SHREVEPORT
TEEN CHALLENGE

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Unchanging Truth and the Faithful Believer’s Response
Rob Schwarzwalder May 22, 2014

Revealed truth is not adaptable to the preferences of culture or the demands of the elites.

God has revealed what He has chosen about Himself, His plan, and His standards. He is not looking for human approval or a favorable editorial in a secular publication.

Quite the contrary: Of the nations of the earth, David writes, “But You, O Lord, laugh at them; You hold all the nations in derision” (Psalm 58:8). Here is what Isaiah says God thinks of human endorsement of Who He is and What He declares:

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
And are accounted as the dust on the scales;
Behold, He takes up the coastlands like fine dust ...
All the nations are as nothing before Him,
They are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness ...
(He) brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. (Isaiah 40:15, 17, 23)

This truth is not “adaptable.” It does not conform itself to the spirit of the age and the expressions of that spirit in opinion polls or the arguments of the self-anointed.

None of the Bible’s truths are malleable. We accept and submit to them or find ourselves under God’s judgment.

Sound harsh? Take it up with Jesus: “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26). He loves us immeasurably, which is why He became “sin for us” on the cross, taking the eternal punishment we deserve on our behalf (II Corinthians 5:21). He also is imponderably holy, and His standards of right and wrong are not defined by democratic consensus.

When the Left calls on Christians to accommodate to evil, whether related to human sexuality, marriage, the destruction of unborn human life, the commodification of women, conscience-violating federal law or whatever else, faithful believers will graciously but firmly say “no.” For this immovable stand, we invariably will face difficult if not painful consequences.

Jesus did. He told His disciples that “no servant is greater than His master” (John 13:16), and He was crucified. The path of discipleship is the way of the cross, whether that means the loss of social position, professional attainment, family approval, or physical persecution, even death. In the power of God’s Spirit, Christians need to get ready.

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Happy Fathers Day!
I believe it was a philosopher of old who said, “I don’t agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” That statement was the popular underpinning for the American belief in freedom of speech. One of the hallmarks of our American system has been the protection of speech and ideas, even those with which we disagree. Some recent events have caused me to wonder if that philosophical statement and the sentiment for which it stood aren’t true anymore.

We’ve seen some stories in the news that have involved free speech and its consequences. The CEO of an internet company, Brendan Eich, was forced to resign from his company because it was revealed he made a political contribution in support of California’s anti-gay marriage ballot initiative six years ago. Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy first made the news in a land dispute with the federal government, but lost the majority of his support because of a racist rant he made. Most recently, the owner of a NBA basketball team, Donald Sterling, was suspended and fined for racist comments he made in a recorded conversation. While the statements made in the last two incidents were reprehensible and roundly and rightly condemned, all three situations underscore a new speech code in the United States: Your free speech ends when my offense begins.

How can Christians navigate in the new American speech code? Let me give you three checks:

1. Check yourself. Think before you speak. The leader of a contemporary Christian band was strongly questioned over comments on Twitter which, as he said later, he had not thought through. We should resist the temptation to run to the Internet with our latest thought or pronouncement. James in his letter tells us to be “slow to speak” (James 1:19).

2. Check your feelings. Let the Bible be our guide. Our society and culture are quickly becoming emotion-driven. Christians should resist this trend with every brain cell in our heads. Remember, the Bible, and not subjective feelings, is profitable for teaching, correcting, and reproving (II Tim. 3:16). As Christian philosopher Dr. Douglas Groothuis reminds us, “Christians must be people of the Bible if they are going to have any hope of separating truth from error.”

3. Check your offense. In today’s culture, the threshold for offense is low. Don’t let your sense of outrage become a stumbling block for you and others. James, the half-brother of Jesus, also reminds us to be “slow to anger” (James 1:19). The writer of Proverbs tells us that “a gentle answer turns away anger” (Prov. 15:1a, HSCB)

If you use these three checks, you can move through the treacherous waters that all too often are called “civil” discourse. As emotionalism and the political correctness it spawns becomes more rampant, Christians should be examples of reasonable discourse both in how we relate to the secular world and each other. If recent history tells us anything, it shows that the climate for Christians will get worse and we will be called upon to make stands for truth in a world which denies the truth.

