



# NEW LIFE NEWS

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**SPECIAL APRIL  
FOOLS ISSUE  
1 MONTH LATE!**

## THEY'RE BACK! THOSE WONDERFUL CHURCH BULLETINS!\*

Sent in by Diane Brockington

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.



The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.



Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Prayer and medication to follow.



The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help.



The eighth graders will present Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.



Miss Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.



Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The Rector will preach his farewell

message, after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.



This evening at 7 p.m. there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

\* These bloopers are not from our bulletins!

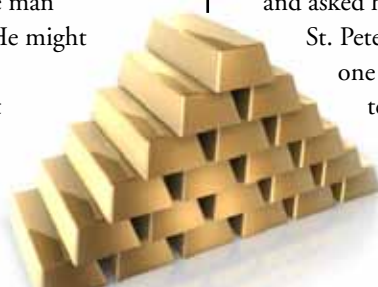
*I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me... they're cramming for their final exam. —George Carlin*

## FROM PLATO AND A PLATYPUS WALK INTO A BAR:

Understanding Philosophy through Jokes, By Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was much aggrieved because he had worked very hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So, he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth. An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The angel reappeared and announced that God had decided to make an exception and was allowing him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase, filled it with pure gold bars, and



placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man died and showed up at the pearly gates. St. Peter, seeing the suitcase, said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But the man explained to St. Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter returned, saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?"

## TO RUSSIA WITH...COURAGE

By Cassidy Frederickson

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” —John 16:33 (NASB)

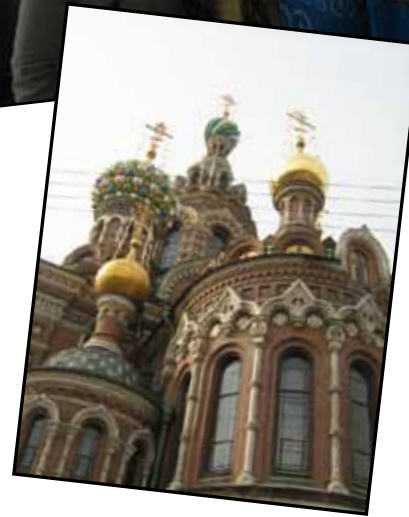
I don't know that I took courage, but we did take over 80 pairs of shoes to a Russian orphanage over Easter break. It started at the annual “Missions' Chapel” at my school, Santa Fe Christian. I was finally old enough to apply for a mission trip, and I was overjoyed and scared about being accepted for the Russia trip. I had no idea about the journey that would lie ahead, but I got to work right away, raising my support, attending meetings, working out the logistics, passport, visa, packing, and praying.

The focus of our work was to share our personal testimony with the students of the K&B school while giving them English lessons. K&B is a Christian school, but just like in the United States, not everyone is a Christian. One of the reasons parents will send their kids to K&B is that they will learn English. Another reason is that as a “Christian”

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school, they will automatically be more tolerant of children with special needs. We spent the week doing different activities, like taking the younger kids to the Russian circus and visiting the Hermitage with older students. Everyone's favorite activity was playing games.

It was during a game time that one of my friends was injured. Ryan re-aggravated a serious knee injury he had brought with him from the US. I was with another group of kids at the time, but was called to check things out. I have been serving as a student athletic trainer at school, so it was a familiar injury. We had to ice and elevate his knee for the



rest of the trip. What touched me most was that three teachers immediately started praying for Ryan and singing songs of praise to our Savior.

Sadly, Ryan had to miss one of the most amazing days on the trip, the visit to an orphanage. We took some of the older kids from K&B to translate for us. It gave us all an opportunity to work together and show the love of Christ to others, others who had been abandoned to share a bed and a pair of shoes with another child and, occasionally, attend school. What did we do? We brought them shoes. We played games. We smiled. One of the littlest boys “took” a team member's beanie away and turned it into a big game of keep-away. The little boy did not want us to leave. It was hard.

I came home with courage. Courage to say I am a Christian. Courage to look beyond the news on TV and see Christ's people. Courage to understand that next door or another country can be a mission field.

