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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Is Your Passion in the Right Place?

Even though the hot and humid “dog days” of summer are upon us, I am eagerly anticipating the start of another thrilling college football season. Sports are a passion of mine, but college football stands out as my favorite.

Each new season prompts me to reflect on a couple of important questions: In God’s plan for my life and His desire for me to exemplify a follower of Jesus, is a football game truly that significant? Does my fervor for my team overshadow my example as a Believer and my efforts to spread the Gospel? Do I feel the same excitement when the Lord provides an opportunity to witness to a non-believer about Jesus as I do for a big game?

While college football or other sports may not be your particular passion, whatever we prioritize over serving God as a witness should be reconsidered. We must ask ourselves these questions, especially during the football season.

I believe the most crucial task for us as Believers is to spread the Gospel and the Good News of Jesus Christ with the utmost excitement and enthusiasm. Remember, the Lord not only provides the opportunity but also gives us the words we need to say.

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Romans 12:11 (NIV)

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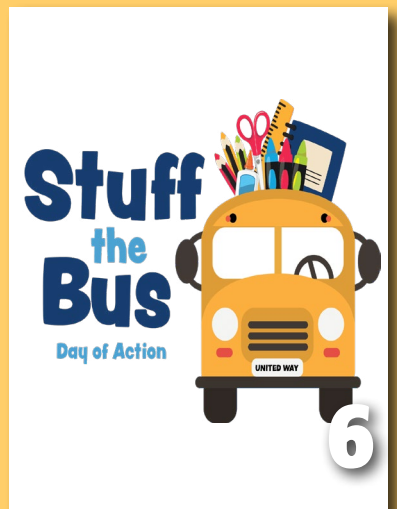


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The “United” States of America...Again

Two hundred and fifty years after our founding, we must confront an ever-returning hard truth: America is once again not united as her name proclaims. The fact is, at many points in our history, we weren’t united at all. Even at our birth, we were thirteen independent nations, each with its own laws, culture, currency, and interests. Much like Europe today, unity was not our starting point. It was our aspiration. And today, that objective is once again slipping.



We are divided by ideology, divided by geography, divided by media, divided by mistrust, and divided by a growing belief that the “other side” is not simply wrong, but dangerous. A nation cannot survive long when disagreement becomes dehumanization. The Founders knew this. Lincoln knew this. Every generation that fought to preserve the Republic knew this. Now it is our turn.

If America is to remain the “United” States, we must reclaim the habits that make unity possible. Not uniformity. Not sameness. Unity. The shared belief that we are one people, bound by one destiny, sharing in one another’s future. Here is what we must do, boldly, urgently, and without apology.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were not written for one party, one class, one race, or one generation. They were written for all. When we selectively apply these rights, we fracture the nation at its foundation. Unity begins with universal dignity, not universal equality but universal fairness. A single identity, children of God.

America was never meant to be a battlefield of factions. The Founders warned us that parties would become engines of division if we let them. Today, we must rise above labels and remember that our greatest title is not Republican or Democrat, it is American.

A nation cannot be united when its people no longer believe its leaders. Truth is the glue of selfgovernment. Without it, freedom collapses. Every citizen, every leader, every institution must re-commit to honesty as a sacred duty. That means some are wrong in their thinking, so grow up and open yourself up to personal growth.

The Founders argued fiercely, but they did not walk away from the table. They understood that unity is forged through debate, not destroyed by it. We must relearn the art of listening, truly listening to learn, so that differences become bridges, not barricades. We must remember that unity is not a feeling; it is a choice.

It is the daily decision to see our neighbor as a fellow American, not a rival. It is the courage to protect and support the Republic even when anger feels easier. It is the willingness to sacrifice comfort for the sake of the country we love.

If America is to remain the United States, unity must become our mission again. Not because it is easy, but because our nation depends on it. And because the world still needs what only a united America can give: a beacon of liberty, a defender of dignity, and a people strong enough to stand together when everything tries to pull them apart.

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.

—Anthony “Tony” Boquet, *Solutionary*, author of “The Bloodline of Wisdom, The Awakening of a Modern Solutionary” and “The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, A Devotional Timeline”



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There is something powerful about a backpack filled with fresh notebooks, pencils, crayons and glue sticks. For a child, it can mean walking into the first day of school feeling prepared. For a parent, it can mean one less expense in a season already filled with hard choices.

This year, United Way of Greater Nashville’s 18th annual Stuff the Bus school supply drive helped 16,060 elementary students across Middle Tennessee begin the school year with the tools they need to learn. Thanks to generous community support, the campaign exceeded its goal of 15,000 backpacks by 1,060, meeting most of the documented need of over 18,000 students across UWGN’s service footprint.

The need is especially urgent as back-to-school costs add pressure to already stretched household budgets. According to Deloitte’s 2026 Back-to-School Survey, parents plan to spend about \$557 per K-12 student this year, and 50% say they are cutting back on other expenses to make room for back-to-school spending. For ALICE families—households that are working and earning above the federal poverty level but still cannot afford basic needs like housing, child care, food, transportation and health care—those costs can bring difficult tradeoffs.

Stuff the Bus helps ease one immediate pressure point. Instead of choosing between notebooks and groceries, or pencils and gas, families receive practical support that helps children show up to class confident, prepared and ready to participate.

On July 14 and 15, 497 volunteers gathered at Nissan Stadium to drop off supplies, assemble backpacks and celebrate the impact of the campaign. Together, they contributed more than 1,988 volunteer hours, with supplies donated by 55 companies and individuals.

Those backpacks will be distributed to students at 58 locations across Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Hickman, Houston, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart, Sumner and Williamson counties. Since Stuff the Bus began, more than 153,060 students have received the supplies they need to enter the classroom ready to learn. If you know someone in need of a backpack, reach out to UWGN’s 211 Helpline.

United Way of Greater Nashville thanks the sponsors and partners who made this year’s drive possible, including Tennessee Titans, Amazon, Asurion, Atmos Energy, Costco, Cummins, Earl Swenson Associates, EY, Ingram, Google, Lifepoint Health, Publix Charities, Regions, 6th Man Movers, Spire, UPS, Veritiv, Waste Management Services and Hands On powered by United Way of Greater Nashville.

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The courtroom setting provides a natural, high-stakes narrative. Our adversary system of justice is a classic setting for high drama because it pits two opposing sides against each other in a battle of wits, mirroring classic dramatic tension while addressing universal themes of morality, justice, and the fight for the innocent and the underdog. And the interplay between the law and theatre has been

a fertile area for playwrights dating back centuries. Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice is the definitive legal play. It features a famous courtroom trial where Shylock attempts to enforce a contract for a “pound of flesh”. The play wrestles with the tension between the letter of the law, strict civil justice, and the plea for mercy. Alexandre Dumas’ Les Misérables is a masterful story of the tension between the law’s demand for justice and a desperate cry for mercy.

As a young trial lawyer, I recall being asked to fill in for a time as Night Court Judge. The police brought in case after case of accused individuals whom they had arrested on charges that covered the full gamut of criminal offenses. I still recall that there was an ample audience of onlookers who made it their regular, free entertainment on Friday nights to come to Night Court just to watch the drama unfold.

Whether it is a compelling criminal trial or a high stakes civil lawsuit, there is something singular and distinct about the law. Some believe it is because the law has the sting of penalty and the power of condemnation – even to the point of life or death. But the law is more than that. It is symbolic of a higher ideal that we, as sinners in our human frailty strive to reach. Perhaps Paul Newman summed it up best in his closing jury argument in one of my personal favorites, The Verdict:

“Please, God, tell us what is right. Tell us what is true.” I mean there is no justice. The rich win; the poor are powerless. We become tired of hearing people lie. And after a time, we become dead, a little dead. We think of ourselves as victims -- and we become victims. We become weak; we doubt ourselves; we doubt our beliefs; we doubt our institutions; and we doubt the law. But today you are the law. You are the law, not some book, not the lawyers, not a marble statue, or the trappings of the court. See, those are just symbols of our desire to be just. They are, in fact, a prayer. I mean, a fervent and a frightened prayer.

In my religion, they say, “Act as if you had faith; faith will be given to you.” If we are to have faith in justice we need only to believe in ourselves and act with justice. See, I believe there is justice in our hearts.



Legal thrillers today have matured beyond the courtroom confessions in Perry Mason. While courtroom scenes still dominate the genre, today’s movies increasingly explore psychology, justice, institutional failure and moral ambivalence. In short, legal drama is the drama of life.

As a lawyer, I often see people at their lowest point and burdened by seemingly insurmountable legal challenges. It is a remarkable opportunity to share with them about the Law-Giver who is able to walk them through this valley in their life and cover them in His grace and mercy.

—Larry L. Crain
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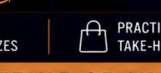


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What Is Your Money Mindset?

