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Jamie Fischer, Director of LeTourneau Christian Center with his family.
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The Gospel Music Hymn Sing
Coming To Rochester on May 19

By Joyce Spamer

The Gospel Music Hymn Sing Foundation heading up by Gerald Wolfe of Greater Vision is proud to be bringing this event to First Bible Baptist Church in Hilton, New York.

The hymns of the church have been preserved down through the centuries by faithful Christians who have experienced the life-changing power of their message. With changing times, cultures, and styles, the next generation isn’t exposed to these great lyrics and melodies in most churches on a weekly basis anymore, and those who know and love them don’t often have the opportunity to sing them in a congregational setting. What began as a simple “sing-along,” during a Gospel Concert in a small theater in Shipshewana, Indiana, eventually led to the first video recording of a “Gospel Music Hymn Sing,” in the Summer of 2014. Two local Church Choirs, along with 50 well-known Gospel Music Artists came together for the event at the First Baptist Church of Morristown, Tennessee, and a capacity crowd, with attendees from as far as 2,000 miles away, filled the auditorium...for the Monday evening event. It was obvious to everyone in attendance that this was something really special, and there was obviously a real desire, a real hunger, for a revival of congregational Hymn singing. Shortly after the release of the first “Gospel Music Hymn Sing” DVD, the Gospel Music Hymn Sing Foundation was formed by four well-known Gospel Music Artists...Jim Brady, Rodney Griffin, Mark Trammell, and Gerald Wolfe.

The Hymn Sing will consist of the following groups/singers: Greater Vision, Jim Brady Trio, Mylon Hayes Family, The Torchmen, Whisnants, Sandy Payton, Stan Whitmire and Stone Carter.

Greater Vision:
Since December of 1990, Greater Vision has inspired audiences with their rich vocal blend and their effective ability to communicate the message of the gospel. They have established a firm place at the pinnacle of Christian music, and have become the most awarded in the history of Gospel music.

Gerald Wolfe, the group’s founder, serves as Pianist and Emcee. Multi-Award-winning Songwriter, Rodney Griffin, sings the lead part for the trio. Chris Allman, writer of the 2015 “Song of the Year”, “For All He’s Done”, sings tenor. Jon Epley is the newest member of the group, having joined April of 2017 as the new Baritone singer. Greater Vision appears regularly on the InTouch television program, hosted by Dr. Charles Stanley, as well as on the Gaither Gospel Series. Gerald also serves as a co-host on Bill Gaither’s syndicated “Homecoming Radio Show, heard weekly on almost 3000 radio stations around the world, as well as on satellite radio. Their most recent endeavor is as a part of the very popular “Gospel Music Hymn Sing” DVDs and coinciding GMHS events across the USA.

Greater Vision’s latest recording, “Still,” was produced by Gerald Wolfe and Trey Ivey, with orchestral arrangements by Trey Ivey and Cody McVey.

Can you imagine what it would be like to sit in a beautiful church surrounded by 1,200 people singing your favorite Hymn and Classic Gospel Songs? Now you can experience it at First Bible Baptist Church 990 Manitou Road Hilton, NY 14468 on May 19, 2018. It will start at 2:00pm in the afternoon so you will have plenty of time to join up with friends and family for an early dinner and good Christian fellowship. Better yet bring them with you and enjoy this 1st time to Rochester Hymn Sing with Gerald Wolfe. Tickets are $10 General Seating ($18 at the door) and $20 for Artist Circle Seating. You may purchase tickets by going to www.dmgconcerts.com or email Southern Gospel NY at sgny777@aol.com.
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Upcoming Events in March, 2018

March 1, Thursday


Prayer and Healing Ministry for any challenge every Thursday from 3:00 - 8:00 PM at the Healing and Prayer Rooms, Victorian Square, Bldg #2, Suite #7, 526 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool, NY 13088. (315) 395-9674. Web: http://healingsyracuse.com E-mail: healing@healingsyracuse.com.

March 2, Friday

Family Life is sponsoring the “Weekend to Remember” getaway in Rochester, March 2-4, at the Hyatt Regency. The weekend is for couples and offers priceless tools to improve communication, resolve conflict, and rekindle passion in your marriage. To register and find out more, visit www.familylife.com.

March 3, Saturday

Angels of Mercy Beauty for Ashes Retreat. March 3rd. 9AM-2PM/The Hampton Inn Irondequiot 1323 E. Ridge Rd. Tickets $20.00, includes continental breakfast & lunch. Tell your story, be encouraged and refreshed! To register & purchase tickets contact Michele Rosenbaum 585-305-0031 or email Michele_rosenbaum@yahoo.com.

March 5, Monday

The Healing Place is open today from 6-8PM. The Healing Place is a safe, non-denominational place to come for Christ centered prayer for healing of all kinds. Physical, emotional, spiritual, PTSD, all are welcome. 288 Van Buren Street in Newark NY, in the High Mountain Prayer House. healingplace224@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/healingplace224

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March 9, Friday

Family Life will present six performances of “Annie” in Bath, March 9-11 and March 15-17. Shows will be given as a series of dinner, dessert, and show-only performances starting at varying times. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

March 10, Saturday

Triple Header Fundraising Concert to benefit Soundview Pregnancy Services featuring Paul Paoli Band, Gracious Vine, & Red Words. Sat. March 10th at CenterPoint Church. Doors open at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Julie (631) 676-7990. E-mail at julie@soundviewpregnan-


Art Reception: 29th Annual Student Juried Exhibition. Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Ortlip Gallery. Art students present their work. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. gallery@houghton.edu or 585.567.9393.

College Choir Tour Homecoming Concert. Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Houghton College Choir performs a tour homecoming concert. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March 12, Monday


Artist Series: Russian String Orchestra. Monday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Russian String Orchestra performs as part of the 2017-2018 Artist Series lineup. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9210.

March 13, Tuesday

Prophet Stephen Powell in Syracuse ministering on the power and spirit of Elijah. Please go to http://transformationsyracuse.org or call 315-395-9674.

March 14, Wednesday

Senior Recital: Alana Cross, piano. Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Alana Cross performs her senior recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March 15, Thursday

Life Foundations, Midweek service. Thursday nights 7:00 p.m. 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17. At Lakeshore Community Church 3651 Latta Rd. Call 585-392-5253 for more info or www.lakeshorechurch.org.

Houghton College Lyric Theatre: Oklahoma! Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 15-17 at
March 19, Monday

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Houghton Symphony Orchestra Concert. Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Houghton Symphony Orchestra performs a concert. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14474. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March 24, Saturday

Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Conference! Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 AM to 4:55 PM. Keynotes Ricky Jenkins and Dan Seaborn and two break-out sessions with eight workshops to choose from. Contact us at 585-535-7832 or www.CampHickory-Hill.org.

Scouting For Food. March 24th -31st. Visit any Mark’s Pizzeria and donate a non-perishable food item(s) to help benefit the Open Door Mission meal programs.

March 25, Sunday

Family Life will present a series of comedy nights at Believers Chapel in Oleay, NY on March 24. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets

National Dance Company of Ireland. March 25, 2018. 7:00pm. Featuring a live band, three tenors, and 22 dancers, Rhythm of the Dance preserves the traditions of Irish step dancing while presenting it in a fresh and entertaining modern format. Howard Stowe Roberts Cultural Life Center. 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. www.roberts.edu/clc

March 26, Monday

Senior Recital: Marissa Perez, oboe & Sarah Showers, violin. Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Marissa Perez and Sarah Showers perform their senior capstone recitals. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14474. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

Graduate Recital: Alyssa Pyne, collaborative piano. Monday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Alyssa Pyne performs a graduate recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14474. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March 28, Wednesday

Senior Capstone Recital: Aniela Perez, voice. Wednesday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Aniela Perez performs her senior recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14474. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March 30, Friday

Good Friday Service: Come at 7pm and experience a service that reflects Christ’s great sacrifice for us. Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road, North Chili, NY, 585-594-9488, www.pearcechurch.org

Upcoming Events in April, 2018

April 1, Sunday

Easter Services 9 & 11am. Celebrate Christ’s resurrection with us! Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road, North Chili, NY, 585-594-9488, www.pearcechurch.org

April 4, Wednesday

Family Life’s Spring Sharathon is April 4-7 in
Bath. Bring the whole family on Friday and Saturday for delicious, low cost meals and family activities. On Saturday, chicken or pork barbeque will be available from 11am to 6pm for $8 a person. Admission is free. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information.

April 5, Thursday

Life Foundations, Midweek services. Thursday nights 7:00 p.m. 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17. At Lakeshore Community Church 3651 Latta Rd. Call 585-392-5253 for more info or www.lakeshorechurch.org.


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April 6, Friday

Spoon River Anthology (Theatre). April 6-7, 2018. 7:30pm/2:00pm. This anthology by Edgar Lee Masters epitomizes early rural life in America and has often been compared to Thornton Wilder’s classic play “Our Town.” Howard Stowe Roberts Cultural Life Center. 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. roberts.edu/clc

April 7, Saturday

The Lore Dinner/Concert. Doors will open at 5:00PM. Come and enjoy a Great Evening of Christian Fellowship. United Methodist Church 2200 Westside Drive Rochester, NY 14624. $35 per person includes Dinner and a Great Concert. Call 585-329-3840 for ticket information. www.sgny.net

Family Life’s annual 5K race is Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. in Bath. The race raises support for Family Life’s noncommercial Christian radio network and other ministry programs. Registration is $25; includes a free t-shirt, time report, and barbeque lunch. Registration begins in March. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information.

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April 11, Wednesday

Senior Recital: Lillian Blakeslee, harp. Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Lillian Blakeslee performs her senior recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

Senior Recital: Hannah Jager, Brandon Mellerski, & Ellenore Tarr, voice. Wednesday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Hannah Jager, Brandon Mellerski, and Ellenore Tarr perform their senior recitals. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

March of Remembrance 2018. April 11, 2018 at 4pm. March from Edgewood Free Methodist Church to the Jewish Community Center. March of Remembrance is a Christian walk held annually in dozens of cities of Worldwide to observe Yom HaShoah (Jewish Holocaust). Roocmoc2017@gmail.com.

April 12, Thursday

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April 14, Saturday

Houghton College Wind Ensemble Concert. Saturday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Houghton College Wind Ensemble performs its final spring concert. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

Art Reception: 2018 Senior Exhibition. Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Ortlip Gallery. Senior art majors exhibit their work. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. gallery@houghton.edu or 585.567.9393.

April 16, Monday

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Senior Recital: Jennifer Ross, organ. Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. Jennifer Ross performs her senior recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

Senior Recital: Cassie Harrison, violin. Monday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Cassie Harrison performs her senior recital. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

April 18, Wednesday

Senior Recital: Angela Matson, voice. Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Re-
April 19, Thursday

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April 20, Friday


The Martins will present an invigorating night of Southern Gospel music at Family Life in Bath, April 20-21. Family Life will present both performances as dinner concerts. Tickets are $34.50 and include a delicious four-course meal and show. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-927-9083 or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

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Men’s & Women’s Choir Concert. Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Center for the Arts Recital Hall. The Men’s & Women’s choirs perform their final concert of the semester. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744.music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

April 22, Sunday

Houghton College Gospel Choir Concert. Saturday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Houghton College Gospel Choir performs its final concert of the year. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu or 585.567.9400.

Houghton Jazz Ensemble Concert. Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. The Houghton Jazz Ensemble performs its final concert of the year. Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744. music@houghton.edu.

April 24, Monday

Upcoming Events in May, 2018

May 6, Sunday

Dr. Chuck Pierce will be speaking in Syracuse on May 6 at 6:00 pm. The event is co-sponsored by Aligned for His Glory, Transformation Syracuse/CNY, 13-Colony Council of Leaders, Friend of God Ministries and the host facility, Believer’s Chapel, located at 7612 Thompson Road, Cicero NY. Worship by the Mark Bolus band. Light of the World Ballet worshiping in dance. (315) 395-9674 or visit http://transformationsyracuse.org.