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” —Acts 4:13

## OTHER MOTHERS

By Marilyn McEntyre (With one line missing)

*The woman who taught you to read  
The babysitter who played with you instead of watching TV  
The woman next door who came to your piano recitals  
The boyfriend's mom who still liked you after you broke up  
The old woman at church who prayed for you  
The friend of mom's who knew how it was when mom didn't  
The childless aunt who gave you her gift of mother-love  
The camp counselor who stayed in touch  
The teacher who tutored you on her own time  
The librarian who remembered what books you liked  
The girl scout leader who listened to you giggle all night  
The professor who midwived your intellectual rebirth  
The woman who clued you in when you were a newcomer  
The woman who mentored you through your first pregnancy  
The stepmother who wasn't wicked after all. ♡*

# REPORT ON THE 2010 LIGONIER WEST COAST CONFERENCE

By David Dinwiddie

The first time I heard R.C. Sproul was on a set of cassette tapes my college roommate loaned me. The subject was “The Holiness of God.” I remember thinking that the message of God’s holiness was not one that was commonly heard; I absorbed the messages like parched earth absorbs a sprinkle of rain. I didn’t realize it at the time, but that tape series was my first exposure to the reformed faith.

It was, therefore, a no-brainer for me to sign up when I learned that Kelly Byce was organizing a group from New Life to attend Ligonier’s Conference on “Christless Christianity” at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley on March 26-27. The two-day conference consisted of six lecture sessions, two question and answer sessions and numerous opportunities to peruse and purchase from a bookstore featuring the works of the lecturers and other mostly reformed authors.

Dr. Michael Horton opened the conference with a look at what he believes are the besetting sins of today’s American nominal conservative Protestantism. He focused on enthusiasm, pragmatism and consumerism.

In session two Dr. John MacArthur contrasted the message of numerous best selling books on “finding God” (*The Secret*, *The Shack*, etc), and the message of Joel Osteen that imply we have sufficient power to create reality with the Biblical message that God is the source of all blessing. MacArthur emphasized that God’s motive was mercy, His means was regeneration, and the quality of the salvation obtained for us, was eternal and not subject to decay.

In the third lecture, Dr. R.C. Sproul led a verse by verse study of Mark 10:17-22, emphasizing the objective standard of “goodness” and the role and value of the law in driving sinners to the gospel.

Dr. Peter Jones identified a revival of Gnosticism in our day with a revival of liberalism and the increasing prominence of emergent church leaders, such as Brian McLaren in lecture four. Just as the early church defeated ancient Gnosticism, so Dr. Jones challenged the church today to defeat Gnosticism’s revived form.

In lecture five entitled “Moralistic and Therapeutic Deism,” Dr. Horton encouraged attendees to faithfully herald the gospel of God, for in it lies His power unto salvation for all who believe.

Dr. Sproul finished the conference with a message called “Back to Basics.”

Referring to Romans 1:1-7, Dr. Sproul asserted that without the doctrine of salvation by “faith alone” (*sola fide*), you don’t have a gospel and without imputation, you don’t have *sola fide*.

Over thirty years ago, I was blessed by a tape series that stressed the too often overlooked truth that God is Holy, Holy, Holy. The holiness and justice of God was, even then, a topic increasingly ignored by many mainstream churches. Is it any wonder then that we are plagued with a brand of “churchianity” that minimizes Christ’s person and work? After all, if God is not holy, why would we need an advocate? ☛

## ISMS

By Diane Henderson

*Dr. Tom presented isms, full of heretics and schisms,  
Stoics, Gnostics and Platonists, Docetists and Donatism.*

*Monarchians, and Manichees, all strove against God’s Trinity  
Not comprehending yet resisting, Christ’s full power: Divinity.*

*Nestorius and Eutyches, contested natures of the Son.  
Monophysitism’s answer? Not three, or two, but one in one.*

*Arius says, just try harder; Son of God was not eternal.  
But said Basil and two Gregorys, our God’s three in one immortal.*

*Be anti-philosophical, and place no faith in the above?  
In itself categorical, is theory added to the sum.*

*If you have some kind of notion, that these ancient philosophies  
Are not words of poison potion; beware of these, relentless thieves.*

*To take away and then replace, just like the sunrise every morn  
A “new” religion sprouts its head to crush the seed, God’s Son to scorn.*