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25, NIV)

I have heard this verse used to justify all sorts of things — usually some version of *"God will provide, so I don't need to plan."* That is a misreading. Matthew 6:25 is not a permission slip to live without wisdom, and it is certainly not tied to the dietary law spelled out in Leviticus. It is Jesus teaching us something far more foundational: that the Lord is our provider, and our worry — about food, clothing, shelter, or finances — reveals what we actually believe about who is in control.



That belief system has a name in financial circles: your money mindset. A money mindset is your collection of core beliefs, attitudes, and habits regarding finances. These mental models shape how you earn, save, and invest, often without you realizing they are running in the background. Identifying and challenging the limiting beliefs inside your money mindset is the first step toward real financial well-being. Here are four mindsets worth examining in light of Matthew 6:25.

1. Scarcity Mindset. Rooted in fear and lack, this mindset says there is never enough — never enough income, never enough margin, never enough time to catch up. In other words, scarcity is not simply a symptom of not having enough; it is a mindset that can push anyone toward fear-based financial decisions, no matter what they earn. Left unchecked, scarcity thinking produces the very worry Jesus tells us to set down.

2. Abundance Mindset. Rooted in opportunity and growth, this mindset trusts that provision will come and makes room to give, save, and take wise risks. Abundance thinking does not mean reckless spending; it means confidence that God, not our bank balance, is the source.

3. Fixed vs. Growth Mindset. A fixed mindset believes your financial situation is permanent — "I've always been bad with money, and I always will be." A growth mindset believes financial habits, like any skill, can be learned and improved with practice, counsel, and time.

4. Status and Self-Worth. This mindset ties personal value to possessions, income, or appearance of success. Scripture consistently redirects our worth away from what we own and toward whose we are.

Notice that three of these four mindsets are rooted in something other than trust — fear, permanence, or performance. Only the abundance mindset reflects the posture Jesus calls us toward in Matthew 6:25: not carelessness, but confidence that our needs are known and provision is coming.

The good news is that a money mindset is not fixed in stone. Like any habit, it can be examined, challenged, and reshaped. The starting point is honesty — asking yourself which of these four patterns most often drives your financial decisions, and whether that pattern lines up with trusting the Lord as provider.

If you would like help identifying your own money mindset and building a plan rooted in trust rather than worry, we invite you to reach out. For over 30 years, we've helped people like you replace financial anxiety with confidence and clarity.

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Beyond the Bottom Line: How Your Bank Should Serve Your Family



Last month, we explored the foundational difference between a traditional bank and a Christian credit union. We looked at how Koin Credit Union was built from the ground up to serve our members and the Kingdom, rather than maximizing profits for distant shareholders. When you bank with an institution that shares your values, your everyday financial choices help fund local ministry partnerships and values-aligned work across our region. But what does that mean for your family on a practical, day-to-day level?

This month, we are looking at the second reason families of faith should rethink where they bank, borrow, and build their financial future: Stewardship requires the right tools.



If our goal is to manage the resources God has entrusted to us with wisdom and faithfulness, we need financial partners who are actively trying to help us succeed, not institutions looking for ways to profit from our missteps.

In a traditional banking model, the relationship is often adversarial. The bank's primary objective is to generate revenue from its customers through fees, high-interest debt, and rigid terms. When a customer struggles, the bank often profits.

Because Koin Credit Union operates as a not-for-profit financial cooperative, our incentive structure is entirely different. You are not a customer; you are a member and an owner. Our success is entirely dependent on your financial health. That fundamental shift in motivation changes everything about how we design our products and serve our community.

Consider how you finance your family's vehicles. Many families hold their primary checking accounts with a local institution but finance their cars through dealer-arranged lending, often at significantly higher interest rates. They accept these terms out of convenience, not realizing how much of their hard-earned money is being lost to interest over the life of the loan.

At Koin, we view lowering your monthly payments as an act of stewardship. When we review a member's auto loan from another institution and find a way to drop their rate, we aren't just saving them money—we are freeing up resources that can be redirected toward their family's future, their local church, or community needs.



This commitment to your financial health extends to every stage of life. We frequently see first-time car buyers—often young adults in our community—facing predatory lending rates simply because they have a thin credit file. A traditional bank sees them as a risk to be priced accordingly. We see them as young stewards who need a fair start. By offering standardized, fair-rate loans for first-time buyers, underwritten on character and parental partnership rather than just a credit score, we help families establish strong financial habits early.

Membership has its benefits, and those benefits should be tangible. From exclusive member discounts to checking accounts that reward you rather than penalize you, every product we offer is designed to equip you to grow personally, provide for your family, and ultimately help others.

Your bank should be a partner in your stewardship journey, not an obstacle to it. If you are tired of a banking relationship that feels transactional and want a partner who is invested in your family's financial health, we invite you to experience the difference of a member-owned cooperative.

Explore how Koin Credit Union can serve your family and consider becoming a member today at www.koincu.org.

"For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?" — Luke 14:28 (CSB)

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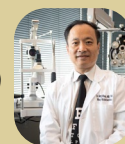
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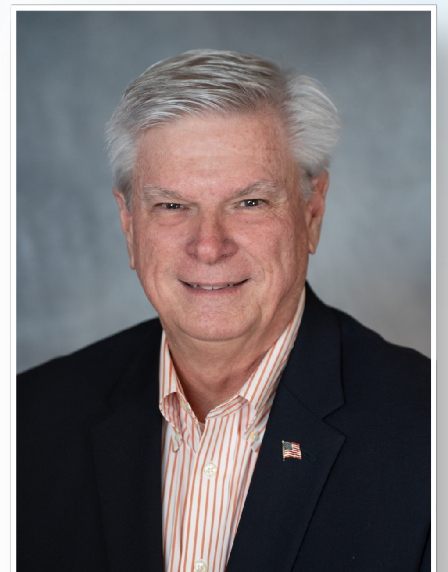
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Experience Art & Wonder Festival: A Free Event Celebrating Faith, Creativity, & Community

Art & Wonder Festival is a free event at Belmont University showcasing art and music that celebrates the Christian story. Experience live music, film screenings, art exhibitions, hands-on art activities, kids zone, food trucks, and more!



Art has a unique ability to inspire, connect, and invite us into stories that shape who we are. On Saturday, September 26, the Creative Arts Collective for Christian Life & Faith (CAC) invites Nashville and its surrounding communities to experience the beauty of the Christian story through a day filled with creativity, music, film, and family-friendly fun at Art & Wonder Festival.

Taking place on the campus of Belmont University, Art & Wonder Festival is a free, all-day event designed to welcome people of all ages. Whether you're an art connoisseur, a music lover, a film enthusiast, or simply looking for a meaningful way to spend the day with family and friends, the festival offers something for everyone.

Throughout the day, guests can explore inspiring art exhibitions featuring works that reflect themes

of faith, beauty, hope, and imagination. Visit the Peace by Pie installations at Leu Art Gallery. Walk the Architecture of Prayer in Gallery 121. Attend author talks in the Leu Center for the Visual Arts. Experience the Portrait Lab with Jeremy Cowart. Take a tour of the Frederick Hart Studio Museum. See live musical performances presented by the Gospel Music Association (GMA). Visit the art gallery inside the Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. Attend a songwriter showcase at the Gallery of Iconic Guitars. Stop by the Windrider Theater Film Screenings and Conversation. See the Kids Zone for curated, hands-on art activities. And don't miss the vendors and food trucks along West Belmont Blvd.

More than a collection of performances and exhibitions, Art & Wonder Festival is an opportunity to gather with others who appreciate the intersection of faith and the Arts. Come celebrate the ways creativity can point us toward beauty, encourage meaningful conversations, and remind us of the hope found in the Christian story. With interactive experiences throughout the festival inviting visitors to become creators themselves, guests of every age can engage their creativity, making the festival more than just an opportunity to observe art—it's an invitation to participate in it.

Presented by the Creative Arts Collective for Christian Life & Faith (CAC), Art & Wonder Festival reflects the CAC's commitment to fostering artistic excellence while creating spaces where artists and audiences can connect in meaningful ways. Through events like the festival, the CAC seeks to cultivate a vibrant community where people can encounter inspiring creative work, engage with one another, and celebrate the transformative power of the arts.

Admission to the festival is free, and don't forget to pick up a free t-shirt while supplies last! Bring your friends, invite your neighbors, and come discover a day filled with creativity, conversation, and celebration at Art & Wonder Festival.

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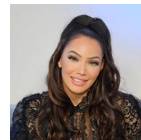
unteering, mentoring future professionals, or advocating for stronger neighborhoods, we recognize that our responsibility extends beyond the homes we help buy and sell.

As Middle Tennessee continues to grow, so does our excitement. Our commitment remains unchanged: to serve with integrity, lead with compassion, and help every client confidently pursue the dream of homeownership.

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Trevecca to Launch Master of Social Work Degree Program

Trevecca Nazarene University has announced the addition of an online Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program, with classes beginning in January 2027.



Trevecca's MSW program will equip compassionate, skilled professionals to advance their careers with a faith-informed approach to social work. Graduates will be prepared to pursue social work licensure in Tennessee, including LMSW, LAPSW and LCSW credentials.