May 8, Tuesday


May 18, Friday


May 19, Saturday

HYMN SING with Gerald Wolfe of Greater Vision. 2pm. Come and enjoy listening to 1200 people sing the old Hymns and Classic Gospel Songs. First Bible Baptist Church, 990 Manitou Rd Hilton. NY 14468. $20 Artist Circle and $10 General seating. ($18 at the door) Call 585-329-3840 for info. www.sgny.net

May 21, Monday


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There is an old saying, "April showers bring May flowers." In addition to my birthday there is one other thing that happens every May, School Board Elections. I have written about this topic before, but every year brings another opportunity to bring to readers' attention the importance of school board elections. The people who get elected to your local school board can really make a difference. In addition to approving the annual budget, and all labor contracts, (think taxes) curriculum, textbooks, all school personnel, perhaps the most important responsibility of school board members is to set all district policy. Such policies can impact the entire life of the district for generations. I hope you get the idea how important school district elections are. With that in mind let me suggest 10 qualities ideal candidates running for the local school board should have.

1. Desire to continue to provide quality education for all children.

Notice I used the word “continue.” When people are asked to rate their local school district, the average grade given is A or A-, while the grade given to education in general may be a C or D. So, assuming a candidate thinks their district scores an A, then “continue” would be the appropriate word. The other important word is “all.” Some board members are only interested in gifted and talented programs or sports. A good board candidate will be concerned for all children and their needs.

2. Desire to become a part of the educational decision-making process within the community.

3. Desire to help foster an environment that includes Judeo-Christian morals and ethics.

I believe this is the most important reason a person should have for running for the board. Part of the reason for the current state of poor morale and inappropriate student behavior is the lack of a moral compass and ethical purpose.

4. Desire to work with others to increase academic standards.

Our world continues to become more complex and for graduates to be competitive in the world academic standards need to continually be increased and students need to be expected to meet these increasing standards.

5. Desire to see student test scores improved.

Test scores should not be an end all in themselves but there does need to be a common measurement that will be an indication of successful student performance.

6. Desire to balance taxpayers’ affordability with financial needs of your schools. I have written extensively about this. (See the previous edition of The Good News New York)

7. Interest in working with complex issues and challenges within a team environment.

Here I would stress the “team environment.” Board service is not a solo performance, but requires a team environment made up of team players.

8. Committed to separation of authority. i.e. Board of Education, policy making, Administration, management of the district.

Often when difficulties arrive at the Board level in a school district it is because board members have forgotten their role and have moved into attempting to micromanage the district. This is simply wrong and can be destructive.

9. Able to make thoughtful, timely decisions.

Two keywords here are “thoughtful” and “timely.” Thoughtful means considering all angles, options, etc. and weighing each of them before making a decision. Timely means having the ability to make a decision when one is called for, not postponing or stalling a decision for illegitimate reason.

10. Ability to be forward thinking.

The reason many schools are held back is for the same reason many churches are held back. The famous seven words of the church. “We never did it that way before.” For the benefit of the students Board members need to be forward thinking. This doesn’t mean forgetting the past, it means building on the past for a better future. As you have opportunity to interact with school board candidates for your local school board over the next few weeks let me suggest you keep these qualities in mind and consider using them as criteria for deciding who will get your vote in May.

If you have questions about our rights as Christians in the public school as parents, teachers, or students please contact us at tli@frontiernet.net or visit our website www.whyrun.org.
Houghton College’s Distance Education Program Built On A Relevant Christ-Centered Education

By Rick Kern

It is among the most engaging, yet revolutionary equations for success in every good sense of the word... When you take quality academics plus a comfortable, convenient learning environment, factor in affordability, accreditation, and a Christ-centered program it all adds up to an exceptional higher education package. And while that may seem like an abbreviated description, it is the perfect illustration of Houghton College’s Distance Education Program (DEP).

“Our online programs are designed for the adult learner who desires to study their field or find a new occupation in a Christian setting,” notes Dr. Marlene Collins-Blair, the school’s Dean of Distance Education. It is a vision that, while maturing, has not strayed from Houghton’s unassuming yet purposeful beginnings as crafted by its founder.

Born in 1825 in a modest log home, Willard J. Houghton spent his childhood on the plateau overlooking the Genesee River Valley where the college that bears his name now stands. 1883 was a marquee year for Houghton for it found the 58-year old establishing the academic institution that became his enduring namesake.

Houghton’s passion was to provide higher learning in a Christian context and the school has been profoundly impacting lives academically, spiritually, and morally ever since its creation. And while their programs have molded the professional lives and destinies of countless students, they have also shaped the tenor of their times.

For example, Distance Education Enrollment Coordinator Casey Conklin recalls, “What’s really interesting is that the town of Houghton used to be sort of known as a gambling town and it really didn’t have the best reputation — it’s just so interesting.” She continues, “God really took Willard J. Houghton’s vision and mission and turned it into what Houghton College is today — a place to really empower young people to go out and serve the world for Christ.”

While Houghton is predominately known for its residential brick-and-mortar campus, the school’s expansion into fully online degree programs five-years ago offers its superior education to learners seeking greater flexibility. Whether they need to study outside of their work schedule, are stay-at-home parents, or just desire a non-residential college experience, Houghton’s DEP has been helping its students navigate the nuances of life for many years.

While the Distance Education Program is really just an outgrowth of the college itself, it has in effect, been up and running for decades, in as much as its roots reach back in to what was originally called the Pace Program. “The online programs were actually based out of a program that has been around for over 30-years,” Conklin explains. “The program itself was originally a face-to-face program in which we offered a one-night-a-week course all across western New York. Still, the core of the program and the mission of that program remain the same.”

Though academic approaches have grown more innovative and complex, transforming education with groundbreaking technologies that move to the rhythm of the times, the divine imperative shaping distance education with a Christian mandate remains enduring and deeply spiritual. Both Pace and DEP rest on the same unmovable bedrock even though 30 long years have passed.

“You have to think about the approach Houghton really takes to all programs,” says Conklin, “which is, we have to train up our students function from a Christian perspective and with Christ at the center of what they do, in a non-Christian world.” She continues, “Be-

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A New Christian Book from the pen of Daniel Ko- lenda “The Mystery of the Magi.” If you or someone you love have ever wondered if there is more to learn about the Christmas story, this book is for you. Perfect for Christmas gifts. Order online at www.cfan.org.

Award-winning author Tim Bennett reviews films and books with a different standard in mind at www.movienamemoirs.org.

Awesome Bible Exploration! Bible Study. Every Wednesday, 7:00pm; Liberty Temple Ministries, 144 Reynolds St., Rochester, NY. All are welcome! You don’t want to miss these opportunities to learn. For additional information, 585.464.8467.

Bible Study at First Baptist Church of East Roch- ester: Every Tuesday, 1 PM. 119 W. Elm St., E. Rochester. 585-586-5287.

Bible Study at John Knox Presbyterian Church every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening. 7 PM. 3233 West Ridge Rd. Rochester. Study is on “Seeing Christ in the Old and New Testaments.”

Buffalo - Business Men’s Fellowship USA – Men’s Breakfast Gathering. We provide a supportive and positive faith environment where members encourage, inspire and motivate their Christian brothers. (Monthly – 1st Saturday – 8:30am – 10:00am). Den- ny’s Restaurant Meeting Room, 4757 Transit Road @ French Road Depew, New York 14043. 716-601-8941. www.bmbfollowalo.com

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The Board of Directors of Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has launched a search for its next Executive Director. The Board of Directors has been preparing for this transition to our next Executive Director. After an 18 year term, the current Executive Director is retiring. The Board of Directors has appointed a Search Committee to seek and review applicants for this position. More information and application process can be found at www.holmescamp.org/executive-search/

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Dr. Chuck Pierce Will Be Speaking In Syracuse On May 6

By Vincent Aquilino

(Syracuse, NY) - Dr. Chuck Pierce will be speaking in Syracuse, NY on May 6 at 6:00 PM. Dr. Charles D. “Chuck” Pierce serves as President of Global Spheres, Inc. (GSI) in Corinth, Texas. Global Sphere is an apostolic, prophetic ministry that is being used to gather and mobilize the worshipping Triumphant Reserve throughout the world. GSI facilitates other ministries as well, and participates in regional and national gatherings to develop new Kingdom paradigms. Chuck also serves as President of Glory of Zion International Ministries, a ministry that aligns Jew and Gentile. He is known for his accurate prophetic gifting which helps direct nations, cities, churches and individuals in understanding the times and seasons in which we live.

Chuck has a master’s degree in Business from Texas A&M, with work in Cognitive Systems from the University of North Texas, and a D. Min. from the Wagner Leadership Institute. Chuck has authored or co-authored over 20 books. He is married to Pam Pierce and has six children and 13 grandchildren.

The event is co-sponsored by Apostles John & Sheryl Price – Aligned for His Glory and the 13 Colony Council of Leaders. Email: alignedforhisglory@gmail.com; Apostles Vincent & Deborah Aquilino - Transformation Syracuse/CNY, http://transformationsyracuse.org, vincentaquilino@gmail.com, (315) 395-9674; Apostles Al Kacey Hauck – Friend of God Ministries, Email: alhauck@schfellowship.org.

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Please join us for this very important gathering on Sunday, May 6. This year, the Jewish year 5778, is a year of “new beginnings”, a time of advancing through the gates to reclaim the title deed to the Nation. Our forefathers were given the “deed”, or rights, to this Nation and this year we are going to reclaim our God-given heritage and destiny!

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An Interview With Wayne Taylor, General Manager Of Mars Hill Network

By Rick Kern

“The real crux of the matter is ministry, it’s getting the Gospel out, getting the Word of God out there and seeing people come to Christ where people grow in their faith,” declares Wayne Taylor, General Manager of Mars Hill Network (MHN). “We also reinforce the local church as much as we can,” he adds, “by presenting church activities, doing interviews when they have guest speakers in and of course, our ‘Pastor of the Day,’” featuring local pastors.”

It is all part of the Mars Hill playbook and make no mistake about it, Wayne Taylor and the Mars Hill staff are playmakers. And when it comes to the Lord’s ministry, they came to play and play to win! That is due in large part to Taylor’s leadership philosophy, “The staff is a very important thing and I feel, as a general manager, one of my primary responsibilities is to really shepherd the staff, help them to do what they do and they do it well to the Lord’s glory — to encourage them.”

“They each have certain needs and each person is different and so you have to work with people individually,” he continues, “but at the same time, you work with them as a team. We like to have the real team spirit. God has given us so many skilled people, different talents, skills, abilities, and personalities. You really are trying to minister to a large group of different people, but at the same time, minister to them as a team. We try to bring everybody in together.”

It is through this dedicated team that is committed to the Lord and His ministry at Mars Hill that the Gospel goes forth and people grow in their faith. And while the message does not change, the times and thus the methods do. “The radio is changing,” Taylor observes. “There’s a lot more of the IT (Information Technology) side to radio than ever before. Programming and voice tracking — it’s a lot different. You’re not spinning records anymore or playing tapes. An IT person is extremely important, and ours has been a real Godsend. He’s so talented and is really up to par on what’s going on.”

In addition to their IT man, they have also hired a Social Media Director. “That is something that we’ve had to add because of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and all that stuff” Taylor notes. “IT and social media is now something that we never even thought of say, 15-years ago.” Mars Hill also has two program directors now and their job description includes a requirement to be computer savvy. “Even our music is selected by software,” says Taylor. “We put the guidelines in of how we want to select music. The program director and the music director, they have to be very familiar with how the computer software works with everything else we do here. So, that’s a big thing. Things are really digital now. Everything is computer.”

While life behind the scenes may be digitalized, radio personalities are still just that — personalities, and they have to have one. “The on-air talent,” explains Taylor, “you look for people who are personable and warm and love the Lord above all things, and convey that on the air.” He adds, “We’re a little different because our music is not quite as ‘contemporary’ as some of the stations in the area. But we strive for a clear message and for music that truly exalts the Lord.”

MHN programming is subject to strict criteria that pass through an extensive vetting process. In this way, the Mars Hill Network maintains its professional integrity and assures that what it puts on the air meets the highest biblical and professional standards, reflecting positively on the network, but even more importantly, on the Lord. Their programming committee, consisting of a number of MHN’s board members and Wayne, exercises considerable thoughtfulness in scrutinizing a potential program. Carefully reviewing content, professionalism, the ability to meet the needs of MHN’s listeners, and the host’s theology and reputation, they prayerfully search deeply into the candidates and their organizations. “We don’t want to have someone who has questions hanging over their head on the air,” notes Taylor, “the programming committee is very careful.”