*God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness in, and of Himself,  
Without body parts or passions, and God’s forgiveness seals oneself.*

*Uncreated, Living, Righteous, God Man Jesus, immutable,  
Wise, co-equal, loving, gracious, God’s three Persons, co-eternal.*

*God’s Word in me and I in it, here I long to co-inhabit,  
Feeding on God’s Holy Texts, fed by His Word and Sacraments. ☛*

## NAMASTE, FRIENDS

By Sherrene David

It has been two years since my trip to India to visit my grandfather. I had no idea how things would go, and I did not expect to have such a strong desire to go back and serve the church there. As I casually inquired about the work in India through Mission to the World (MTW), I learned of their needs and realized that through my heritage, education, and passion, God has uniquely equipped me to fill some of those needs.

MTW is focused on training and educating national men to be the pastors, elders, and deacons of fledgling churches. They are also involved with a historic Presbyterian seminary in the north as well as Christian schools and children's homes, all geared towards building and filling the body of Christ in India. MTW's method of church-planting is field-driven as well as gospel-centered in its word and deed ministries.

Since my involvement with MTW, a new need has been brought to light: women's ministry. For the first time, MTW will host a women's conference alongside the training of men from June 7-10. We will be teaching women the gospel, what the Bible teaches, and what is the church. Lord willing, I will be in India from June 1- August 10. In addition to teaching at this conference, I will be visiting women in churches all over India, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Dehradun), and also the children of lepers in the Bhogpur Home.

Now that MTW, our session, and our missions committee have officially approved my summer internship, I have a few prayer requests to share with you.

1. I have been asked to write the curriculum for the women's conference. Please pray for me to have wisdom in this task, and that I would be able to clearly articulate the gospel in all topics.

2. MTW has estimated that it will cost roughly \$5,200 for my internship.

3. Please pray for the persecuted Christians in India, that they would be

witnesses of the true God and remain faithful to the end. Thank God that He is victorious, and His church will be built despite all opposition, just like the church in Acts.

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your encouragement and support. ☺  
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## PASTOR TALLMAN'S RECOMMENDED READING

Not by Pastor Tallman

### It's Your Time: Activate Your Faith, Achieve Your Dreams, and Increase in God's Favor

Joel Osteen

Highly recommended for study and personal growth.

### Going Rogue Sarah Palin

In this wonderful tome, Ms. Palin tells her side of the story in her own words.

### Kingdom Come: The Final Victory Tim LaHaye

For those looking for a rigorous and scholarly exegesis of Revelation and end times theology, this book couldn't have come at a better time.

### Oprah: A Biography Kitty Kelley

If you are as fascinated by Oprah as I am, this book is a must read. ☺



## PRAYER PARKA FOR FROZEN CHOSEN

By New Life Marketing Staff

For those who are tempted to complain about the sanctuary's Siberian temperatures, the deacons offer this sensible and stylish solution—the Prayer Parka. Decorated with a Albrecht Dürer's iconic (not in the bad way!) praying hands, this jacket will keep you warm and remind you that God's house is a house of prayer. Available in the library before morning and evening services. Says Peter Chapman, New Life Deacon, "If this is successful we hope to introduce a "Veggie Tales" model for the kids and possibly a Jesus fish model ☺



## LETTERS FROM ISRAEL MARCH 21, 2010

A letter from Hadas Zadok

I am looking forward to seeing you again in the summer. I really miss you all, and I am thankful that you remember us in your prayers. This year I am in the fifth grade, and I have been enjoying the studies much. I am involved in our church children's choir, and we practice every week for about an hour and a half. In addition, I am also in a Christian dance class that is conducted by our church. Twice a week I stay longer in school to do advanced math and science classes. And the other two days I have ballet and tap classes. I enjoy these activities. Even though we have been here in Israel for almost four years, and Israel is our home, I still miss life in San Diego and the worship in New Life. Love you all, Hadas ☺

Did You Know? A DYK Who is related to the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia of 1751 who sent a young surveyor, George Washington, to the Ohio District to demand French withdrawal, and shares the same last name as Robert the governor? ANS. David Dinwiddie