Applicants with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and advanced standing status can complete the program in as little as 12 months, while the degree can be earned in two years with a standard bachelor's degree in social work or another field. A part-time plan of study is also available. Trevecca undergraduate BSW students will be able to map out their academic journey with both degrees through a 4+1 fast-track option.



Coursework is completed online and includes a weekly live class session where students engage with faculty and peers in real time. These interactive sessions provide opportunities to ask questions, discuss course concepts and apply learning to case studies and real-world experiences. Students will also expand their experience with an extensive network of field placements across Middle Tennessee and the Southeast.

Dr. Wesley Furlong, program director for the Master of Social Work program, believes this degree is ideal for preparing mental health professionals to serve in a variety of career settings.

"It's a great time to enter the profession because there's such a need for social workers in Tennessee and across the country," Furlong said. "There's so much flexibility in Trevecca's MSW program. You'll earn your degree and be ready to work with any age group or in any practice area."

Applications are now being accepted for the new program. Those interested can apply and learn more at trevecca.edu/msw.

Leading up to the launch of the program, Trevecca will host a free four-part virtual symposium for mental health professionals titled "Beyond Technique: Integrating Christian Faith and Clinical Practice." The symposium will explore how clinicians can provide care rooted in a Christian understanding of human flourishing while upholding established principles of social work and ethics.

Participants will gain confidence in helping clients thoughtfully integrate faith into their healing journeys. The first session of the symposium will be available in August.

Anyone interested in the free online symposium can register for "Beyond Technique" at info.trevecca.edu/msw-symposium



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What's Your Money Mindset? A Q&A Guide

Q:What exactly is a "money mindset," and why does it matter?



A:Your money mindset is the collection of core beliefs, attitudes, and habits you carry about finances — often shaped long before you ever managed your own money. These mental patterns quietly influence how you earn, save, spend, and invest. A 2026 study of more than 24,000 U.S. households, published in the journal PLOS ONE, found that mindset can predict financial behavior independent of income — meaning two people earning the same salary can make very different money decisions based on what they believe about money itself.

Q:What is a scarcity mindset, and how do I know if I have one?

A:A scarcity mindset is rooted in fear and lack — the belief that there is never enough. People with this mindset often feel anxious about bills, avoid checking account balances, or struggle to save even when their income allows for it. The same 2026 study found that scarcity thinking was linked to greater reliance on costly financial products like payday loans and car title loans, regardless of how

much a household actually earned. If you find yourself making financial decisions from a place of panic rather than planning, scarcity may be driving the wheel.

Q:What does the opposite look like — an abundance mindset?

A:An abundance mindset is rooted in opportunity and growth. It doesn't mean spending freely or ignoring risk; it means approaching money with confidence rather than fear, making room to give, save, and invest with a long-term view. People with this mindset tend to see setbacks as temporary rather than permanent.

Q:I've always thought of myself as "just bad with money." Is that true, or is that a mindset too?

A:That belief has a name: a fixed mindset. It treats your financial situation as permanent and unchangeable. The alternative is a growth mindset, which recognizes that financial habits — like any skill — can be learned and improved over time with the right guidance, tools, and practice. If you've ever told yourself money "just isn't your thing," that's worth examining.

Q:How does self-worth factor into all of this?

A:Many people, often without realizing it, tie their sense of value to what they own, earn, or appear to have achieved. This status-driven mindset can quietly steer financial decisions — a car upgrade, a bigger house — toward impressing others rather than building lasting stability.

Q:Can I actually change my money mindset?

A:Yes. Mindsets are learned, which means they can also be unlearned. The first step is simply identifying which pattern — scarcity, fixed thinking, or status-driven spending — shows up most often in your own financial decisions. Awareness is what makes change possible.

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The Rise of Homeschooling: Why More Families Are Choosing a New Path in Education

Homeschooling has seen a huge surge in popularity over the past several years, and it's not hard to understand why. Families across the country, including right here in Middle Tennessee, are rethinking what education can look like. What used to feel like an alternative option has become a mainstream choice for parents who want more flexibility, more connection, and more control over what and how their children learn.



A big part of homeschooling's rise comes from parents realizing they can tailor education to their child's needs instead of trying to fit their child into a onesizefitsall system. Kids learn differently. Some thrive with hands-on projects, others with quiet reading, and others with creative exploration. Homeschooling lets you build a rhythm that actually works for your child instead of forcing them into one that doesn't.

Another reason families are choosing homeschooling is the freedom it brings. You're not tied to a school calendar or a rigid daily schedule. Learning can happen at the kitchen table, at the park,

during a road trip, or in a museum. You can slow down when your child needs more time or speed up when they're excited and ready to move ahead. That flexibility is a game changer for many families.

There's also something deeply meaningful about the connection homeschooling creates. Parents get to be part of those "aha" moments, the breakthroughs, the curiosity, and even the struggles. You're not just helping with homework, you're walking alongside your child as they grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Many families say homeschooling has strengthened their relationships in ways they didn't expect.

If you've ever wondered whether you could homeschool too, here's the encouragement you might need: you absolutely can! You don't have to be a certified teacher. You don't have to know everything. You don't have to have the perfect setup or a Pinterest-worthy learning space. Homeschooling is simply guiding your child through learning, and you've already been doing that since the day they were born. Here are a few simple steps to get started:

Check your state's requirements. Every state has its own rules, but most are straightforward. Tennessee, for example, offers several homeschooling options,

including independent homeschooling or enrolling through an umbrella school.

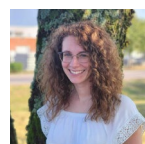
Choose a curriculum. There are countless options: faith-based, secular, online, textbook-based, hands-on, or a mix. You can start simple and adjust as you learn what fits your child best.

Set a rhythm, not a rigid schedule. Homeschooling doesn't have to look like traditional school. Find a flow that works for your family's lifestyle.

Connect with other homeschoolers. Local coops, online groups, and community meetups can give you support, ideas, and friendships for both you and your kids. Give yourself grace. You'll learn as you go. Every homeschooling parent does.

Homeschooling isn't about perfection, it's about presence, flexibility, and choosing what's best for your child. If your heart has been nudging you toward it, consider this your sign that you're capable, equipped, and absolutely allowed to explore this path.

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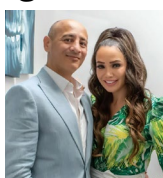


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Dr. Jaime Romero: Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

A smile has the power to restore confidence, create opportunity, and change a life. For Dr. Jaime Romero, founder of Solace Implant Center & Oral Surgery in Nashville, Tennessee, that belief has guided his career for decades.



Recognized by patients and colleagues for his clinical excellence, compassionate care, and commitment to innovation, Dr. Romero has become one of Tennessee's most respected oral and implant surgeons. While his practice proudly serves the Nashville community, patients travel from across Tennessee—and often from neighboring states—to seek his expertise in complex dental implants, full-mouth reconstruction, wisdom teeth removal, bone grafting, and oral surgery. What truly sets Dr. Romero apart is not only his surgical skill, but the genuine care he brings to every patient. He understands that many people walk through the doors of Solace carrying more than dental concerns. They often bring fear, embarrassment, years of discomfort, or uncertainty about their future. His goal is to help patients feel heard, respected, and cared for while providing treatment that restores both function and confidence.

Dr. Romero's journey reflects perseverance, dedication, and a passion for serving others. Throughout his career, he has remained committed to pursuing advanced education and the latest technologies, allowing Solace Implant Center & Oral Surgery to provide modern, evidence-based care in a welcoming environment. That commitment to excellence has helped establish the practice as a destination for patients seeking high-quality oral surgery and dental implant treatment.

Equally important is the culture he has built within his practice. Dr. Romero believes exceptional patient care begins with an exceptional team. He invests in developing, mentoring, and supporting every member of the Solace family, fostering an environment built on trust, respect, teamwork, and continuous learning. His leadership encourages every team member to share the same mission: treating every patient like family.

Service extends far beyond the walls of the practice. Each Christmas, Dr. Romero and the Solace team proudly continue their annual Smile for Christmas tradition, providing life-changing dental treatment to a deserving individual who otherwise could not afford the care they need. For the recipi-

ent, it is far more than a new smile, it is renewed confidence, restored health, and a reminder that kindness can transform lives.

The impact of Solace has also been recognized through its reputation as a center of excellence, reflecting the practice's commitment to outstanding patient outcomes, advanced technology, safety, and compassionate care. These recognitions are a testament not only to Dr. Romero's leadership but also to the dedicated team that works alongside him every day.

For Dr. Romero, success has never been measured simply by procedures completed or awards received. It is measured by the lives restored, the confidence rebuilt, and the smiles shared with families throughout Nashville, Tennessee, and beyond. Every patient represents a new opportunity to make a lasting difference and that mission continues to inspire everything he and the Solace team do each day.