Additionally, their music committee gets together and reviews music as well. “It’s not
as easy as just pulling down the Top 40 Christian Contemporary Music Chart,” says Wayne. “That would be kind of easy if we were that type of station. There’s nothing wrong with that type of station, but we have to wade through a lot of music to find stuff that fits our format. It takes a lot longer. They use a lot of diligence in selecting music.”

He continues, elaborating, “We’re not unique because we do programming, but in the area that God has given us to minister to — I think because we are heavier in the Bible teaching and that makes us a little unique. We also feel that we’re a bit more concerned about some of our music than some stations might be. Do the lyrics convey a clear truth? Are they written clearly about the things of God? Is it understandable? We’re a little bit lower on the key of the music scale. We’re contemporary, but we’re not head banger stuff. We’re a little bit more mellow.”

The diligence with which MHN approaches their programming content is simply an outgrowth of their guiding philosophy of ministry. “First, we’re here to proclaim the Word of God,” there’s no other reason we’re here,” declares Wayne categorically. “We ask ourselves if we’re ministering to people. Christian radio is predominantly listened to by believers, but we regularly hear from those who have listened and have come to know Christ through the broadcast alone or the broadcast combined with other witness.”

In addition to broadcasting, the Mars Hill Network touches their community with extended ministries, which again, is simply an overflow of who they are. A non-denominational Christian, not-for-profit, multi-media ministry, they have their hand in a number of undertakings that include workshops and seminars hosted by pastors, teachers, and professionals. They also bring Christian concerts into the MHN broadcast region and offer high quality children’s programming supported by MHN Hilltop Kids. The Hilltop Kids ministry focuses on spiritually nourishing children’s events and resources, while engaging in student outreach that works with and offers support to related outreach leaders and organizations. Moreover, they have developed a ministry to the military and their families.

The Mars Hill Network was essentially established in 1966 when God planted the idea in the hearts of a handful of Christians from the Syracuse, New York area. Upon sharing their vision for a radio station in Central New York, they formed a corporation named “Mars Hill Broadcasting.” The moniker was adapted from Acts 17 where the Apostle Paul preached Christ to the Athenians in the market place and on Mars Hill. Bathing the endeavor in prayer, it moved from miracle to miracle and today has grown to an amazing 19 facilities all across New York State.

“We really try to focus on ministering the Word of God,” Taylor reflects. “Our current slogan is, ‘Connecting You with the Bible,’ or ‘Your Bible Connection’ and variations of that. We realize also that when you do that, when you program a lot of Bible teaching programs, you’re narrowing your audience down because it’s easy to listen to Christian music and there’s a place for that and that’s good.” He goes on, “But with teaching, you really have to desire to hear the Word of God and be taught by it. I think that narrows our audience down just a little bit. We understand that. That’s our calling, the mandate God has given our board of directors from the very beginning.”

For more information about the Mars Hill Network, visit their Website at www.marshill-network.org or tune your radio to their flagship station, 102.9 FM.
Church and Ministry Directory


Bethlehem Revival Temple. Pastor Dr. Evelyn L. Parmer. 2010 Virginia Avenue. Niagara Falls, NY 14305. (716) 284-0705. Email: bmfbuffalo@gmail.com. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.


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...ing able to offer a Houghton education, specifically a Christ-centered education, to people that would not normally be able to attend and participate as a traditional campus student we decided to move to online because we wanted to be able to serve an even broader population of individuals across the nation.”

And in its pursuit of serving that broader population, Houghton’s educational expansion has found itself rising to Christ’s mandate in Mark 16:15 in its own unique way, “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’” Conklin elaborates, “We also are able to offer the program internationally, we do have a handful of international students who participate. So that is the primary reason that we switched to online, was to again, be able to broaden the population beyond the western New York area.”

Their foray into the Great Commission includes students from some 14 states and Canada, and there have also been several online students who are U.S. citizens but who are serving or have served abroad as missionaries in both Asia and Africa while enrolled in the program.

The breadth of the program lends itself to shaping a Christian perspective and worldview, thus preparing the student to compete in the marketplace of ideas and bringing light into an arena often obscured by darkness. “You have to think about the approach Houghton really takes to all programs,” says Conklin, “which is, we have to train up our students to function from a Christian perspective and with Christ at the center of what they do, in a non-Christian world.” She continues, “It’s taking God’s Word and then applying it to whatever you feel you’re into and whatever our students may encounter and having that inform the way that they interact in the workplace, decisions that they make, it’s a really critical component to the business world, but any of the major fields that we offer in any of our programs.”

Presently, Houghton’s online degree programs are fully accredited and vetted through New York State and by Middle States as well, using the same accrediting agency that the SUNY system uses. “In the northeast,” observes Casey, “if any of our students wanted to stay true to the institution, they should have no problem transferring our courses. It’s because all of our programs at Houghton being accredited by one of the big seven, Middle States.”

“...and because of that,” she goes on, “our graduate success placement is exceptional after Houghton. Actually this is a statistic that we like to share. We just surveyed the graduating class of 2015 and within six-months of graduating, 100 percent of our graduates were employed or in graduate school. That’s for our online degree programs.”

Houghton offers six different fully online degree programs. Four fall within the business field, one is a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, while the sixth is an Associate’s Degree, which would generally be considered a two-year program. However, it usually takes students 15 to 18 months to complete the Associate’s program so it is not a stretch to consider it an accelerated program. According to Conklin, however, the rigorous pace is not unique to the Associate’s Degree. “I can also speak to the timelines for each of these programs,” she says emphatically, “They’re definitely considered accelerated programs.”

The format of each class is unique to the individual program and can include a combination of reading, recorded video lectures, support sessions via Skype or Google chat, and/or preset online instructional content. Structurally, the online program features three semesters per year with sessions scheduled in the fall, spring, and summer.

Houghton’s DEP has enjoyed a considerable degree of success, so much so that plans are underway to expand the program. “We have plans to expand the online program and are currently looking at several programs of graduate study,” says Conklin. “Houghton was approved last year to offer an M.B.A. that will be fully online and that is scheduled to launch in the fall of 2019.” Continuing she explains, “That will be the first of several graduate programs that Houghton intends to roll in the next ten-years online.”

Houghton College’s Distance Education Program may be 100 percent online, but graduates participate in the commencement program on the main campus with the rest of the student body. “They actually graduate within the department that their program is from,” explains Ms. Conklin. “Business students will actually walk with our business students on the main campus as well. For us, we say, One Houghton.” Whether you’re in Buffalo or Utica, it is Houghton College and it is considered the same caliber, the same level of excellence as continued on page 31

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Building God’s Kingdom At Liberty Temple Ministries

By Susan LeDoux

Plans are in progress at 144 Reynolds Street, in Rochester, to build a new worship center that will abut the current Liberty Temple Ministries Church of God in Christ.

Pastor Charles Simmons and his wife, Evangelist Rachel Simmons, spoke with The Good News about Liberty Temple Ministries and its initiative to expand the church’s footprint between Little Street and Samuel McCree Way. Once the new building is constructed, the “old” church will provide room for overflow, serve as an all-purpose area, and house the kitchen, offices, as well as a fellowship hall to serve the community.

Pastor Simmons is the first to admit this part of the city is in need of services. Once an Italian enclave, for years the black population called the area home. Now many residents are Somalian, Nigerian, Hispanic, and Caucasian, making ministry “competitive,” according to Simmons. While the Word of God never changes, the church needs to reach out to, not only millennials, but to the world with all its different peoples.

Simmons knows the challenges facing his flock. He noted one out of ten black males graduates high school in Rochester. The dismal graduation rate reflects poverty on every level, from scarcity in the home to no sense of hope. For years, Pastor Simmons worked for the city school district, patrolling the city and visiting homes of children at risk. Currently he and members of Liberty Temple Ministries minister to families of children in near-by School 4 and School 2.

“I would find children had no food, no buttons for their coats. They would come to school to eat. Children can’t learn when they’re hungry,” he said.

Then there is poverty of hope. In his work with Rochester’s Judicial Process Commission, Simmons mentored inmates to help them prepare for their pending release.

“It was frustrating. After mentoring them, many would return to their old ways and say they didn’t have a choice.”

With more space, Liberty Temple Ministries members will be able to expand their food and clothing distribution, which is held on the third Saturday of the month. They will also have more room for their youth department, so youngsters receive a solid Gospel education and learn, unlike recently freed inmates, they do have choices.

Since the church owns much of the real estate surrounding it, they hope to renovate the home across the street so it can provide shelter for a person in need. Since their presence in the neighborhood, already prostitution on Little Street has dropped markedly.

Other area churches have come forward to donate to their building campaign, reflecting unity among Christ’s people. In the same manner, Liberty Temple Ministries helped neighboring churches with their projects. For example, they joined with others in a health and wellness fair. They entertained the neighborhood with Gospel music when several churches blocked off the streets for music and food celebration.

Besides donations from other city churches, they run their own campaign projects, such as offering meals, entertainment from the youth’s Sunshine Band, and a special Valentine’s Day project by Mary Williams. She decorates large and small empty canisters, which can be filled with various items, or would even make excellent pencil/pen holders.

As part of the Church of God in Christ denomination, member churches from the district, which ranges from Lackawanna to the west and south down to Binghamton, are donating to
Liberty Temple Ministries’ campaign as well.
Church of God in Christ is a Pentecostal-Holiness Christian denomination, comprised of more than 12,000 churches throughout the United States and its over 6.5 million members live in every state of the Union. This large African American Pentecostal church extends into 87 other countries.

Pastor Simmons founded Liberty Temple Ministries Church of God in Christ in 1997 with five members meeting in the home of Julius Williams on Genesee Park Blvd. They later moved to what was once Metropolitan Funeral Home on Montgomery Street. After merging with Lighthouse Church, it now calls 144 Reynolds Street home.

Pastor Simmons believes in the Five Fold Ministry, in which the five spiritual gifts, that include apostolic ministry, pastoral ministry, teaching ministry, remain active in the church today. He practices healing ministry, when people gather on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of the month for “evangelistic” worship.

“Some people find the informality more comfortable and they are more likely to attend the evening service,” he said. He added, many have been healed over the years.

When asked what message he would like to share with the readers, Pastor Simmons shared their vision: “To communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our world. To transform our world one person at a time through discipleship. To create a biblical community through Church School and biblically-focused, culturally relevant corporate worship...changing lives, changing families, and changing our world.

Their mission is to “lead people to a vital and personal faith in Jesus Christ and help them grow to maturity so that they might reproduce themselves (as disciples) and become involved in edifying (building up) the Kingdom of God. This will be accomplished through effective witnessing, focusing on the entire family, providing programs and activities that will educate, train, and equip believers to live a life that emulates and models Christ.”

Lady Rachel added that all are welcome. Their is a church without walls.

For more information about Liberty Temple Ministries Church of God in Christ, and about Pastor Simmons, visit http://www.libertytempleministries.org/

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Compelling New Book by Pastor Guy Goodell Leverages Decades Of Walking With God

By Rick Kern

Try as we might, we can’t stop the world, the flesh, and the devil from unleashing their fury like a fierce storm against God’s people. And like the unnatural disaster that they are, we see them coming as the winds howl their warning, the skies grow dark and forbidding, and reality gets right in our face! Walking with the Lord is so much more than attending church, having our quiet time, going to Bible study, and tithing… There is a storm bearing down on humanity, a storm like many before it and like many that will follow — it is simply called Christianity.

Reverend Guy Goodell, Ph.D., pastor of Greater Glens Falls Bible Baptist Church of Hudson Falls, New York, is a seasoned warrior who has labored some six-plus decades in the ministry. Pastor Guy has been around more than a few spiritual corners and has not only weathered many a storm but helped others weather theirs.

“The most challenging things in my case, would be dealing with problems in people’s lives — helping them deal with problems when they don’t want to apply a biblical principle to their problem,” observes Goodell. “They want God to perform a miracle, take away the problem or take them out of the problem, but they don’t want to apply the principles to the situation.”

It is a struggle that can be framed in terms of light against darkness, truth against pretense, and religion against relationship. Any way you cut it, the “good fight” that is described in 1 Timothy 6:12, is still a fight! And contending for the faith as Jude urged us to do in Jude 1:3 is still contending!

Christians are charged with taking up spiritual arms against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12). It is not a pretend storm nor is it a pretend war; it is not a war of words, a blustery public relations campaign, or fierce gales of theological hot air that a wicked wolf huffs and puffs to blow a church down. For though it may not be against flesh and blood it is a very costly and very real spiritual conflict — a war of attrition relentlessly waged in heavenly places with unthinkable casualties.