As Christians, our conversation should mean something. The words we use should reflect the agenda of the Kingdom of God. Even our outrage can be used for redemptive purposes, if motivated by Biblical authority and channeled into Biblically correct action. The apostle Paul reminds us, “Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.” Col. 4:6 HCSB (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

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**Can you Answer my Question?**

“What is Ramadan and why is it important?”

**Answer by**

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Islam claims that there are specific rituals that act as pillars in its religion. Muslims are required to perform them in obedience to God’s command. Ramadan involves the third pillar of Islamic ritual practice, the fast.

Ramadan is the sacred month of Saum, the fast, and is the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar, “the best of all months,” when the Quran began to be revealed to Mohammed. Today, it is devoted to the fast, during which Muslims are supposed to fast from sunrise to sunset. Ramadan means “the scorcher,” suggesting it originally fell in summer.

During Ramadan, which falls this year from June 28-July 27*, Muslims are not allowed to eat, smoke, drink, etc. as long as there is daylight. However, Ramadan is consid-
New Opportunities in War-Torn Syria

Syrian Christians have asked for care packages to share with their Muslim neighbors.

The Voice of the Martyrs has distributed Action Packs to persecuted Christians in countries like Iraq, Pakistan and Sudan for many years. These care packages, which are filled or sponsored by Christians in the United States, contain clothing, bedding, toiletries and other items of need.

Now our frontline workers in and around Syria want to share these packs with Muslim, Syrian refugees as a demonstration of Christ’s love for them. They believe these packs will help open the door for the gospel.

We are excited to come alongside these faithful Christians in this incredible outreach opportunity, and we invite you to help us equip these frontline workers. Through a network of workers in and around Syria, VOM hopes to distribute 10,000 Outreach Packs. You can join us in one of two ways.

**Fill Your Own Outreach Pack**

You can receive Outreach Packs from VOM, fill them yourselves with items from an enclosed list and return the packs to The Voice of the Martyrs for distribution. Your $7 donation for each Outreach Pack covers the cost of the bag, shipping to you and final distribution.

**Sponsor an Outreach Pack**

You can sponsor Outreach Pack(s) to be filled in the field (you will not receive an Outreach Pack). Your $30 donation for each pack covers the cost of all items in the bag, the bag itself and distribution.

Thank you for joining us in this outreach to Muslim, Syrian refugees. The Outreach Pack ministry is a great project for families, youth groups, Sunday school classes or even your entire church.


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Teen Challenge Radically Changes Addicts’ Lives through Christ

By Bill Davis

Jonathan Ougel was a drug addict living in a broken home with parents who were also drug addicts. He started getting arrested for break-ins and car theft when about 11 years old and was in and out of juvenile prison. At 17, he stopped getting in trouble with the law, but his addiction to drugs escalated. At 21, he was eating about 20 or 30 pain pills a day.

The drug use was taking its toll, and the doctor said there was nothing he could do. He was a strung-out addict with an 8th grade education and no hope to amount to anything. What would be next? Another high? Suicide? His family members even told him, “Jonathan, God can’t help you.” But Jonathan started looking, and that same God who his family said couldn’t help him was leading him to a road of recovery. “I found Teen Challenge, and God just radically changed my life,” he said glowingly. “I surrendered everything to Jesus, and it was like night and day. Everything changed.”

Teen Challenge

Rev. David Wilkerson was a young country preacher in Pennsylvania back in 1958. After reading an article in LIFE magazine about seven gang member teenagers, who were on trial for murder in Manhattan, he sensed God was wanting him to do something for them and made a trip to the urban area of New York City.