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How Ordinary Family Moments Shape Your Child's Faith

Deuteronomy 6:7 tells us to talk about His commandments morning and night, at the dinner table and in the car, in the big moments and the ordinary ones. That means discipleship isn't a program you sign up for, but it's the life you're already living. Every prayer before a meal, every bedtime blessing, every "God, help me be kind today" is planting something eternal in your child's heart. And that matters the most.

How Do You Fill Your Child's Heart with Scripture and Story?

Here's something the world won't tell you: your child is already wired for the Bible. They love underdogs, they root for the brave, and they want to know if good wins. So, give them David standing down a giant. Give them Esther, saying, "If I perish, I perish." Give them a boy with five loaves who fed a crowd of thousands. These aren't just bedtime stories. They are identity-shaping truths.

Don't wait for the perfect quiet moment. Tell a Bible story at the taco stand. Bring up Jonah on the way to soccer practice. Let the conversation be messy and real. And when your child asks a question you can't answer, that's not a problem. That's discipleship happening in real time.

Why Pray Together and Often?

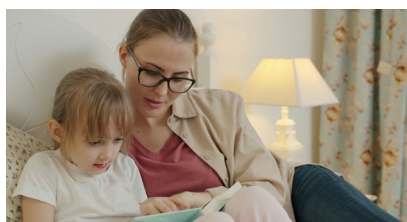
What if prayer felt less like a ritual and more like a phone call to the best friend who already knows everything? That's what we want for our kids. Let them tell God about the friend who hurt their feelings, the test they're nervous about, the puppy they desperately want. First Thessalonians 5:17 calls us to "pray without ceasing," which means prayer belongs everywhere. When a child prays out loud, faith stops being something they inherit and becomes something they own.

How to Build Character Through Service

James 2:17 is blunt: faith without works is dead. So let's raise kids who do something with what they believe. Ask them at dinner, "Who can we help this week?" Let them come up with the idea. Maybe it's raking an elderly neighbor's yard, giving up a favorite toy for a child who has nothing, or looking a sibling in the eye and saying sorry and meaning it. A child who learns to serve others grows into an adult who reflects Christ to a world desperately in need of His love. What gets practiced at home gets lived out in the world.

Looking for Ways to Make Room for More Family Fun Time?

Don't underestimate the power of play. Family game nights, backyard adventures, and silly traditions build the kind of connection that makes children want to listen when you talk about faith. When kids feel safe, seen, and genuinely enjoyed by their parents, their hearts stay open. Laughter is a love



language. A family that plays together stays together, and a family that stays together disciples together.

Join us at the Raising Disciples Parenting Conference!

If you are hungry for practical, biblically grounded tools to raise children who love and follow Jesus, you are invited to the Raising Disciples Parenting Conference on October 10, 2026. This powerful one-day event brings together some of today's most trusted voices in Christian parenting and grandparenting to equip and encourage your family's discipleship journey.

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Ginger Hubbard (GingerHubbard.com) — Author of Don't Make Me Count to Three and host of the Parenting with Ginger Hubbard podcast, Ginger equips parents to reach past outward behavior and address the issues of the heart.

Lee Ann Mancini (RaisingChristianKids.com) — Bestselling author of Raising Kids to Follow Christ, and founder of Raising Christian Kids, creator of Sea Kids books and animation series, and the host of this conference.

Sam Sorbo (SorboStudios.com) — Education freedom advocate, author, and host of The Sam Sorbo Show, Sam inspires parents to take charge of their children's learning and formation with purpose and confidence.

Rhonda Stoppe (NoRegretsWoman.com) — Bestselling author with Harvest House Publishers and host of the award-winning podcast Old Ladies Know Stuff, Rhonda brings life-changing wisdom on parenting, grandparenting, and marriage.

Lori Wildenberg (loriwildenberg.com) — Licensed parent and family educator and author of Grandparents Make Grand Partners, Lori is passionate about helping parents and grandparents build connections with children that last for eternity.

This is not just a conference; it is a commission. Whether you are a parent of toddlers, teenagers, or grown children, or a grandparent longing to leave a lasting spiritual legacy, this day was designed with you in mind.

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The children in your life are worth fighting for. Come ready to be equipped, encouraged, and inspired to raise the next generation of disciples — one faithful day at a time.

—Lee Ann Mancini is the author of *Raising Kids to Follow Christ: Instilling a Lifelong Trust in God*, founder of Raising Christian Kids, adjunct professor at South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary, and executive producer of the animated series *Sea Kids on Right Now Media*, *Pure Flix*, *Answers.tv*, *Minno*, and *Yippee*



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Erica Mitchell,

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Connecting the Dots with Faith

When Erica Mitchell talks about the work of United Way of Greater Nashville, she rarely begins with statistics or strategic plans. Instead, she talks about children.

She talks about the kindergarten carrying a brand-new backpack into school on the first day. The struggling parent trying to earn a better wage through workforce training. A family facing an unexpected crisis after a storm. The volunteers who show up, ready to lend a hand.



Erica Mitchell, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Nashville



Mitchell joins students and community partners at a first-day-of-school celebration in August 2025.

For Mitchell, these aren't isolated stories—they're all connected. As president and CEO of United Way of Greater Nashville, Mitchell leads one of the state's largest nonprofit organizations, serving nine counties and supporting more than 180 partner agencies. After more than 14 years with the organization, she stepped into the role of CEO in January 2025, bringing with her a passion for education, community collaboration, and helping families overcome barriers so

they can flourish.

A Legacy of Generosity

Mitchell didn't always dream of working in nonprofits but looking back she realizes that her parents' example of service made a deep impression on her.

"I had never thought of a career in the nonprofit space," Mitchell said. "It wasn't on my radar, and it wasn't part of my formal upbringing." Yet looking back, she can clearly see where the seeds were planted. "The way my parents carried themselves, engaged with other people—they were and are very generous."

Her parents owned a small real estate business, but for them, selling houses was about far more than closing deals. "They did what they could to ensure that people could afford a home," Mitchell recalled. "They would walk them through those steps and change their mentality about becoming homeowners."

Those early lessons in generosity and compassion would eventually shape the



Mitchell addresses guests at United Way of Greater Nashville's annual meeting at Nissan Stadium in March 2026.

and opportunities within education. "I really fell in love with education and realized that in my community the education experience was failing in some ways. The system was off the tracks, and kids weren't soaring," she said.

Returning to graduate school introduced her to the possibilities within nonprofit leadership. "I realized there was something that aligned with my passions," she said. "I wanted to make a difference on a larger scale, especially for children and education. I realized I could do that in a way that's led by both the heart and head."

Building Stronger Communities

Education remains Mitchell's greatest professional passion. "Education is why I came to United Way in the first place," she said. "I consider it the most important aspect of what we do. It's the cornerstone for everything else."

Alongside education, the United Way's work also focuses on economic mobility by helping adults gain workforce skills, certifications, and career opportunities that can lead to higher-paying jobs and long-term financial stability.

"If we can focus on those two areas—education and the workforce—we've got plenty of team members and community partners who can help support," Mitchell said. The United Way serves as a connector throughout Middle Tennessee, partnering with more than 180 nonprofit organizations that address everything from hunger and housing to disaster relief and family services. The organization also manages the 211 helpline connecting residents with resources when they need help most.

In all of its endeavors, Mitchell believes collaboration is the key to lasting change. "The biggest lesson I've learned through philanthropy is that real change doesn't happen in silos," she has said. "It takes listening deeply, collaborating boldly, and staying committed for the long haul."

Mitchell often returns to the organization's mission statement when describing its work. "We unite the community and mobilize resources so that every child, individual, and family thrives," she emphasized. That mission is broad, treating the whole person.

"From cradle to career and beyond," she said, United Way is there. That includes supporting the youngest learners in early childhood education, providing tutoring and educational support for students, helping adults overcome literacy challenges, expanding workforce opportunities, and responding during times of crisis.

way Mitchell views leadership today. She initially studied business at North Carolina State University and after college, she worked in education policy before joining United Way of Greater Nashville more than 14 years ago.

And then unexpectedly homeschooling her children gave Mitchell a front-row seat to the challenges

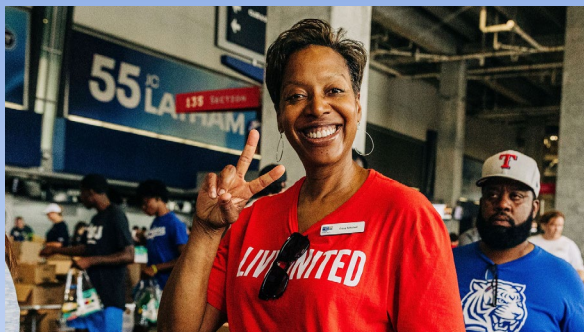


Mitchell shares her perspective during a Nashville panel honoring influential women leaders.

“Ultimately our goal is to remove any barriers,” Mitchell said. “We want people to thrive. We want every child to become an adult who can reach their full potential. And for adults, we want to remove barriers that keep them from reaching their potential.”