And while a meaningful walk with the Lord can be extreme in a world that is at enmity with somehow in a way that could only be God, the first part of Isaiah 61:3 found a way to become alive in their lives, “and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.” Goodell spoke into their lives as they weathered this heartbreaking storm. “I counseled this young couple and they ended up creating an orphanage ministry,” he reflected. “They started taking in children and they actually turned a bad experience in their lives, painful experience, into something really productive and I integrated that with the principles in the book itself.”

For those who are willing, there are always ways to make life’s crises work for you as opposed to against you. Maybe it is better put that there are always ways to make crises work for God rather than against Him as we deny ourselves take up the cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

And with over 60-plus years in the ministry, experiencing God’s faithfulness has enabled Goodell to grasp and rely on passages such as, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world,” (John 16:33). And, “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” (Acts 14:22 b). Or even more daunting, “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword,” (Matthew 10:34). Is a giv-
— a promise we are ill at ease in claiming! We will have trouble, we will go through hardship, and we will face that sword… Certainly, Pastor Guy has penned a book whose time has come because the storm will strike; it is not a question of if, but when! That being the reality, doesn’t the voice of experience become a critical asset when tasked with taking a spiritual beachhead? Especially when the author transparently applied those values to his own life?

“All of the principles that are listed in the book are principles that I actually implemented in my own life. It’s just that I never really thought about putting it into a packaged form before, to where I could just simply hand it to people,” says Goodell. Initially the principles found their way into a booklet and from there they became a sermon series. Ultimately the messages matured and became a book at the suggestion of Goodell’s wife. “I spent about six months just going over and over Acts, Chapter 27, reviewing the principles that I had from the brochure. I then moved into integrating that story about this young couple and the loss of their children and how the worst possible crisis that you face may actually be something that God is getting ready to use for something greater in your life.”

Pastor Guy G. Goodell is a man with a mandate! He has pastored for decades and has preached everywhere from prisons to street corners. He has founded churches and fought for Christian education rights all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court where he emerged victorious. Goodell has also conducted over 200 seminars for various Christian educators’ conventions, helped establish churches and training centers in Haiti. Additionally, he has established Bible colleges and seminaries in Romania and several former Soviet Union countries.

All this on top of multiple articles for countless news outlets and Christian publishing groups, the authorship of numerous books, and the creation and leadership of the Strength for Living Counseling Center through his local church. And as if all this wasn’t enough, he shepherds Greater Glens Falls Bible Baptist Church, located in Hudson Falls, New York, while recently making a commitment to author one book a year until the Lord takes him home.

For more information about purchasing “What to Do When Your Storm Strikes” or Greater Glens Falls Bible Baptist Church visit www.ggfbbc.org or call (518)-747-5830.
Light Of The World Ballet Brings Technical Excellence And Ministry Together To Reach The Community

By Melanie Smith

The prominence of the arts in our world and culture currently presents a wonderful opportunity for the Body of Christ to influence and take ground for the Kingdom. Christian ministries utilizing dance, drama, art, etc. and rooted in purity, integrity, and Christ’s love, are able to bring the Gospel into places and to crowds that would otherwise be unreachable or disinterested. Light of the World Ballet is a striking example of this. Based on scripture, Light of the World Ballet strives to bring technical excellence and ministry together to reach the community and the nations. The nonprofit organization, consisting of a professional ballet company, a trainee program, and a ballet school, is focused on developing Christ-like character and a lifestyle of purity and love.

Light of the World Ballet had its beginnings in 2005, and is now in its 13th year of operation. It was started by Ashley Rollinson, who is a mature Christian and professional ballet dancer. Ms. Rollinson trained and danced professionally with Ballet Magnificat!, a prestigious Christian company located near Jackson, Mississippi. She was with Ballet Magnificat! for seven years (toured 6 years with Alpha Company) before returning to her hometown of Syracuse, New York. Upon her return, she was led to found Light of the World Ballet and currently heads up the ministry as director, along with a wonderful board of experienced, godly men and women.

The leadership is entirely led by the Holy Spirit and seeks His will in all areas and decisions.

Ms. Rollinson began with a small group of little girls in the basement of a church. Today Light of the World Ballet is located in Eastwood Plaza with two spacious state-of-the-art studios. Here classes are held for students of all ages, ranging from the three and four year old Pre-ballets to the high school age Ballet 7s. Along with excellence in dance, Christ-like character is a priority. Each class is begun with prayer, and weekly Bible times are held with each of the levels to develop the students from the inside out. The young dancers are trained in ballet, and as they progress and grow, modern dance, poine, and conditioning. Older students have the opportunity to be a part of the Youth Ballet. The Youth Ballet is designed to be a safe environment for dancers to grow in their performance and outreach ministry. Participants learn Light of the World Ballet repertoire, how to set up and strike the props, floor, and costumes, and perform several times a year at venues ranging from adult homes to community centers to the mall in Syracuse. After each performance the dancers interact with their audience and offer prayer and encouragement, and whenever able, the Gospel.

For those who are out of high school and wish to continue their dance and ministry education, Light of the World Ballet’s trainee program is a wonderful opportunity. The program is typically two years long, and draws dancers from all over the nation with the goal of becoming skilled in unconventional ministry. It consists of technique classes, rehearsals, performances, teacher training, health and anatomy, and ministry training. Trainees are taught to write and share personal testimonies, lead devotions, build relationships, and cultivate a lifestyle of following Christ and reaching out to the people they come in contact with on a daily basis. Trainees perform many times a year, often with the company, or Youth Ballet, but also alone, and put into practice the training that they receive. Again, the dancers learn how to setup and strike, to share over the microphone and simply speak encouragement into the lives of their audiences, large or small.

Leading Light of the World Ballet is the company, composed of professionals from many different states and backgrounds. These mature and accomplished dancers move to Syracuse to perform and travel, teach in the school and trainee program, pray, choreograph, and carry out many other vital functions of the ministry. Each Company member has Christ as her focus and strives to live and lead with wisdom and integrity. Light of the World Ballet company members perform a repertoire of story ballets and single pieces choreographed by Ms. Rollinson and company member Cayla Noreau. Each piece or story communicates a message and has a purpose. Light of the World Ballet’s desire is to be a light in the darkness, wherever that may be.

The company has presented at conferences, churches, prisons, theaters, orphanages, hospitals, public and private schools, refugee centers, and many other venues. Twice a year, at Christmas and in the springtime, Light of the World Ballet holds large performances that involve the entire ministry. The Company, trainees, and school come together to put on a professional production with the aim of worshipping the King and sharing the Gospel.

Light of the World Ballet’s vision for bringing light to the darkness extends far beyond the borders of the United States. The Company travels overseas two times a year, and has been to China, India, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Peru, Burma (Myanmar), and Israel. They have performed in Chinese government theaters, for Hindu school and college audiences and a leper colony in India, a children’s ward.
in the Philippines, and on the historical Southern Steps in Jerusalem, Israel. Using the art of dance to transcend language barriers, Light of the World Ballet is able to communicate the love of the Gospel message around the globe. Each trip has brought forth unique fruit and changed lives. This 2018 Light of the World Ballet is very excited to travel to Hungary and Slovakia, reaching Europe for the first time.

Light of the World Ballet’s activity is not limited to the regular school year classes and performances. Each summer, three programs take place for dancers of all ages. Firstly, Ballerina Camp is enjoyed by ballerinas ages three to nine. Students take part in worship and Bible times, ballet technique class, craft time, and learn a dance to share with their families at the close of the week. For ages eight to twelve, the Jr. Summer Dance Outreach is an exciting time to dance and learn how to use dance for outreach. The Jr. SDOers take ballet technique, are introduced to ministry training, and learn choreography to share in an outreach performance at the end of a fun-filled time.

Finally, Summer Dance Outreach, for ages ten to nineteen, is a two week intensive packed with activity and learning opportunities. The first week, young dancers from around the country take part in a full day of challenging ballet, pointe, modern and conditioning classes and rehearsals to prepare for the second week of performances all around the city of Syracuse. A story ballet is put together and testimonies are written and practiced to be shared with diverse audiences at sites including a refugee center, an adult home, and a children’s hospital.

The students build friendships and bond over the course of two weeks to form a close knit group of powerful young ministers in the heart of New York State.

Light of the World’s ministry is certainly unconventional. Aside from dancing, Light of the World Ballet company, staff, trainees, and students are regularly in prayer for new ways to reach the community and beyond. Recently, company members and trainees engaged in twelve hours of continuous prayer. Each dancer took a two hour watch to cover different topics and simply seek God’s will. The effects continue to show. LWB has also put together outreach performances in the local mall and been involved in park outreaches organized in conjunction with local churches.

Light of the World Ballet is committed to being a light in the darkness of this world, and is a powerful example of how the arts can be used for God’s glory.

For more information about upcoming performances, programs, bookings and to donate (LWB is a 501(c) 3 not for profit), visit lightoftheworldballet.com and like Light of the World Ballet’s page on Facebook!
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The Ben Johnson Family singers
Letourneau Christian Center Focuses On Bringing God’s Word To Young People

By Susan LeDoux

Jamie Fischer, Director of LeTourneau Christian Center, told The Good News Psalm 90:17 was the prayer of his heart for the ministry at LeTourneau (located on the east shore of Canandaigua Lake in Rushville, New York).

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.” (Psalm 90:17)

After 30 years under the stewardship of Family Life Ministries, Fischer said the deed and control of the vision of this ministry passed to LeTourneau’s staff and Board of Directors in November 2015. Since then, “the primary ‘work of our hands,’ and the heartbeat of this ministry, has been to build up the Kingdom of God,” Fischer said.

According to their vision, “building the Kingdom” means building up God’s people as they partner 100% with local churches and Christian organizations, hosting Gospel centered events, providing children’s ministries, and building a vibrant youth and young adults discipleship ministry.

The Good News talked with Fischer about current and new programs as well as plans going forward. He described three main conduits for LeTourneau’s kingdom building.

● The gift of hospitality, through hosting Christian churches and organizations, allows LeTourneau to partner with each group to help build up their ministries. “A substantial amount of prayer goes into each group’s time with us. (We hope) to provide things that will be a blessing to them.”

For the last two years, staff has renovated buildings, updated decor, and built additions, so guests will enjoy their stay at LeTourneau. However, Fischer was very clear it is about God’s property, not LeTourneau’s.

“We are not in it for the recognition or the building up of LeTourneau Christian Center. We are investing all our resources into maximizing our potential to build God’s Kingdom for His glory and the joy of His people.”

With Bob Anderson on board as project manager, they hope to start construction on a recreation park. The first stage will be an obstacle course and paintball field, with other elements, like low and high rope courses, later.

● With 20 years experience in youth ministry, Fischer is passionate about LeTourneau’s two new discipleship programs for youth and young adults.

The first program, “The Way Summer Discipleship Program” focuses on bringing God’s Word to bear upon young peoples’ lives. We want young people to see God and His glory through the Word, and respond in total commitment to the call of God upon their lives. (We desire each one) to have an encounter with God as Isaiah did in Chapter 6 of the Book of Isaiah. We believe every believer must have a moment when they repent and humbly surrender to God’s call.” Fischer hopes they will respond as Isaiah did: “Here I am! Send me!”

For eight to ten weeks in the summer, participants attend Bible classes, grow in daily accountability, and encounter valuable mentoring from the staff and godly volunteers.

The second program, “The Way School of Discipleship,” is a one-year program designed for students who have encountered the Lord and committed their lives to Him. We desire to give students a foundation in God’s Word, a confidence in bringing that Word to the surrounding culture, and to provide them with godly mentors during this stage of life.”

Students are high school graduates up to age 24. Most devote the year between high school and college or the year prior to entering the work force. They attend classes on Old and New Testaments, theology, studies in church history, hermeneutics, Biblical counseling, worldview, apologetics, and spiritual formation. The program will give them a foundation in Christian ministry and the ability to take the Gospel wherever God may lead them. Graduates will be equipped in a professional sense as well by participating in various jobs such as landscaping, grounds maintenance, and culinary arts, while engaging in missional activities focusing mostly on children’s and youth outreach.

