4:11: “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created

#### Each of us has sinned against God

Romans 3:10: As it is written, “There is none righteous, no, not one”  
Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### The penalty for sin is eternal separation from God and Heaven

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Good works cannot ever earn God’s forgiveness and Salvation

Titus 3:5: not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.

#### God loves each of us

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place, paying the penalty for our sin

Romans 5:8: But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### We each must accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior

Romans 10:9: that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13: For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

#### To accept Christ into your heart and life, pray a simple prayer along these lines -

*“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins. I know that Jesus died for my sins and the sins of the world. Right now, I ask Jesus into my heart and receive Him as my personal Savior. Forgive me of my sins, thank you for saving me through the blood of Jesus. Please Lord, help me live for you. In Jesus name, amen.”*

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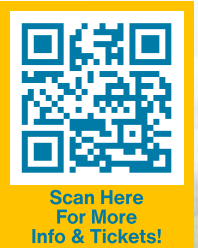
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855 TN-46, Dickson, TN 37055  
Just 35 minutes from downtown Nashville

## Hours

Monday–Friday: 10am to 4pm  
Sunday: 1pm to 5:30pm  
Saturday: Closed

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