The Power of Volunteers

One of the most visible expressions of United Way’s work happens each summer as thousands of volunteers prepare children for a new school year. Stuff the Bus, held each July at Nissan Stadium, brings together hundreds of volunteers to fill approximately 15,000 backpacks with school supplies. The event is one part of the work the United Way does ahead of the school year.



Mitchell works alongside volunteers during Stuff the Bus at Nissan Stadium in July 2025. The annual event fills approximately 15,000 backpacks with school supplies.

United Way volunteers also participate in first-day-of-school events at high-need schools, welcoming students and helping families feel supported as a new school year begins. As Thanksgiving approaches, the organization launches Season of Sharing, partnering with school districts and nonprofit agencies to provide food, gifts, and essential resources for families during the holidays. “We have school districts who send us lists of families who need help during the holidays, and our nonprofit partners step in,” Mitchell explained.

For Mitchell, volunteering is about much more than completing a project. “It’s the on-ramp to engaging with the community,” she said. “Volunteering is a way to pull the curtain back on what the needs are and allow people to realize how they can help.” Whether serving individually, as a family, or with a corporate team, she believes everyone has something valuable to contribute.

Mitchell herself stays connected to such events and activities; she wants to be sure to experience what’s happening on the ground floor of the work. In fact, she likes to call herself a “connector.” One work day may include board meetings and conversations with major donors. The next could find her packing backpacks alongside volunteers at Nissan Stadium. “It’s important to stay connected in practical, hands-on ways,” she said. “It reminds me of the good work we’re doing and also shows me how much work there is to do.”

Those experiences reinforce why collaboration matters. United Way’s impact depends not only on its own staff but also on hundreds of companies, thousands of volunteers, and countless nonprofit partners working together to strengthen the greater Nashville area.

Faith and Family

Although United Way itself is not a faith-based organization, Mitchell said that its values align with the Gospel; as a Christian, that’s especially important to her. “The principles—caring for neighbors and making sure people have what they need—are so much rooted in biblical philosophy,” she said.

Mitchell was raised in a Christian home where church attendance was simply part of life. “My parents raised us that way,” she recalled. “Church every Sunday, Sunday school, Vacation Bible



Greg baptizes Erica, marking a meaningful expression of her personal faith.

School, singing in the choir—all those things.” Faith became more personal as she grew.

“My faith became personal when I was about 22 and ready to graduate from college,” she said. “I had an understanding of what the Gospel was, but it became real and personal at that age.”



Greg, Miles, McKenzie, Erica and Matt celebrate time together as a family.

Today, that faith quietly guides her work. “It’s now part of my life every single day,” she stressed. “What a gift to connect those two things in my work—to do what I’m passionate about and connect it with my faith.” Mitchell’s faith extends to her family, as she and her husband do their best to model Christ-like love and service.

Originally from Knoxville, she and her husband eventually settled in Nashville after spending time in North Carolina. They’ve now called Nashville home for nearly three decades, raising their three children there. Today, one daughter and their youngest son live in Nashville, while their oldest son lives in New York City. The family is also celebrating an exciting new season as Mitchell and her husband prepare to welcome their first grandchild.

As both a mother and soon-to-be grandmother, Mitchell understands that thriving communities begin with thriving families. And that’s exactly what motivates her every day.

Whether helping a child walk confidently into a classroom with a backpack full of supplies, connecting a parent to a better-paying job, or mobilizing volunteers after a natural disaster, Mitchell sees each act of service as part of something much larger. A stronger Nashville, she believes, is built one family at a time. “It starts with each of us,” she said. “Anyone can serve others.”



Greg, McKenzie, Erica, Marie Claire, and Matt.

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Why the Constitution and Communism Cannot Coexist



There is a lie gaining traction in America: that we can blend our constitutional republic with the softer edges of socialism. That we can keep our freedoms while surrendering more of our lives to the state. That the Constitution and collectivism can share the same house. They cannot. And every American who loves God and country needs to understand why.

Two Opposing Views of Rights

The Constitution is built on a radical idea that changed the world: rights come from God, not government. The Declaration of Independence makes this explicit — we are “endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” Government’s job is not to grant them but to protect them. Communism and socialism are built on the exact opposite premise. In the collectivist worldview, rights come from the state. The individual exists to serve the system. There is no Creator in the equation — only the committee.

These two frameworks cannot coexist. One says your rights are sacred and God-given. The other says your rights are negotiable and state-issued.

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Living Ready Without Living in Fear

When we look at the world today, it is not hard to sense the unsettledness. We see conflict between nations, natural disasters, pandemic outbreaks and moral decline. While no one knows the day and time when Christ will return, Jesus does say we will recognize signs that indicate the time is approaching. (Matthew 24:32,33 & 42-44). Some describe this as birth pains.

Jesus did not give us these signs to create dread or fear but awareness. They remind us that the world on this side of heaven is not permanent, yet, we have a loving Father that has made a way for us so that we could spend eternity with Him.

The Word is full of communication. In addition to warnings, we have instruction, correction, comfort, and invitations throughout Scripture. Jesus is always communicating with us and wanting to know the condition of our

The First Thing to Go Is Religious Liberty

Every communist revolution followed the same pattern. The state seizes economic control first. Then it comes for the churches. It happened in the Soviet Union, where thousands of churches were demolished. It happened in China, where pastors are still imprisoned for preaching without state approval. It happened in Cuba, where the Church was systematically stripped of its influence. The pattern is always the same: if the state is the highest authority, God is a competitor.

We are not there yet in America. But the new socialism — dressed in the language of compassion and equity — is moving us in that direction. When government becomes the source of your healthcare, your income, your education, and your moral framework, it does not share authority with the church. It replaces it.

When the State Becomes God

Psalm 146:3 warns: “*Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.*” When the state assumes the role of provider, protector, and moral arbiter, it is claiming a role that belongs to God alone. The Constitution was designed to prevent precisely this — by diffusing power, protecting individual conscience, and ensuring that no authority can tell you how to worship or what to believe.

The Constitution Is the Guardrail

This is why constitutional literacy is a spiritual necessity. The Constitution does not save souls.

But it protects the space in which the Gospel can be preached freely. It is the guardrail that keeps the road to tyranny from becoming a superhighway.

When we teach our children what the Constitution says, we are teaching them that their rights come from God, that no government can take them away, and that they are responsible for preserving them.

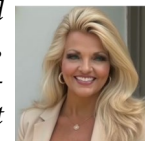
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What We Must Do

We cannot be passive. Freedom will not sustain itself. We must teach our children the truth about their constitutional heritage. We must equip our churches to engage in the public square. And we must remember that the Constitution works because it was written by men who believed rights come from God. Remove God from the equation, and it becomes just another piece of paper. Keep Him at the center, and it remains the greatest charter of human liberty ever written.

The Constitution: Read it. Know it. Carry it.

—Joni Bryan is the Founder and Executive Director of The 917 Society, a Nashville-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to putting a free pocket Constitution in the hands of every 8th grader in America. Learn more at 917society.org.



hearts. From Genesis to Revelation, God shows us that he does not leave His people in darkness. He warns not to condemn, but to call us closer. He reveals truth not to produce fear but to produce faith. Jesus meets us with open arms exactly where we are. He loves us deeply. We do not have to clean ourselves up and become perfect before we come to Him.

We cannot control what is happening in the world, but we can make sure our own souls are prepared. We possess the power to forgive others, including ourselves. We can love deeply and live faithfully getting to know Jesus better and better with each passing day.

The same Jesus who told us to watch and be ready is the same Jesus who gave His life for us. He holds our future securely in His hands.

If there has ever been a time to listen closely to the Lord, it is now. Not in panic or doom but in faith. Living ready without living in fear.

—Rhonda L. Smart, rhondalsmart@gmail.com

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Back to School 2026: Guiding Our Children with Faith and Wisdom

Kids all over Middle Tennessee are getting ready to head back to school. You can feel that familiar mix of excitement and nerves in the air. Backpacks are being stuffed, lunchboxes are being found at the back of cabinets, and parents are quietly hoping they've remembered everything on the supply list. But beneath all the usual backtoschool chaos, there's something deeper happening: our kids are stepping into another year of growing, learning, and becoming who God made them to be.



As classrooms are changing, technology is racing forward, and kids are navigating a world that asks a lot of them, parents have an opportunity. Our kids are figuring out friendships, dealing with pressures, and learning how to make choices that shape their character. For Christian families, this season can present a moment to pray over our children with intention, asking God to guide them, protect them, and help them shine His light wherever they go.

Being a light for Christ doesn't have to look like grand gestures. It's the small, everyday moments choosing kindness when someone is not nice, telling the truth even when it's uncomfortable, including the kid who sits alone at lunch, or offering grace when tempers flare. These simple acts speak loudly. They show others what love looks like in real life, not just in words.

Also, something our kids need more than ever in this world is wisdom. They're surrounded by information, opinions, and influences from every direction. Asking God to give them discernment helps them navigate all of it with the power of Holy Spirit. Wisdom helps them choose good friends, handle challenges, and stay grounded in truth even when the world feels loud.