● LeTourneau creates Gospel centered impact events for the community and local believers. They have six weeks of children’s day camps in the summer to introduce the youngsters to God and Jesus Christ through the Gospel. This year, they hope to add one or two weeks of overnight children’s camps and a three-day family camp to do even more for the community.

According to Fischer, the day camp for children has grown from about 50-60 three summers ago, to nearly 200 served last year. The camps are based on themes such as cooking, wilderness, arts, or sports.

They also collaborate with groups from the inner city, often joining other churches to offer
Camp Cherith Of Western NY’s New Nature Center

By Carolyn Pollock

We are very excited about opening a new nature center building for the upcoming camp season. Everyone knows that camp is synonymous with outdoor learning fun, and now we have the space and a new layout in which to explore and learn. We are thrilled about being able to display nature’s treasures in an attractive, spacious lay-out in close proximity to a pond, meadows, woods and stream.

This new space will allow us to expand opportunities for enriched experiences for our campers including nature crafts. We envision this space over-run by children who are learning to appreciate the intricate and beautiful designs God created for us to enjoy on this side of heaven. During some weeks where there is lots of rain, the design will let us offer an activity that feels like being outdoors, even when that would be uncomfortable and impractical.

Built to honor the memory of one of our long time staff who headed our nature program, this venue is being called Eaglet’s Nature Center. Eaglet was the bird name for Elizabeth Thomson, as all staff associated with camp follow the tradition of taking bird names.

The building was constructed last fall by Xtreme Contracting who did a fabulous job. Only a few interior details remain to be finished. The nature center is just one among a cluster of activity areas which includes the archery and rifle ranges, the boating and fishing area with the pond, the horse pasture, swimming pool and the pavilion.

It’s not too soon to be thinking about a God-centered camping experience for your child, grandchild, neighbor or co-worker’s child. All you need to know will be found on the web at www.campcherithwny.org.
Camp Li-Lo-Li: What’s In A Name… Life, Love, And The Light Of God

By Rick Kern

In biblical times, names were tied to identities. For example in Genesis 32:22-31, Jacob wrestled with God all night and wouldn’t let Him go unless He blessed him. The blessing was a new name — Israel, and yet it was more than a moniker, it was an identity. Jacob means “one who supplants,” it described who he was and was not exactly a compliment. However, Israel, on the other hand means, “he who strives with God” and it is quite fitting after an entire night of struggling with the Lord until He blessed Jacob.

Similarly, Camp Li-Lo-Li also has a name that reflects its identity: “Life, Love, and Light of God,” and that is exactly who they are. The solace of a serene, secluded rural setting provides much needed relief from the high-charged pressurized atmospheres kids of all ages are forced to grow up in today. Li-Lo-Li is a cell phone free zone as children trade video games, Facebook, and the Web for sleeping beneath the stars, going fishing, and filling their faces with s’mores around the campfire. And while they are certain to broaden their horizons, they are even more certain to grow closer to the Lord.

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Whatever new changes Camp Li-Lo-Li and its staff are pursuing; they are all to further its original purpose which is timeless and bears repeating: “to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of God’s Word to children, youth, and families in a rural camp setting.” All the activities, amenities, and upgrades from the zip line to the pool to the new craft cabin, are there to win souls and strengthen hearts. Benson weighs in, “I would trust we’re all operating with the single mind of making disciples, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Word of God. I just think that is what might differentiate us — the different activities that we do offer ultimately help and support the mission of making disciples.”

What Camp Li-Lo-Li is confusing; it’s a fantastic Christian camp plain and simple. Who it is can be found in its name and is best described by Jon Benson. “Ultimately, it’s the Life, Love and Light of Christ. In Him was life, the life was the light of men, He is the light of the world, here in His love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us. So it’s all reflected around the person of Christ in His mission and in God’s desire for a relationship with mankind.”

He goes on, “So He brings light, He demonstrates love, and He sheds light on His Word and from this world, from this earth that we live in, to know and be able to see God. All of our ministry and particularly, for our camp sessions. We’ll be focused on demonstrating all three of those. You can have life in Christ. You can know the love of God through Christ and you can shine forth the light through Christ for the world around us.”

To learn more visit their website at www.liloli.org or call them at (716) 945-4900.

Houghton College’s Distance Education Program Built On A Relevant Christ-Centered Education

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you would receive on our main campus.”

That quality was acknowledged in a big way not long ago as Houghton found itself awarded for being in the Top 25 Best Online Universities and Colleges. “Houghton College’s online degree programs were lauded recently by Christian Universities Online (CUO),” says Conklin, “which included the college in its list of Top 25 Online Christian Colleges and Universities.”

And while those types of accolades from their colleagues are deeply meaningful, Houghton makes every effort to stay true to the faith they were founded on, applying the Bible to all of life. “Like I mentioned,” Casey reiterates passionately, “our faith is really infused into every aspect of the program so really delving into Scripture and determining how our faith forms what it is they’re studying in particular is key.” She goes on, “I can really only comment broadly because we offer so many different programs. It applies differently depending on what field the students are working in.”

Celebrated for its principally conventional campus, Houghton’s expansion into the addition of a fully online degree format integrates its superior education with learners needing greater flexibility and innovation. Whether they need to navigate a full-time job schedule and study in the evenings, are stay-at-home parents, or are simply looking for the academic dexterity of a non-residential college experience — Houghton’s DEP has it!

In the last analysis, simply stated, the “true north” of Houghton College’s Distance Education Program is none other than their mission statement, “At Houghton College, we prepare our students to become global contributors empowered by a challenging education taught in a vibrant online community and grounded in a relevant Christ-centered context.”
The Parable Of The Goblet

A Passover Tale

By Vincent & Deborah Aquilino, Co-Directors of The Prayer and Healing Rooms of Greater Syracuse

It was a hot afternoon. The searing sun beat down on an already scorched earth. The waves of heat reached upward toward the heavens, pleading for water. The desert was dry and barren, but hidden beneath the sun baked surface were seeds, waiting to be transformed. The outer covering of the seeds were like the desert itself -- dry, hardened, seemingly lifeless; but inside, they were full of life-giving potential.

The next day, the heavens opened, and the rain came down. It began to soak into the dry, hardened ground and, slowly, the seeds softened as they absorbed the life-giving water. The transformation began. In time, the seeds burst forth into a panoramic array of colors and shapes, transforming the barren wasteland.

Some of the seeds became large trees which gave shade and respite to the weary travelers that passed by during the day, but the smaller trees were cut down and used to make fires which warmed the travelers at night. The smallest of the trees, observing the fate of its companions, began to question the meaning of life; had it been raised up only to be burned in the fire? Was this all the meaning the tree’s life would have? It yearned to have more purpose, to make a difference. It spread out its branches and leaves as far as it could, thankful it was no longer a dry, hardened seed -- but it yearned for something more.

Then one day the little tree was cut down, hauled away and put in a pile to dry. The scorching sun once again beat down and brought dryness to the wood. Through long, hot days and cold evenings, the little tree waited to learn its destiny to the wood. Through long, hot days and cold evenings, the little tree waited to learn its destiny to the wood. The transformation began. In time, the seeds softened as they absorbed the life-giving water. The goblet became tormented with thoughts of vengeance.

The goblet was completed, and it was soon purchased by the keeper of a local inn, where it settled into its new life’s work. In that inn, the goblet discovered many other beautiful works created by the master carpenter. They became close friends. The goblet was thrilled to be of use and poured itself into fulfilling its destiny. It was wonderful to be able to bring relief and comfort to the thirsty, weary travelers that somehow found their way to this place along the highway. It was exhilarating to have meaning and purpose. It was a joy to be a blessing to so many.

Then one day an angry traveler threw the goblet into the fire. The goblet was terrified. Although the innkeeper quickly retrieved it, one side of its finely-chiseled exterior was badly charred. It turned to the carpenter’s other works for sympathy and help, but all they offered was ridicule. The handsome goblet, once full of life-giving water, was no longer perfect. And now, in a time of need, its friends had rejected it. It was deeply wounded.

At first, there was just disbelief that such a thing could have happened, but it did not take long before the disbelief turned into feelings of rejection and betrayal, causing the wounds to fester. Joy was no longer the goblet’s life-expression and because of its wounding, the goblet could no longer be a blessing. The sense of fulfillment quickly turned to despair. The goblet’s purpose, given by its creator, had been destroyed. The goblet became obsessed with telling everyone how hurt it was and what an awful thing its friends had done. The life-giving waters became bitter, and the bitterness infected everyone that the goblet came in contact with.

The goblet began to withdraw from life. All it could think about was the betrayal and the wounding. The bitterness turned to anger and then to hatred. Its joy had been stolen through the thoughtless act of an angry traveler, and so the goblet became tormented with thoughts of vengeance.
The goblet was miserable for a long time, but then one day it started to yearn for the way things once were. A life of bitterness and isolation was no life at all. It tried to forget the hurt and wounding but was helpless to overcome the negative thoughts that tormented it. It could not figure out how to get rid of these feelings. Then one evening, the goblet recognized its creator, sitting at a table eating supper with his companions. In pain, shame, and disgrace, it cried out to its creator--and because of the carpenter’s great love for his creation, he willingly answered:

“Your well has been poisoned by bitterness and unforgiveness, but if you will forgive your tormenters, I will heal your wounds, recreate you and restore you to a greater purpose. Because you have turned toward me, I will again fill you with live-giving waters.”

The goblet was obedient to the creator and was suddenly able to forgive its friends. The carpenter took the goblet to his shop, chiseled away the charred portion, reshaped it, and etched it with exquisite carvings. Its time of torment and despair was over.

The master carpenter was so pleased with how the goblet turned out that he kept it as his own. The goblet became the master’s favorite vessel. The master packed the goblet into a sack and used it everywhere he went. The goblet no longer had to fear the fire, because it was safe in the master’s hand.

In due time, the goblet was placed before the master at a banquet table in an upper room. He was thoroughly cleansed and prepared for this very special supper. At one point during the meal, the master raised the goblet, and when he had given thanks, passed it to his companions, and they all drank from it. The master declared that the goblet contained his own precious blood, the blood of a new covenant, which was to be shed for many for the remission of sin.

The goblet had become the third cup in the Passover supper, the cup of redemption that represented the forgiveness of sin for all mankind. Its final destiny was fulfilled. It had become a blessing to all who partook of the living waters.

And its joy was exceedingly great.

The Bible instructs us to prepare the way and to take the stumbling block out of the way of God’s people (Isaiah 57:14). There can be no bigger stumbling block to receiving healing than unforgiveness caused by rejection and betrayal—but we must forgive from our heart, so He can forgive us and restore us to the position He has ordained from before the foundation of the earth.

“And someone will say to him, ‘What are these wounds in your hands?’ Then he will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’” (Zec 13:6)

Jesus was also wounded in the house of his friends and yet, when He hung from the cross in pain, shame and disgrace, he said “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Can we, who are his vessels, do any less?

There can be no greater stumbling block to receiving healing than unforgiveness caused by rejection and betrayal— but we must forgive, so He can forgive us. At the Prayer and Healing Rooms of Greater Syracuse, we encounter many wounded vessels in need of a touch from the Master. No matter what the stumbling blocks are to healing or unanswered prayer, as we agree and seek the Lord’s presence, we see a loving Jesus meet needs, as well as touch and heal people from physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

Are you ready to forgive from your heart and be recreated and restored by the Master?

He commanded it. Forgive!

The Prayer and Healing Rooms of Greater Syracuse are open Thursdays from 3-8 PM in historic Victorian Square, 526 Old Liverpool Road, Building #2, Suite #7, Liverpool, NY 13088. For additional information, please call (315) 393-9674 or visit the web site at http:// healingsyracuse.com. For a Healing Room near you, visit www.healingrooms.com.
Christ For All Nations Preaches The Gospel In The Middle Of A World Torn Apart By Death, Pain, And Sin…

By Rick Kern

“We preach the Gospel in the middle of a world torn apart by death, pain, and sin…” observes Evangelist Daniel Kolenda, president and CEO of Christ for All Nations (CFAN). And they do! However, their preaching is best characterized by 1 Corinthians 2:4, “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.” For example, in Tamale, Ghana, a 28-year old man, who was deaf in the left ear from birth, felt fire come on his ear from the very first shout, and suddenly realized he could hear. And in Daloa, Ivory Coast, a woman, whose leg was swollen several times the normal size for three years, said that suddenly, during the prayer, the swelling went down. Her leg was completely normal. The Harare, Zimbabwe meeting had a man attending who had a fist-sized lump in his stomach for the last 21-years, who said that it instantly vanished during the prayer!