Sometime after this, Rev. Wilkerson resigned his church in Pennsylvania and moved to New York to work full time with teenage gangs. His work compelled him to write the popular book, “The Cross and the Switchblade.” This ministry was eventually called “Teen Challenge,” and soon it began to offer help to those addicted to drugs and alcohol. Residential centers began cropping up all across America.

The Shreveport Center at 452 Stoner - needing some restoration.
to live for Christ and do the right thing. It’s so hard for addicts who are struggling to chase after the dope, or chase after the drugs, because that’s all you think about. You’ve got one set mind frame of ‘Where’s my next high coming from?’ ‘Where’s my next fix to make sure I can go to work’? It’s so much easier when you can wake up and have the mind frame of Jesus Christ and thank God that I don’t have to stick a needle in my arm this morning. Thank God I don’t have to have 10 pills just to get up and go to work.”

His healing process is ongoing. “I’m working on me right now. God’s got plans for me, and I’m going to work on trying to find out whatever those plans are.”

Real people with real issues getting healed by a real God

Entrance into the program begins with an interview process. For Jonathan, as director, it’s an opportunity to really see why people want to come to Teen Challenge. “We ask them what drugs they are coming off of and how long they’ve been taking them. We ask them if they feel they need to go to a detox center first,” he explained.

First impressions can be deceitful. “I always encourage them, because a lot of times when they come in, I’ve got nice khaki pants on, long-sleeve, button-down shirt and cleaned up pretty nice,” Jonathan said. “A lot of times they say things like ‘This guy?!’ Everybody in that state feels like nobody knows what they are going through…I know what it’s like to let addiction completely destroy my life and ruin relationships…I tell them I know what it is to surrender my life to Jesus and start living for Him.”

The men live at the Induction Center about four months, and develop realistic short-term goals based on learned scripture. These and eventually bigger goals allow them to see God work in their lives. They pray. They fast. They also attend church services – Sunday morning at Life Church in Shreveport and on Sunday and Wednesday nights at Central Assembly of God in Haughton.

Contact with family members is limited at first, but encouraged as the weeks progress. “It’s very good to have a family that is supportive and there for you,” Jonathan said. “When people come into Teen Challenge, it doesn’t just affect their life, because addiction destroys the whole family. So when a person is restored, doing what’s right and taking care of their responsibilities, then it has a chain effect on the whole family.”

“We’ve seen where students come in, and none of their family is saved. When a student gets saved and goes back home, and then you hear a year later where the whole family is saved and going to church.”

From the Induction Center a student moves onto the second phase at Mt. Grace Teen Challenge in Dodson, LA. It’s a discipleship process lasting about eight months.

Accountability continues even after completion at Mt. Grace. “When they depart out of the program and go back home, they have to be accountable to a pastor,” said Jonathan. “They’ve got to be in involved in their church and pass a drug screening. Then six months later, if they are still living for the Lord and doing good, they graduate.”

Comparative studies have often noted that Teen Challenge graduates were less likely to return to drug use than a hospital program graduate. After five years the program touts about an 80% success rate. They also tracked that graduates of Teen Challenge were far more likely to be employed.

12-Year Addiction to Methamphetamine

Casey Litton is 35, and a new student with Shreveport Teen Challenge. “I started smoking weed when I was 14 and smoked weed throughout high school,” Litton said. “When I went into the Marine Corps, I was introduced to a lot harder drugs, like acid, ecstasy, mushrooms. Shortly after getting out of the Marine Corps (in 2002), I started using meth.”

During the next 12 years he lost his job, was arrested multiple times and

Rock Bottom is a Lonely Place

Ryan Marcante, 28, has been in the program 13 weeks as of mid-May. At just 10 years of age, he started using drugs – Ritalin, Opiates, Lortab Cocaine - and was addicted at age 13. He stole from people. He got arrested multiple times.

“I was drinking every day,” Ryan recalls. “I isolated myself and didn’t go to family functions. I was rude to my fiancé and family. I wanted nothing to do with them, and they wanted nothing to do with me. I hit rock bottom…I wasn’t able to maintain a job or a relationship. I would live my life day-to-day just trying to do whatever I can, spend whatever money I could to have the drugs I needed. I was robbing people to get their drugs or to get their money to get some drugs. I was sick.”