Of course, every parent thinks about protection too. Not just physical safety, but emotional and spiritual covering. We want our kids to walk into school knowing they're not alone, knowing God goes with them into every classroom, every conversation, every tough moment. That kind of confidence changes how they face the year ahead.

Here's a prayer you can speak over your children as they begin this new school year:

Heavenly Father, as our children step into the 2026 school year, we ask for your protection over every part of their day. Protection for their minds, their hearts, their friendships, and their steps. Give them wisdom beyond their years, helping them see truth clearly and choose what is good. Let your light shine through them in the way they speak, act, and treat others. When challenges come, give them courage. When they feel unsure, remind them you are near. Cover them with your peace and guide them with your love. We place them in your hands and trust you completely. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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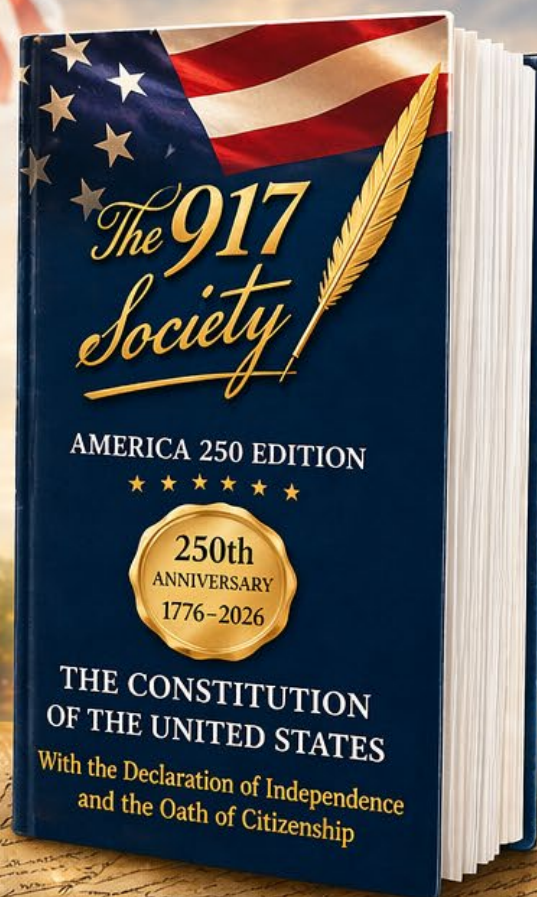
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Holding Grief and Hope

There are some things television has taught me that have nothing to do with cameras. People often ask what it's like to film in the studio. They imagine bright lights, makeup chairs, microphones, countdowns, and teleprompters. Those things are certainly part of the process, but they're not what stays with me when I drive home at the end of the day. Some lessons unfold in quiet moments. I've learned that before the floor director starts the countdown, there is often a whispered prayer. I've learned that God isn't nearly as interested in polished performances as He is surrendered hearts. I learned the best preparation isn't reviewing my notes again; it's asking the Lord to speak through me in spite of me.

Sacred and Heartbreaking. Lately, those prayers have become even more personal. A few weeks ago, my dad suffered a stroke. Today, he is under hospice care. Now our family is walking a road that feels both sacred and heartbreaking. Grief doesn't wait until you're alone. It shows up while you're driving to work. It sits beside you in the makeup chair. It catches you between takes when someone asks a simple question like, "How are you doing?" Sometimes it surprises you in the middle of filming because a memory suddenly rushes in. And then, just as unexpectedly, hope shows up too.



Tears Don't Diminish Your Faith. I've been thinking often about Jesus standing outside Lazarus's tomb. Scripture tells us simply, "Jesus wept." Those two words have comforted me more than I can explain. Our Savior wasn't embarrassed by tears. He didn't rush past sorrow to get to the miracle. He entered into the grief. That reminds me that my tears don't diminish my faith. They simply reveal my love. I'm learning that grief and hope can occupy the same heart. I grieve watching my dad's earthly journey come to this chapter. I grieve the conversations we may never have. I grieve the thought of what our family will look like without him. And yet, I have hope that is deeper than my grief.

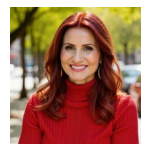
Truth Gives Grief a Place to Rest. I know where my father's hope has always been. I know the Savior he has trusted. I know that because of Jesus, this goodbye is not forever. That truth doesn't erase the ache, but it gives the ache somewhere to rest. It's funny how differently I see the studio these days. Every time I walk through those doors, I realize I have no idea what burden the person behind the camera is carrying. I don't know what the floor director prayed about that morning. I don't know whose marriage is struggling, whose child is hurting, or who just received difficult news. We all bring invisible stories into every room. Maybe that's one of the biggest secrets I've learned while filming. The cameras capture what people say.

God sees what people carry. Long before the lights come on, He's already at work in hearts. Long after the cameras stop recording, He's still writing stories of redemption that no audience will ever fully see. These days, before I step in front of the camera, my prayer is simpler than it's ever been. "Lord, if someone watching is hurting, let them see You more clearly than they see me." Because that's what people really need. Not another perfect program. Not another polished presentation. They need Jesus.

Holding Grief in One Hand and Hope in the Other. If you're reading this while carrying your own grief, whether it's the illness of someone you love, the loss of a dream, or a season you never expected to walk through, I want you to know you're not walking alone. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted. He doesn't ask us to choose between grieving and believing. In His kindness, He allows us to do both. So today, I'm holding grief in one hand and hope in the other. Some days one feels heavier than the other. But I'm holding on to both. And most importantly, I'm holding on to Christ, who is holding on to me.

Today's Secret from the Studio: Grief doesn't diminish your faith. It reveals the depth of your love.

—Monica Schmelter



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The Best Start for the School Year

August signals the start of school. The new year offers your child a fresh start, new friends, and old connections. But beneath all the excitement, uncertainty can lurk. By preparing ahead of time for the transition to a new school year, you set your child up for the best possible start to succeed.



Pray. Pray over any concerns, trusting and standing on God’s promises. Remind your child of who God is and His character. Recall His promises to be with your daughter, care for her, and give her courage and wisdom. Ask God to make your son bold in his faith, gracious in his speech, and kind in his action. Pray for teachers, staff, and school board members as well.

Read. For younger kids, books offer a glimpse into life at school: some include humor (The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!), some offer a Christian perspective (If Jesus Came to My School), and some offer a totally different point of view (School’s First



Day of School). Make sure older kids have completed any summer reading assignments. If so, suggest they read for fun these last few days.

Encourage goals. Challenge your child to set goals for the year. Maybe it’s to make one new friend. Perhaps it’s to be more organized. Maybe it’s about being brave and sharing the gospel with friends. Whatever the goal, encourage him to think about how he can accomplish it, then write it out. Check in on the goals throughout the school year.



Participate. Familiarize your child with the school building. Attend the back-to-school bash, introduce your child to the teacher, and walk around the school. Does your neighborhood host a back-to-school gathering? Consider attending. Your child could meet some new friends who go to the same school.

Acknowledge emotions. Ask questions to understand your child’s concerns. What is good about the coming year? What can you be thankful for? What are you concerned about? Validate their concerns, then remind them of God’s love and presence.

Model trusting God, and encourage your worried child to practice gratitude and breathing when anxiety arises.

Rearrange the routine. Gradually shift it back to a school schedule, with the child going to bed and waking up earlier. Eat dinner together and share concerns or excitement. Create a list of lunch ideas and let your child choose the meal for the first day. Make it special by including a personalized note or a small treat.

Expect great things this year. Plan a few more memories by spending time together the week before school. Go out for ice cream. Play putt-putt golf. Pull out some board games. You’ll want to guard this precious family time. Most importantly, instill hope for the new year.



—Sally Cressman is the author of The Dance of Easter. Connect with her through her email list and receive “Biblical Affirmation” cards.



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My Kid Peed in the Bed. Now What?

Parenting can be incredibly rewarding—and just as challenging. The potty-training phase can be especially challenging and demanding. When children stop wearing diapers, there is often a transition period when they are prone to wetting the bed. Learning how to get pee out of a mattress can be a real lifesaver during such phases. With the help of Molly Maid experts, cleaning up after an accident doesn't have to be a big deal. Follow our guide for keeping your children's bedding feeling and smelling fresh.



Keep a steady supply of white cleaning vinegar on hand for accidents. It's cheap, can be purchased in bulk, and doesn't ever truly expire. The combination of vinegar and laundry detergent works well to remove stains and odor. You'll also want to keep baking soda handy, as it will help pull up any remaining moisture in the bed and does a great job of absorbing odors.

A wet/dry vacuum can also prove instrumental in cleaning up a urine-soaked bed. Be sure to pre-treat the mattress and soak up as much moisture as you can before breaking out the vacuum, though. The last thing you want to deal with is a urine-soaked vacuum on top of a wet bed!

How to Clean Pee Out of a Mattress

No need to panic! Armed with the necessary supplies and information on how to clean pee out of a mattress and bedding, you won't skip a beat. You'll know exactly what to do. The following are effective steps you can take to clean up a wet bed before stains and smells set in:



Tackle the problem the minute you see it.