Perhaps the greater miracle was that during the Africa campaign, like every region CFAN holds meetings in, literally tens of thousands of people surrendered their lives to the Lord. In fact, since 1987, through a host of major events in Africa and other parts of the world, the ministry has recorded more than 77 million documented decisions for Jesus Christ and they have no plans to slow down.

Daniel Kolenda is the successor to world renowned Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, founder of Christ for All Nations; a ministry which has conducted some of the largest evangelistic events in history. They have published over 190 million books in 104 languages and have offices in ten nations around the world. In addition, Kolenda also hosts an internationally syndicated television program.

Daniel is a gifted, fifth-generation preacher whose ministry is marked by a powerful evangelistic anointing and incredible miracles after the model of Jesus; preaching, teaching and healing. During his tenure, CFAN says that the blind have received their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear. Kolenda reportedly even says he has seen the dead raised, but most importantly, the poor have the Gospel preached to them — and respond.

While Kolenda is a graduate of Southeastern University and the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry, his greatest education has come from the years of ministry side-by-side with his mentor and spiritual father Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke.

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Reinhard Bonnke is primarily known for his Great Gospel Crusades throughout the continent of Africa. The son of a pastor, Reinhard gave his life to the Lord at age nine, and heard the call to the African mission field before he was even a teenager. After attending Bible College in Wales and his ordination in Germany, he pastored a church and then went on to start missionary work in Africa. It was there, in the small mountain kingdom of Lesotho, that God
placed upon his heart the vision of ‘the continent of Africa, being washed in the precious Blood of Jesus’ — an entire continent that needed to be reached and to hear the proclamation of the Gospel with signs and wonders following.

Evangelist Bonnke began holding meetings in a tent that accommodated some 800 people. As attendance steadily increased, however, larger and larger tents had to be purchased, until finally, in 1984, he commissioned the construction of the world’s largest mobile structure — a tent capable of seating 34,000 people! Soon, attendance at his meetings even exceeded the capacity of this huge structure and he began open-air Gospel Campaigns with an initial gathering of over 150,000 people per service! Since then, he has conducted city-wide meetings across Africa with as many as 1,600,000 people attending a single meeting using powerful sound systems that can be heard for miles.

Russell Benson is the International Director of Christ for All Nations and has worked closely with Daniel Kolenda for years. He came to CFAN about eight years ago and is a key player in all God is doing through the ministry. “What has this ministry, in a thumbnail, been all about?” It’s been about souls,” says Benson. “There’s nothing that burns in Reinhard’s heart, there’s nothing that burns in Daniel’s heart or anyone who serves in the leadership of this ministry, more than salvation. We put everything into that.” He adds, “We have been so blessed by God. Reinhard wouldn’t say this, he’s a humble man of God, but what God has done with his ministry and Daniel’s ministry, I believe, may be unprecedented, ever! It really is extraordinary and we praise God and give Him all the glory for what He has done and what He is doing to this day.”

Benson, who has been in pastoral ministry since he was 20-years old, wears many hats for CFAN. “I oversee the administration of the global offices. I also oversee our Fire Conferences, which we do all over the world. We actually just got finished with a Fire Conference in Jacksonville, Florida and we’re planning one in Charlotte, North Carolina, Budapest, Hungary, Germany, and in 2019, we’ll have about four or five others,” he explains. “I oversee those as well and I also do some preaching. I do some of the ministry as well at some of the conferences, even on the crusade, I’ll preach at times. I keep busy and it’s awesome and it’s wonderful to serve the Lord.”

In his capacity as International Director, Benson has a strong handle on the priorities and inner workings of CFAN; among them is their commitment to working with the local church. “God has called us to work closely with the local church,” he notes. “We believe in the five-fold ministry. The evangelist needs the pastor, the pastor needs the evangelist. God has called us to do it together.” Continuing he says, “We don’t go above the church, below the church or around the church. Evangelism always flows through the local church. We live by that and spend a lot of time, money, and effort doing it.”

As mentioned, CFAN is also recognized for hosting Fire Conferences in many different countries of the world. These are events that are aimed at equipping church leaders and workers for evangelism. They have also distributed over 95,500,000 copies of “Minus to Plus,” a profound salvation message, to homes around the world as they seek for every opportunity to reach and to save the lost.

More recently, Bonnke and his team have spent several years developing the “Full Flame Film Series,” which is made up of eight inspirational films aimed at inspiring and challenging the church to Holy Spirit evangelism.

While much of CFAN’s focus has been in Africa, the Lord has led them all across the globe from America to Asia and everywhere in between. Wherever they serve, however, they have no illusions about the need for prayer. “Prayer has always been a key, I believe, to the success of the ministry of CFAN,” Benson declares. “We’ve had prayer coordinators employed by our ministry to organize rallies and to get people to pray. We realize that there is spiritual warfare, and that we not only battle against flesh and blood, powers and principalities, but we understand that prayer is important.”

In fact it is so important that CFAN mobilizes multitudes to intercede and beseech God’s Spirit to move through their events. Benson adds, “We do a lot regarding prayer. We have tens of thousands of prayer partners around the world that are praying, day in and day out for the ministry, for the leadership, and most importantly, for the people coming to our Gospel crusades.”

In the last analysis, though cultures may differ, the message is the same for in God’s eyes CFAN sees all people equally treasured. “When we go into a region, we work with the local churches, we find just a real willingness globally, for churches to work together to see a Gospel crusade happen and to see people, as Reinhard likes to say, ‘Rally around the cross of Calvary,’” Benson continues. “We ask people to drop their denominational dime and come to the foot of the cross together for the sake of lifting up the name of Jesus. We really find a willingness for that to happen in Christians, in churches, in leadership, wherever we go around the world. There’s really more similarities than differences.”

Those similarities can be shared among believers this April 25th - 28th, at the Attwell Centre in Toronto, Ontario at CFAN’s Light The Fire Again Conference. They are anticipating attendees from all around the world to have an encounter with God like never before and expecting a once-in-a-lifetime gathering. An impressive roster of scheduled speakers includes Reinhard Bonnke, Daniel Kolenda, Rick Joyner, Dr. Michael Brown, and several others.

For more information about Christ for All Nations, visit their Website at www.cfan.org or call (407) 854-4400.
Casting Crowns Is Coming To The Mid-Hudson Civic Center In Poughkeepsie On April 26

(Nashville, Tenn.) - Multi-platinum selling and GRAMMY® winning group Casting Crowns will hit the road in 2018 for the final leg of its hugely successful “The Very Next Thing” Tour, featuring special guests I AM THEY. “The Very Next Thing” Tour has hit 100 major markets since Fall 2016, resulting in some of the most successful shows of Casting Crowns’ career. With multiple sold-out performances and an overall attendance topping 435,000, “The Very Next Thing” Tour has become the most attended Crowns tour since 2008.

Presented by Compassion International, the 30-city spring leg of “The Very Next Thing” Tour runs from March to early May of 2018, with tickets on sale now in most markets. “The Very Next Thing” Tour supports Casting Crowns’ current studio album, The Very Next Thing (Beach Street/Reunion). This marks the group’s 15th release and eighth studio album since the label debut release in 2003. With more than 10 million records sold, Casting Crowns has held the position of Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. In addition, the band just received its seventh GRAMMY Award nomination and is crossing over a milestone of 100,000 child sponsorships generated through Casting Crowns’ concerts. For more information on “The Very Next Thing” Tour, visit www.CastingCrowns.com.

To purchase tickets visit: https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/00005447BF8E611C?dmat_id=372

ABOUT CASTING CROWNS
Prolific CCM band Casting Crowns has achieved sales milestones including one RIAA 2x multi-Platinum album, four RIAA Platinum albums, two RIAA Platinum DVDs, seven RIAA Gold albums, four Gold DVDs, one RIAA Platinum certified single and five RIAA Gold certified digital singles. The band currently holds the position as Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Casting Crowns has also been honored with four American Music Awards (out of seven total nominations), a GRAMMY Award for its 2005 album Lifesong, and seven GRAMMY nominations. In addition, the group has garnered 17 GMA Dove Awards and two Billboard Music Awards from 11 total Billboard Music Award nominations. Casting Crowns’ seven band members all remain active in student ministry and five RIAA Gold certified digital singles. The band currently holds the position as Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Casting Crowns has also been honored with four American Music Awards (out of seven total nominations), a GRAMMY Award for its 2005 album Lifesong, and seven GRAMMY nominations. In addition, the group has garnered 17 GMA Dove Awards and two Billboard Music Awards from 11 total Billboard Music Award nominations. Casting Crowns‘ seven band members all remain active in student ministry and five RIAA Gold certified digital singles. The band currently holds the position as Billboard’s top-selling act in Christian music since 2007.

ABOUT I AM THEY
I AM THEY made their national debut on Essential Records in 2015 with their self-titled album, which produced the group’s lead single, “From The Day.” Abbie Parker (vocals/harmonium), Jon McConnell (vocals/guitar/keys), Matt Hein (vocals/guitar/mandolin), Justin Shinn (keys/banjo) and Sara Palmer (drums) make up I AM THEY, whose name is inspired from John 17 where Jesus refers to his disciples as ‘they’. In their short career, I AM THEY has already made their mark in the Christian music arena, having opened for Matthew West, Matt Maher, Tenth Avenue North, Brandon Heath and Big Daddy Weave, to name a few. The band is preparing for the release of their second studio album, Trial & Triumph, slated to drop in March of 2018. For more information, visit www.iamtheyband.com.

ABOUT COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL
Compassion International is a Christian child development organization that works to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name. Compassion revolutionized the fight against global poverty by working exclusively with the Church to lift children out of spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty. Compassion partners with more than 7,000 churches in 26 countries to deliver its holistic child development program to over 1.9 million babies, children and young adults. It is the only child sponsorship program to be validated through independent, empirical research. For more information, visit www.compassion.com.
Everyone’s Favorite Orphan Returns In The Musical “Annie” Opening At Family Life In March

(Bath, NY) - The sun may come out tomorrow, but there’s plenty of warmth and brilliance inside Family Life as the ministry prepares to open “Annie,” one of the world’s best loved musicals coming to Bath, March 9-11 and March 15-17.

The performances will run as four dinner shows, one dessert show, and one show-only performance. An intimate, refreshing dining experience awaits dinner guests after which lights will shine on “Annie,” revealing America’s favorite little orphan, her quarrelsome peers, and the NYC orphanage that houses them.

“I have done this show so many times it’s like returning home,” says Family Life’s Performing Arts Director, Peter Maier. “While many of our productions lean more on the realistic side, this show will have undercurrents of Harold Gray’s whimsical comic strip, ‘Little Orphan Annie.’”

Set in the 1930s during the Great Depression, Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago. With the help of her cohorts, Annie escapes into the city. In one adventure after another, the irrepressible little girl foils Miss Hannigan’s evil schemes, befriends President Roosevelt, and finds favor with billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

“We’re having some fun with the set by using a twist on the ancient Greek theatre convention, periaktoi, or triangular towers, to make New York City another character in the show. The colors will be saturated with each building done in a thick black outline, creating a look and feel that falls somewhere between a pop-up book and a comic book.”

Known for its signature songs like “It’s the Hard Knock Life” and “Tomorrow,” as well as “Easy Street” and “I Don’t Need Anything But You,” “Annie” has remained a classic for more than four decades with good reason.

“I can’t tell you how many people have come up to me saying that “Annie” was the first musical they ever saw,” says Maier. “This show won six TONY awards in 1977, including best musical and best score. It’s the kind of high caliber theater we want to be known for at Family Life.”

“Annie” dinner performances are March 9, 10, 16, 17. Friday night showings start at 6:30 PM and Saturday night showings start at 5:30 PM. There is a dessert-only matinee March 11 starting at 2:30 PM and a show-only performance March 15 starting at 7:30 PM. Doors open 45 minutes prior. Ticket prices range from $15 to $34.50 with group discounts available.

Family Life is located at 7634 Campbell Creek Road (County Rte. 14) in Bath. Call 1.800.927.9083 for more information or visit www.fln.org/tickets.