Remove the sheets, bedding, comforter, and mattress pad, and launder as usual. If the odor of urine remains after the first wash, run the load again, adding one cup of vinegar. Use a clean, dry towel to blot the mattress and soak up as much of the urine as possible. Avoid rubbing or scrubbing the stain, as this will only push the liquid deeper into the mattress.

Gather your cleaning supplies, including:

- Baking soda
- Clean clothes or towels
- Cold water
- A small amount of laundry detergent
- Vinegar
- Wet/dry vacuum

Make a solution of two parts cold water, one part vinegar, and a small amount of detergent, and spray the affected area liberally.

Allow the solution to sit for 10 to 15 minutes and blot it with a clean, dry towel to remove as much of the liquid as possible.

Sprinkle the wet area with baking soda to absorb the residual moisture and help with odor control.

Let the baking soda sit for an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Then remove it by blotting it with a clean, damp cloth.

Use a wet/dry vacuum to suction out any remaining liquid and baking soda.

Allow the mattress to dry fully before reapplying the bedding, providing extra airflow by using a hairdryer or fan in addition to air drying. To protect the surface from future accidents, apply a waterproof mattress pad.

How Long Does It Take for Pee to Dry on a Mattress?

Urine may dry and virtually disappear within about two to four hours. But even if the mattress is no longer damp, the odds are good that you'll still be able to smell the presence of urine. Understanding how to get the pee smell out of a mattress starts with patience. Many kids try to hide their accidents out of shame or fear. This delay can make it more difficult to remove stains.

Children may also develop self-esteem issues, depending on how you react to the discovery. While frustration is understandable, try not to show your anger and remain supportive that things will get better. Instead, focus on cleaning up and employing better strategies to help eliminate the issue. Have your child regularly use the restroom throughout the day. Encouraging your child to go to the bathroom as soon as they feel the urge rather than delaying. Not allowing liquids after the evening meal. Provide a nightlight so your child is comfortable making their way to the bathroom at night.

The Hidden Dangers of Pee on a Mattress

When urine isn't cleaned up effectively, it can pose some real health risks. Urine contains bacteria, and when left long enough, mold can develop. It also contains urea, uric acid, and other dangerous compounds. The smell of ammonia that is trapped in your bed is caused by bacteria eating away at the urine residue. Ammonia left to soak into the mattress can cause irritation to the nose, lungs, and throat. This may lead to breathing difficulties. That's no place for a child—or anyone—to sleep.

Symptoms worsen the longer someone is exposed to mold. It enters the body through skin contact, the digestive tract, and the lungs. When left untreated, mold can even cause long-term damage to your respiratory system. So, it's important to know how to get pee out of a mattress quickly.

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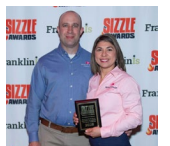
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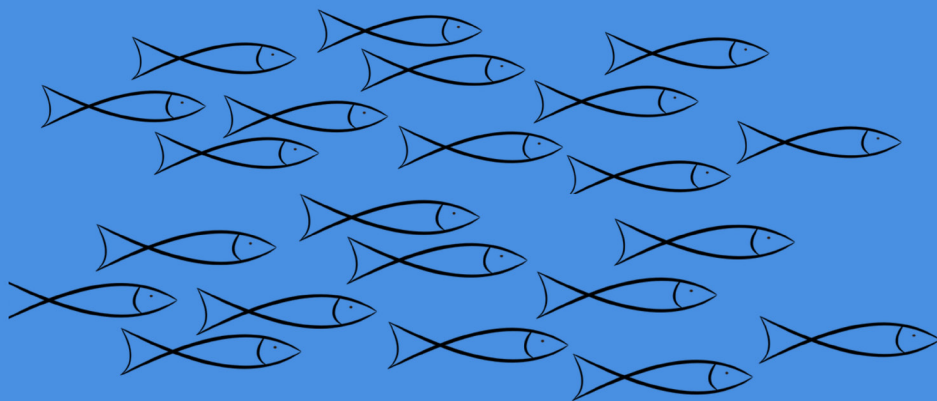


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Who Am I!, Part One

Who am I?! Why am I here?! Why is God putting me through this? What is my place in the world?

Have you ever asked these questions about your purpose in life, who are you, what is the purpose in the world that you were sent by God to achieve? My grandparents on my father's side, came from Ireland in the early part of the 20th century, signing the book on Ellis Island to assimilate into their new home. However, they were not together when they arrived. My grandfather, Timothy Lynch, was born in Cahersiveen and was the oldest of 13 children. When life got tough during the potato famine, he volunteered to come to America, to support his struggling family. My grandfather, who was a rookie Chicago cop, committed himself to sending half of his paycheck back to Ireland each month to support his loving family who raised him.



My grandmother came from Sneem, a small town in Ireland, to start a better life and she met Timothy for the first time at an Irish dance/celebration, where she shared some of her gourmet skills that she learned and mastered working as a nanny for a wealthy family in Chicago. My grandfather was a Chicago cop at the Schurz High School, the largest high school in Chicago. They married, had 4 children, Timothy Lynch, Jeanie Lynch, Tom Lynch and John Lynch. Timothy Lynch, my father, went into the seminary Catholic priest, and his older brother John was a pastor of a catholic church in Chicago. His studies and schooling took him all over the Southeast United States, first in Bardstown, Kentucky, Little Rock, Arkansas, and then the prestigious school, Notre Dame School of Theology in New Orleans. During the summer months when he was on "summer vacation", he worked as the leader of music, playing the guitar for daily Mass and was the bus driver at St. Peters Home for Children, which was an Orphanage in Memphis, TN. He also was in charge of the counseling program which cared for over 300 troubled boys and girls and many challenging teenagers.



My mother, one of 8 children raised in Quincy, MA just outside Boston, whose grandparents also came from Ireland (my great grandparents on her side), decided to enter into the convent to live a life of servitude. Her training was in Nazareth, KY. As she became a Sister of Charity, her first mission was running St. Peters Home for Children on the corner of Poplar and McClean in Memphis, TN, the same orphanage that my father was responsible for managing the summer program for children. It was there where my parents, Tim Lynch and Lorraine Clare first met as colleagues working to take care of those family deprived children who were longing for something much bigger, and safer, than the life they were thrown into could ever provide.

It was during those years where my mom pursued a degree in social work and my father decided that he could serve people with issues, struggles, mental

illnesses, etc. as a clinical psychologist. Tim decided that he wanted to leave the seminary after he completed his M.Div., one month before his class was to be ordained. He then came to Nashville, where he continued his studies and received his master's in psychology from the University of Tennessee. It was a few years after that he graduated from Vanderbilt with a doctorate in Pastoral Counseling, and eventually his PhD in clinical psychology.

My mother, a number of months later, decided that this was not the life that she wanted to be and left the convent and went back to Boston, where she worked for MA Bell (Massachusetts Bell) and she also worked part time as the assistant director of a home for adolescent girls while sharing an apartment with her sister. At some point, months later, Dad was thinking about my mom during that time, and was wondering how she was doing, played a "wild card" and wrote a letter to see how her life was going post convent. They created a long distance relationship for quite a while where she would call later in the evening and chat with him, since she got all long-distance calls free for working at MA Bell. My uncle Tom (dad's baby brother) was getting married in Florida, and my dad asked my mom if she wanted to go with him to the wedding. It was there where he proposed to mom, she said yes, and the rest is history!



Dad took a position with the Sumner County Tennessee Guidance Center as a psychologist in 1972, after he completed his master's in psychology, and they moved to Gallatin, TN. They worked hard, tried to start a family, but due to health issues, they were not able to conceive. At that point, dad reached out to a gentleman who he was in the seminary with, Bill Gahagan, who ran Catholic Charities in Nashville at that time, to see what could be done to start the process for adopting their first child.

After lots of formalities, mom received a phone call from Catholic Charities, telling her that she and dad needed to come down and pick up their 2-week-old son!! Mom went running out of the house screaming at dad who was mowing the yard that "it has happened!! We are new parents!! We have to go and pick up our new son!!". Dad was so excited he jumped off the mower and had to chase it through the yard because he forgot to shut it off!! It was there where Timothy Dennis Lynch Jr, found a new home!!



Read Part Two in the September issue and see how God was truly at work in this divine adoption

—Tim Lynch, Jr.



Tennessee Immigrant and Minority Business Group to Host a Forum on Immigrant Entrepreneurs

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 who has performed over 55,000 laser vision surgeries (including on over 4,000 doctors), announced that the Tennessee Immigrant and Minority Business Group (www.TIMBG.org) will host a quarterly forum on immigrant entrepreneurs on Thursday September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at TPOM (136 Rains Ave, RSVP: ella@wangvisioninstitute.com, 615-525-3314). Dr. Wang co-founded TIMBG in 2013 and has served as its president. He himself is an immigrant. The Angel studios' film "Sight" (FREE link: sight.drmingwang.com) is based on Dr. Wang's autobiography "From Darkness to Sight", and his faith journey is also featured in the award-winning film "God's Not Dead".



Regarding immigrants and minorities, Dr. Wang said: 20% of U.S. population are Latinos, 18% African Americans and 7% Asians. These three so-called minorities are already 45%, and white

are 46%. Hence, in a few years the minorities will become the majority for the first time in U.S. history! Not only where we are as a nation in the racial distribution, but also where we are going. The medium age of white is 58, Asians 29, African Americans 27 and Latinos (legals only) 11.

Dr. Wang's point is: In an unprecedentedly polarized nation (the Divided States of America), where we are increasingly unable to work across political isles, racial divides and ethnic divisions, so, to solve the problems that we really need to solve (gun violence, opioid crisis, environmental disasters, racial tension, poverty, education, jobs, healthcare), we need, more than ever, the work and contributions made by immigrants and minorities. Why? Because immigrants and minorities are pragmatic problem solvers!

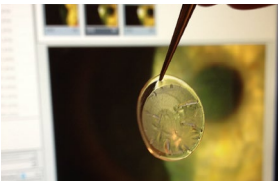
About Dr. Ming Wang, MD, PhD

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.

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.



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" (link: 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

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Put "Elijah Peel" on Your August List of Must-See Movies

Iconic superstar Elijah Peel thought he was living the proverbial ultimate rock music dream of "privilege and excess" until life intervened. First came a nearly fatal heart attack that abruptly stopped the music. Then came the real showstopper: a 9-year-old girl named Jessica, who arrived in his life with some heavy baggage. She was dying.

From their very first meeting in the hospital, audiences will follow Jessica on a stealth mission to win Elijah Peel's heart with love and challenge it with Jesus. Sensitive beyond her young years, she instinctively knew his was a heart that needed redemption. Opening in theaters nationwide on August 14, "Elijah Peel" promises to bring audiences some of late summer's warmest moments.

Inspired by a true story, the project had the extraordinary good fortune of capturing the creative attention of newly launched independent film distributor EKKL Entertainment, which secured the film's North American rights. Adding to the topflight creative mix, executive producers Willie and Korie Robertson ("Duck Dynasty," "The Blind") were highly motivated by the opportunity to use their significant talents to bring out the depth of the film's faith message.

EKKL founder Michael Scott noted, "From the moment we saw 'Elijah Peel,' we knew it was something special. It's a deeply moving story about second chances, human connection, and the power of hope. It's a faith-based film we're proud to bring to viewers this summer."

"Elijah Peel" was written and produced by Kevin D. Sepe, who also directed the film with Nathan Ross Murphy. It is a story torn from the pages of Sepe's own experiences. After years of addiction and repeated brushes with death, the Miami-based writer, producer, and father of five found sobriety, embraced faith, and began rebuilding his life. That second chance at life ultimately led him to create a film inspired by his own mental and spiritual struggles and his decision to reject drugs for Jesus.

Moviegoers will leave the theater remembering poignant moments, warm feelings, and the stellar performances they witnessed onscreen. Robert Malcolm Cumming, whose first dream in life before acting was coincidentally to be a rock star, stars as Elijah. Nine-year-old Evelyn Grace Kite delivers a winsome performance as Jessica that bodes well for major things to come in her fledgling film career.

"Elijah Peel" also found Kite making history as the first child actor to win Best Lead Actress honors at the 2026 International Christian Film and Music Festival. Balancing out the new faces worth remembering, veteran actor Kevin Sorbo shines in a major supporting role as Elijah's rock star manager. Put "Elijah Peel" on your must-see movie list for August, and come armed with tissues.

Web resource: Want to watch "Elijah Peel" with your friends, family, church, or another group? Get more information about group ticket sales at www.elijahpeelmovie.com.

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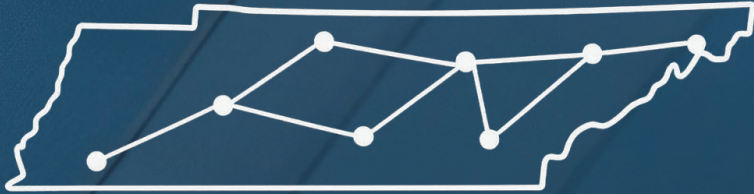
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250th Anniversary Of Independence: What Makes An American?

As Americans, we are in the midst of celebrating the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. That original date of July 4, 1776, kicked off an extraordinary epoch in the history of Western Civilization. After years of intense, and far more bloody than often remembered, civil war, the 13 colonies had won their independence.



In 1787, just over a decade from the original Declaration, our Founding Fathers came together in Philadelphia to replace the inadequate Articles of Confederation with a “more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” (Preamble to the Constitution)

At the Constitutional Convention assembly, they had no guarantee of consensus. Benjamin Franklin stood to address the convention’s president, George Washington, and his fellow delegates with these words,

“In the beginning of the contest with Britain, whereas we were sensitive of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. Have we now forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance?”



History records that, seeking Divine guidance, our Founding Fathers produced the U.S. Constitution, now the oldest surviving foundational government document in the world, as we prepare to celebrate its 250th birthday.

Although there have been increasing numbers of Americans who question the wisdom of the truths embodied in the Constitution, or are merely grossly ignorant concerning what they are, a significant number of Americans appear to have absorbed many of its truths.

A recent poll by The Associated Press found that 70% of Americans believed that the USA should be a country with an essential culture held in common. What are the beliefs and values of that essential culture? Eighty-eight percent of Americans said a fair judicial system and the rule of law, as defined by the Constitution, were essential. Eighty-four percent said individual freedom as defined by the Constitution. Furthermore, 73% said speaking English was important in maintaining America’s identity.

So, what do a significant majority of Americans believe the United States of America is? Clearly, they believe it is a country that should embrace the rule of law, the Bill of Rights, speak the English language, and protect human dignity.

It should be noted that none of these core values is racial or ethnic: the rule of law, the Bill of Rights, or even the English language, which, although the common language at the origin of the country, requires no ethnic origin to speak. This is exemplified by the tens of millions of naturalized citizens who have become English-speaking, although it was a foreign language in their country of origin.

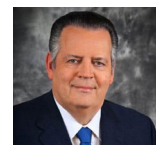
America is the only country in the history of the world that was not founded on “blood or soil,” but on a core set of beliefs that are embodied in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. America would be wise to emphasize these truths in American primary, secondary, and undergraduate education so that America’s uniqueness is perpetuated in our country.

These poll results reveal that America is still a country where anybody can become an “American” by embracing and pledging allegiance to the truths embodied in our Constitution and pledging to obey America’s laws.



That means, among other things, that there is always room in this country for people who want to come to America legally, embracing the rule of law and pledging themselves to the American constitutional ideal. As President Theodore Roosevelt explained over a century ago, people may come here from wherever they are from, be it Poland, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, France, etc., and they can become Americans. While they may be proud of their country of origin, be it Polish-American, Italian-American, Irish-American, etc., the emphasis must be on “American” if you are going to be an American citizen and embrace America’s essential, unique identity.

—Dr. Richard Land, BA (Princeton, magna cum laude); D.Phil. (Oxford); Th.M (New Orleans Seminary). Dr. Land has served as an Executive Editor and columnist for *The Christian Post* since 2011. He was President of Southern Evangelical Seminary from 2013 until he retired in 2021.



Spiritual Goal for August

CONSIDER...these thoughts.

If we didn't have a problem, we wouldn't be alive. God has granted us life on planet earth, not to walk on a yellow brick road...trouble free...with no challenges or disappointments. Sin entered the world when the first man and woman disobeyed their Creator...and we inherited that sinful nature. The Lord has promised to guide our steps, allowing us to get through those challenges...otherwise we would take God for granted. Challenges make us grow stronger spiritually, mentally and even physically. Look to God...and... move forward.

Search for excellence TODAY...beginning with our desire to have ONENESS with God...allowing our thoughts and actions to be filtered through the Lord's Infinite wisdom.

We are special...engineered for greatness and designed for accomplishment. God knew what He was doing when He made

us. No other person is exactly like us. Count that as a special blessing...and humbly show the world that we appreciate our Heavenly Father.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we know You will not spoon-feed us. We must put forth an effort. We also believe that You made us in Your Image...with a free will. We choose to live our life as You instructed...using Your Book as our foundation...and Your Spirit as our guide TODAY. Please do for us as You promised. We ask in Your Name, Lord Jesus. AMEN. AMEN.

Note: Eleanor Roosevelt said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

—RALPH E. VAUGHN

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."

All scriptures are taken from The New King James Version of the Holy Bible.

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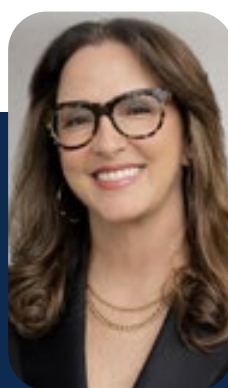


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