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About Family Life Ministries, Inc.
Family Life Ministries is devoted to strengthening individuals and families through Christian radio broadcasting, concerts, educational and social programs, biblical counseling, and the performing arts. Headquartered in Bath, N.Y., Family Life was founded in 1957, and provides various activities and programs for youth, adults, singles and seniors.

Family Life owns a Christian radio network of 23 stations and 41 translators broadcasting in regions of New York and Pennsylvania. Established in 1983, the radio network is a listener-supported broadcaster currently reaching a potential listenership of 5 million.

For more information on Family Life, visit www.fln.org.
Bring The Family For A Night Of Comedy That Everyone Can Feel Good About

(Bath, NY) - The laughs will come fast and furious as standup comedians Kenn Kington and John Branyan share the spotlight, March 20-24, for a series of comedy nights where no blushing is warranted for anyone from 8 years of age to 80.

Branyan’s high-energy, laugh-a-minute comedy explores everything from relational dynamics, to the dangers of baby ducklings, to Shakespearian bedtime stories. He's been featured in nine recorded comedy projects with Christian speakers and entertainers like Ken Davis, Tim Hawkins and David Jeremiah.

In addition to their friendship, both Kington and Branyan share similar values, have a knack for finding comedy in everyday life, and a track record that proves you can evoke hearty laughter without being crass.

“People didn’t invent laughter,” says Branyan. “It was given to us by someone who knew we’d enjoy it.” And he never gets tired of sharing that gift.”

Following Branyan’s performance will be headliner Kenn Kington, known for his surprisingly keen perspectives into marriage, kids, and his famous “family-isms.” Pair these guys together and the audience won’t likely get bored.

“Everyone has a family in some way, shape or form, and we’re all dysfunctional in so many ways,” says Kington. “Everyone can relate. My favorite question after a show is, ‘Were you living in our house?’”

Kington, who’s been performing for more than 25 years, has been featured on Comedy Central, Laugh USA, and is one of the most popular comics on XM radio. He has written two bestselling books on relationships and records a regular radio show that inspires thousands to experience life to the fullest. “I’ve worked with Kenn several times,” smiles Branyan. “We met at the Christian Comedy Association. Kenn’s not only a funny person, but a genuinely good guy.”

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“When there’s no fear of embarrassment, an audience can let their guard down,” says Kington. “That’s when they laugh harder, longer, and freer than any other time.”

Sponsored by Family Life of Bath, New York, the tour is coming to Auburn Alliance Church in Auburn, NY on March 20; Martin W. Kappel Theater in Norwich, NY on March 21; Community Baptist Church in Montoursville, PA on March 22; Trinity Point Church of God in Clarion, PA on March 23, and Believers Chapel in Olean, NY on March 24.

Tickets are $10 in advance, and $12 at the door. Purchase tickets online at www.fln.org/tickets or call the Family Life ticket office at 800-927-9083. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7 PM. Family Life will take an offering before the performance begins.

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Unjust!

By Anne LeBlanc

What strikes you when you consider unjust happenings in the U.S. today?

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• Drunk driving, which puts at risk every other driver, passenger, and pedestrian
• Colleges requiring higher entrance exam scores for Asians
• School killings, with defenseless students at the mercy of a criminal
• The IRS being instructed to discriminate against certain groups
• Police brutality, when the authorities have refused to get rid of the “bad apples”

These are all unjust. They have in common that, immediately or eventually, they tend to find their way into the public eye. Law enforcement at some level may swing into action or the victims may sue the aggressors. The media may step in to publicize the injustice where the law fails.

But what about the cases where the victim is never identified, perhaps not even known, where the perpetrators have done nothing illegal?

I think of the million unborn children aborted in the U.S. each year. They are nameless and completely vulnerable. Their deaths by hired hands are arranged and paid for by their mothers, their fathers, and sometimes their grandmothers.

One by one, quietly, under the radar. A million deaths per year go unnoticed, with the tiny bodies usually discarded as “medical waste.”

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Emotional Freedom: The Choices We Must Make

By Jennifer Lamey

In her latest book Emotional Freedom: The Choices We Must Make, author Jane Ault uses the image of Oaks of Righteousness to help readers understand that through Christ’s work in our lives negative emotions of anger, resentment, and revenge can be transformed to fruits of the Spirit.

Like most books, Emotional Freedom began spinning around Jane’s mind long before her fingers hit the keyboard. Her desire to know and serve the Lord began at a young age and throughout her life He has been drawing her closer to Him. Jane grew up in northern Wisconsin where she became a Christian in the traditional Methodist Church that her parents attended. She memorized scriptures every summer at Bible camp, and still Jane recalls, “I was hungry to know more.” In her 30’s Jane moved to New York State where she started a church with her husband. It was during a trip to Mexico when Jane began to dig deeper into the idea of emotional freedom. At that point she didn’t necessarily know what the feeling was, but she remembers thinking that, “People were much freer [and] I wanted to be like that.”

She decided to take college classes to explore this topic, “I needed to understand emotional dynamics, like what goes on in people’s minds, so that I can help others see their emotional blocks,” Jane explained.

As Jane studied, she started to make connections between what her life was lacking, what she saw in the hearts of the people of Mexico, and how she could help others break through emotions holding them back from freedom. The result is her book, Emotional Freedom: The Choices We Must Make, in which Jane explores how to turn negative emotions into Christ-like character. Jane explains, “I wrote Emotional Freedom with the purpose of testifying of God’s goodness to me and sharing the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom that he’s given me with others who are eager to grow toward emotional and spiritual maturity.”

The book is divided into three sections. Part One defines and explains the “Damage in the Orchard” of how God calls His children to be Oaks of Righteousness, yet often the tree is diseased with feelings of anger, resentment, and revenge. Once the disease is identified, Jane builds a groundwork of Restoration in part two. She continues to use the image of a tree to show how emotions include roots, limbs and branches, leaves, and fruit. Jane explains, “Our feelings (leaves of the tree) are attached to our conscious thought. Our conscious thoughts (limbs of the tree) are attached to our hidden, heart beliefs. Our hidden heart beliefs (roots of the tree) influence the entire tree. Our behavior (fruit of the tree) grows out of our beliefs,

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A New Book/DVD series: “LIFE’S BEND IN THE ROAD”

By T. Castellana, P. Kleitz, M. Becker

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Pastor Pat Kleitz states, “Life is a journey, isn’t it? We start each day with a plan, a purpose or a dream, and then it happens! Our life hits a bend in the road, and we never see it coming.”

When someone you know comes to a bend in the road and their world is turned upside down, they are at a point of need. That’s a place where their relationship with God and others makes all the difference in the world.

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This seven-part series will equip you to respond effectively with a message of hope and encouragement to someone whose life has come to a bend in the road. Or, if you have recently been diagnosed with cancer, this series will give you the information needed to make an informed decision about your future.

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What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?

By Barbara Dodge

It’s tax-filing season again – which could mean you’re in line for a refund. What should you do with the money?

Your decision can depend on the size of your refund. Last year, the average tax refund was about $2,760. If you got that much this year, and you applied it to an IRA, you’d already be halfway to the annual contribution limit, although this limit is higher if you’re 50 or older.

You also could use your tax refund to pay down some debts. The lower your monthly debt load, the more money you’ll have to invest for the future.

Or you could use your refund to help build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair. You’ll want to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here’s one more possibility: Use your tax refund to add new investments that could help fill some gaps in your portfolio.

A tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.


Jane Ault’s Emotional Freedom: The Choices We Must Make

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Thoughts, and feelings. Healthy emotional trees produce the fruit of self-control, joy, and mercy. Unhealthy emotional trees produce the fruit of destructive anger, resentment, and revenge. By our choices to believe lies or truth, we determine what kind of an emotional tree we will grow.” When God’s children are disconnected from the “Well” they suffer emotional and spiritual emptiness. Jane explains how we can be healed through transplanting to healthy soil in God’s love, and continue to grow strong through discipline in Bible study, prayer, and obedience. In part three Jane provides a guidebook to identify and work through destructive emotions to attain freedom.

Through her writing it is clear that Jane’s words are grounded in scripture, extensive study, and prayerful wisdom. Her heart to help people know and understand the Lord shows through each paragraph. Jane’s hope for her readers is that “they will take away knowledge. That they will use the biblical knowledge, and come away with joy having worked through some negative feelings to freedom. That they will be encouraged and know there is a process and to keep going.” She admits that she is still growing and is excited for what God is teaching.

In addition to writing books and speaking engagements Jane also runs a blog named, Choosing Grace, where she shares what’s going on in her life, mind, and heart. Her main goal in her blog is to “encourage people to use their gifts and help them understand ‘Choosing Grace.’ The name comes from her desire to abide in Christ. “The concept of dancing with God delights me. I call this dance with Jesus “Choosing Grace.” It has two basic steps—grace and responsibility. Grace is God’s step of love toward me. Responsibility is my step of love toward God. Jesus said, “If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love” (John 15:10 MSG).” Jane said. She adds a new thoughtful post every Friday.

Jane has a Masters of Education in counseling and human development from Saint Lawrence University. In 2003 she wrote her first book Heart Connections: Finding Joy through Openness with God. Additionally Jane is a poet, and her devotionals have been published in The Secret Place magazine and A Cup of Comfort Devotional for Women. When she isn’t writing, Jane enjoys spending time with her husband John, her daughters, and grandkids.

Hope Bible Institute Offers Two Year Certificate in Ministry

By Rick Kern

September, 2018 marks the formal kick off of Hope Christian Fellowship’s new Bible Institute. Overseen by Associate Pastor Luis Diaz, the two-year, 18 course program has been established to develop disciples into servant leaders that are effective in their homes, local churches, and communities. Additionally, Hope Bible Institute (HBI) will strive to help men and women strengthen their relationship with God through in depth study, critical thinking, and practical ministry with hands on experience. It is a lot for a local church to take on, but if there was ever a fellowship that believes with God all things are possible, it is Hope Christian Fellowship (HCF).

More like a spiritual phenomenon, Hope Christian Fellowship is really just a gathering of believers who believe that a covenant-keeping God will answer prayer and do just that — keep His covenant with a people who are willing and obedient.

They offer a Spanish service Thursday nights, an African service on Saturdays, and Sundays run with their customary worship service. On top of that, HCF has some 28 different people groups represented in their attendance with an Eldership that, like the body it serves, is also comprised of several nationalities.

Additionally, HCF has helped start and support churches in other Christian works in several countries including Mozambique, India, and the Congo. In fact, their lead pastor, Alfonzo Galvano admitted that an amazing, “...40 churches in India alone fall under our umbrella, and we’ve built two churches there in the past two years.” They are also affiliated with churches in both Spain and Venezuela, (though not through any legal status, only as a spiritual covering), and they have a relationship with Christian works in Bulgaria.

In a way, HCF is the embodiment of that old cliché, “If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it.” And so in identifying a need in the body of Christ, as busy as HFC is going about the Lord’s work, it is no surprise to find them reaching out to God’s grace so they can reach into His followers and meet that need.

It did not happen overnight, however, HBI’s creation reaches back nearly four years. Pastor Galvano was teaching at a Bible Institute in Rochester at the time and Pastor Diaz asked him if he had ever considered establishing one in their church. “I just asked him if he ever thought about doing it here. We got a lot of young guys and women that might be interested in having a little bit more biblical education and he was like, ‘Yeah, that’s a great idea. I’ve always desired that, but it’s just having someone to run it.’” They talked about it and put it on the back burner due to more pressing concerns. Diaz continued, “In May of 2017, he came up to me and he approached me and he says, ‘You know, I’ve been thinking about that Bible Institute you talked about before. We got some guys that I think can really benefit from it.”

Diaz went before the Lord in prayer saying, “Lord, if this is your will, if it’s your will God, he’s going to come up to me and give me this responsibility and I know it’s You.” The Lord didn’t wait very long to respond, “Two-and-a-half weeks later, that’s exactly what he did,” Diaz recalled. “He came up to me and said, ‘Louis, I want you to run this.’”

Since then it has been history in the making as Pastor Diaz burns the midnight oil developing a quality program. “At this point, I am the president of the whole Bible Institute and my role is just getting this thing going,” he explains. As discussions continued the vision expanded beyond the local church at HCF, and out to the entire Rochester community. In doing so, they believed that it was important to find pastors and elders from congregations outside of HCF to aid in investing and teaching the students “What I’m finding now is that I need a board as I continue to move into this,” Diaz admits. “I’m realizing I need wisdom beyond myself and my lead pastor. My desire is to develop a board for the Bible Institute. It’s not made up of just our local church; I am looking to develop relationships with other brothers from different congregations, even different denominations. This way, we’re held accountable.” This would allow them to reach out beyond HCF and at the same time help other congregations by assisting them with equipping the saints.

Based on Ephesians 4:11-13 HBI hopes to assist the church in three major platforms: Establishing a biblical foundation for the maturing believer, instructing the believer in the truth of Christ and ministry, and finally, equipping the believer in becoming a servant leader in their home, local church, and community. To achieve this, the first year focuses on establishing a spiritual foundation for the student, while the second year places the student in ministerial practice. The outcome will be the student being grounded in Christ for the work of ministry.

“We have to serve one another and do it in the spirit of love,” says Pastor Diaz. “Hopefully, through the interactions, through the education, through the expanding of the minds, that will be something they can carry on.”

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Bethlehem Revival Temple A Beacon of Light in Niagara Falls, NY

By Jennifer Lamey

For 60 years Bethlehem Revival Temple (BRT) has poured out the love of Christ to the city of Niagara Falls, NY. In those 60 years many things have come and gone, and yet, BRT has remained a constant, Biblically sound, place of rest and restoration for the community. In six decades the church has seen only three lead pastors. Welcoming their third pastor just two years ago, Bishop Dr. Evelyn Parmer, the first African American female Bishop in Niagara County, does not take her responsibility to the congregation and community lightly, “Our foundation is Christ, and Christ only.” This is the only church I’ve ever belonged to. My purpose is to please the Lord.” And for over 40 years she has set out to do just that.

With a full week of opportunities for Worship, Bible studies, outreach, and youth programs Bishop Parmer says, “We’re busy, but busy for the Lord! We are living in a hateful time, we need to show the Lord’s love.”

Sunday School for adults, teens, and children starts at 9:30 AM, Sunday Services are at 11:00am and 7:00 PM. On Tuesdays at 6:00 PM is a time for prayer followed by a Bible study at 7:00 PM for adults and teens, as well as one for children. Currently the adult and teen Bible study is working through the book of Romans teaching people how to live. Bishop Parmer explains, “People need to know what to do with what they have. What to do with Jesus? How to live according to the Word of God. Love the Lord, your neighbors, and keep His commands. You can’t be just a ‘hearer,’ you have to be a ‘doer.’ I believe in living a life that is pleasing to the Lord.”

Bethlehem Revival Temple “greatly invests in young people [providing] wholesome activities.” On a typical youth night they have around 50 teens ranging in ages from 5-16. Each Friday is Youth Take Over Nights where the teen praise group lead worship. “Youth lead devotion, testify, sing, and bring the Word. Our young people are involved in all aspects of the service.” Through these Take Over Nights the kids have an opportunity to take on responsibility and become personally involved in their church community. It is a great time for them to grow in their faith. Bishop Parmer is grateful for the “many faithful people that work with our youth to bring forth the vision that God has given me. They have a heart to love our youth.”

Along with the programs dedicated to the youth, teenagers are encouraged to join the adult groups in outreach evangelism. Bishop Parmer states, “[We want to] train children by setting an example as adults of living the Gospel, illustrating the Love of Jesus.” Outreaches can be as simple as lending a helping hand to a neighbor or being involved in a larger ministry event. One of the regular outreach trips is to the local nursing home to sing, recite verses, and pray with the people. After the visit the kids are encouraged to write an essay on what they learned from being a service to others.

In addition to the weekly schedule, Bethlehem Revival Temple is excited for two special events coming up in 2018!

On April 20th through the 22nd BRT will host Bishop Brian Keith Williams in a seminar on Spiritual Warfare. “The enemy fights with minds and spirits, Bishop Williams will teach how we overcome with the Word of God as our weapon. Greater is He that is in me!” Bishop Parmer said. The seminar will begin on Friday April 20th at 7:00 PM, Saturday at 9:30 AM, and will end at with an 11:00 AM service on Sunday April 22nd.

On July 29th the Church will celebrate their summer with a picnic in Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, NY. The morning service held at Oasis in Hyde Park will begin at 10:30 AM with a potluck picnic following. “People will come out to eat and get spiritual food as well,” Bishop Parmer joked.

For more information on these events and BRT’s ministry in the city of Niagara Falls, NY please contact the church at (716) 284-0705 or BRTMinistry1@gmail.com. Bethlehem Revival Temple is located at 2010 Virginia Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

The college’s business department, in conjunction with United Way of Allegany County, is offering this preparation through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.


Help Wanted

Church organist/choir director. Permanent PT including Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. 10 hours per week. Send resume to office@summervillagechurch.org or Summerville Presbyterian Church, 4845 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617. JA18

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The Board of Directors of Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has launched a search for its next Executive Director. The Board of Directors has been preparing for this transition to our next Executive Director. After an 18 year term, the current Executive Director is retiring. The Board of Directors has appointed a Search Committee to seek and review applicants for this position. More information and application process can be found at www.holmescamp.org/executive-search.

Volunteers are always needed at LeTourneau Christian Center! We need you in all areas! From our Kitchen, to Dining Hall, as well as Landscaping, Laundry, Housekeeping! Call the office at 585-554-3400 to talk to us about how you can volunteer here at LeTourneau Christian Center!

Ministry Opportunity

LeTourneau Christian Center is looking for volunteers. Bed Making, General Housekeeping, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Maintenance, Laundry just to name a few of the tasks we are looking for help in. If you are interested in any of the volunteering positions, email Amy Jo Nelson, our Volunteer Coordinator, at anelson@letourneau.org.

Houghton College Business Students Offer Free Income Tax Preparation

(Houghton, NY) - Business students at Houghton College are once again offering free income tax preparation to qualifying Allegany County residents.

The college’s business department, in conjunction with United Way of Allegany County, is offering this preparation through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Individuals with low to moderate income (generally a return income less than $54,000) are eligible for this program, which aids them in preparing their federal and any applicable New York State returns.

Student volunteers must pass IRS online tests before being certified to prepare returns, and are able to help with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, for those eligible. Electronic filing shortens the wait time for refunds.

Houghton College students will be preparing returns on Monday evenings from February 5th through March 26th (with the exception of February 26th) in room 303 of the Houghton College library.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-346-2211 (the United Way Help Line) and ask for a VITA tax preparation appointment at Houghton College. For additional information, email Elianna Chroniger at elianna.chroniger19@houghton.edu.
A Triple Whammy Celebration

By Cynthia A. Lovely

There is a scripture in 1 Thess. 5:12-13 admonishing us to honor those who labor among us. On December 29, 2017, Calvary Tabernacle of Schenectady, New York brought this scripture to life with a “Triple Whammy Celebration,” to honor their Associate Minister, Noel Cromhout for his 80th birthday, 56th wedding anniversary and over 50 years of full time ministry.

Cromhout, a South African by birth, was involved in pastoral ministry for 34 years in his home church in East London and in a total of 12 different congregations before coming to Schenectady to join the staff at Calvary Tabernacle. A man of many talents, he is also a skilled musician and before entering full time ministry, he directed his own School of Music.

He is old school and presents himself as a courtly gentlemen with sincere manners and demeanor along with a quirky sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye. It doesn’t take long in a conversation with him to recognize his deep love for God and for others and to understand why a church would set aside an evening to honor him. He gives all the glory to God, admitting that he is a weak but willing vessel. God has taken his willingness and supplied His strength and power.

There were many testimonies during the special evening filled with praise and worship, tears and laughter as this dear man of God shared incidences and experiences of his years in ministry both in South Africa and in Schenectady.

Pastor Cromhout was thankful and pleased with the turnout of friends and family for the celebration on a cold and wintry night. The event was geared around his wishes for a “celebration on a cold and wintry night. The Assembly of God church is involved in other countries such as: Bulgaria, South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, and Bangladesh.

He has a few special scriptures that have encouraged him throughout his life: Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” and Colossians 4:17, “...Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it.” He confesses there were struggles when he first entered the ministry. He was a musician and did not expect to preach or teach. He did not feel qualified. If anything his prayer was, “Here am I, Lord...send someone else!” But his love for God won out and he moved forward into the will of God.

And Cromhout is a man of prayer. When he first came to Calvary Tabernacle, he partnered with others for consistent prayer for the small congregation. Effectual fervent prayer had an impact and today the church has around 300 in attendance. The Assembly of God church is “missions-minded” and has a far reaching involvement in other countries such as: Bulgaria, South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, and Bangladesh.

Cromhout recalled a funny incident at the ending of a powerful home prayer meeting with Derek and several other new converts. “Derek was a very new convert studying theology. We had just finished up with an intense prayer meeting. Some were kneeling, some laying prostrate on the floor, some standing or sitting. Derek was so overcome by the prayers, he was still kneeling. He looked up at everyone in a state of awe and said, “Wow, that was a h--- of a prayer meeting!” Yes, he probably meant to say the prayers had stormed the gates of hell but it didn’t exactly come out that way.

We have much to learn from our elders and Pastor Noel is sincere in offering his hard earned wisdom. His advice to new ministers is to avoid getting caught up in too many plans and programs. “Some of our churches today are run like a big business with the pastor as the CEO. It is not meant to be this way. There is nothing wrong with plans or programs but they must be in right balance. Christ must be the center of it all. We must never forget to preach the Word, pray and love the people with the love of God by our words and our actions. Ministry is about Jesus and People.”

He gives honor and credit to his wife, Merle, for being a “modern-day Proverbs 31 woman” and adding so much to his ministry through her hospitality and wisdom. “We have had to move 15 times over the years, to follow God’s will,” he said. “Through all of this, Merle never complained. She has always been my greatest supporter.” Cromhout reminds every new couple of the scripture in Matthew 19:6, no longer two, but now one. “When you marry, you relinquish your independence. Me is replaced with we. You are now a team and everything you do is for the good of the team. The marriage comes first.”

When he was in South Africa and counseling couples he would refer to their popular game of soccer. “You don’t kick players that are on your own team!” Obviously his advice has held strong in his own marriage of 56 years, an impressive milestone in today’s society.

Pastor Noel Cromhout is still climbing mountains, both naturally and spiritually. He headed the Triple Whammy Celebration by encouraging all to move onward and climb higher in their spiritual growth and their relationship with Jesus. He remains active at Calvary Tabernacle as associate minister, Bible teacher, and as always, a discipler.
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- **JULY 7**
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**Week 3**
- **JULY 21-26**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Rev. Richard Sandifer. Rev. Sandifer pastored the Murfreesboro Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN. He has been a Christian counselor for 40 years, specializing in marriage and family issues. www.richardsandifer.org
- **JULY 21-26**
  - **MUSICIAN**

**Week 4**
- **JULY 28**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Beto & Darlene Puffer. Each play a multitude of instruments, having a large repertoire of songs and many of Bob’s original compositions. www.theffathers.com

**Week 5**
- **JULY 29-30**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Jimmy DeYoung Jr. From Poca, West Virginia, Jimmy DeYoung Jr. has been singing and performing since he was a child. www.jimmydeyoungjr.com

**Week 6**
- **JULY 28**
  - **CONCERT**

**Week 7**
- **JULY 29-30**
  - **CONCERT**
  - The King’s Brass. The King’s Brass produces innovative worship for young & old through the “best in sacred brass music”. www.kingsbrass.com

**Week 8**
- **AUGUST 18**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Bobi & Terri Lynn. Bobi & Terri Lynn perform at Odosachi each year.

**Week 9**
- **AUGUST 25**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Scott Jackson and Philip Ries. Scott Jackson and Philip Ries present their music to express God’s advice to us and the family. www.scottjacksonmusic.com
- **AUGUST 26-31**
  - **SPEAKER**
  - Dr. David Chambers. Teaching and preaching God’s Word worldwide is one of his passions to help people to relate to Christ and meet the spiritual needs of HIS people. www.chambers.org

**Week 10**
- **AUGUST 26-31**
  - **CONCERT**

**Labor Day Weekend**
- **SEPTEMBER 1**
  - **CONCERT**
  - Jeff Steinberg. Jeff Steinberg has a special gift of singing, humor, and encouragement. www.steinberg.net

**SEPTEMBER 2**
- **SEPT 3**
- **SEPTEMBER 7**
  - **Festival**
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**SEPTEMBER 9**
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