Ryan had grown up in church and knew about God and Jesus Christ. He cried out to God, and he knows that it was God who opened the doors for him to come to Teen Challenge. Now, things are different.

“Back then I was praying for God to give me strength, now I’m praying that God IS my strength.” He encourages other addicts. “It is much easier

Residents pray before their meals together.
For Casey Litton a happy Father's Day -
His daughter now says she loves him.

his daughter told him she hated him.

“I lost my dad at the beginning of 2013, and I steadily got worse,” Litton said. “I was on a six-day binge…went to sleep, and when I woke up, I looked in the mirror. A voice came over and said ‘You better change the way you’re living, because something bad is going to happen.’ I went and got high for a couple of more days, called my sister-in-law and told her ‘Hey, I need help. I’m tired of living this life.’”

It was just a few weeks before he came to Teen Challenge that his cousin also prodded him, saying, “Casey, I want to see you get help. I don’t want to see you in and out of prison like I was.”

When Casey came to Teen Challenge, he soon found himself in another world. He found a “safe haven,” as he called it, and was around other men who understood him. He also found God and his love. “Love was a powerful word I wouldn’t use much, but now I can say I want to love more, and I want to show how Jesus can and will change your life,” he said.

His soon-found faith was quickly challenged, though, when he got news that a family member had been killed. It was the same cousin who just weeks earlier told Casey he needed to get help.

Casey’s favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 41:10 – “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

“I stand on that,” he said. “I was an evil person, and when I first came here, I felt so much shame. The strength God gave me the first few days I was here, that scripture alone is what got me through.”

His daughter now says she loves him. His body doesn’t hurt anymore. He knows he is still traveling to complete recovery. “Yes, I’m healed, but I’m not ready to go out there yet, but I will be one day when I become completely healed through the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ,” Casey said. “Yes, I will be out there, and I will do good, I know I will.”

The physical scars on his arm from shooting up are a reminder of the dark life he once lived, a life that started with smoking marijuana as a young teenager. “I used to say,” he told me, “it’s just a joint, it’s not going to hurt you”... “I wish I would have listened to people. If I was 13 or 14 again I would listen to somebody say, ‘Don’t do that.’ Do you know how much money I would have right now, how my life would be totally different right now? If I would have kept the word of God throughout everything, how much more I would have.”

The Cost of Saving Lives

Although there is no required cost to students, Shreveport Teen Challenge suggests a $785 induction fee for families who can contribute financially. According to Jonathan, the monthly expense of one resident per month is about $1,600.

Greg Gill is the CEO of Louisiana Teen Challenge. In a recent commercial about the program, he said the 2013 state budget was $2.3 million. But he knows it’s hard to put a price tag on saving lives and calls it a partnership between communities and the students. The brunt of financial support of the program comes from concerned individuals, churches, businesses and civic organizations. Teen Challenge does not receive any type of local, state or federal government funding.

Another resource for Teen Challenge is their donation boxes located in shopping centers and common areas. There are 89 boxes in Shreveport, Bossier City and Minden, and a total of 330 in the state. Donated items are used by students who sometimes come in with nothing, or they’re sold at the America’s Thrift Store to help supplement monthly support. Local boxes support the Shreveport Teen Challenge Center.

Ed Trimmer, a former graduate of Teen Challenge himself, has a restored marriage and is now donations manager for Louisiana. He is always looking for new locations for donation boxes.

Teen Challenge accepts all types of donations: clothing, tools, exercise equipment, home items, toys, kitchen items and small appliances, electronics, luggage and small furniture. Even automobiles.

If Any Would Not Work, Neither Should He Eat

Teen Challenge is steadily carrying out the message in 2 Thess. 3:10 - that a man should work if he wants to eat.

“We are not scared to put our hands to the plow,” Jonathan said. “Sometimes we do construction work on the side, and we do fundraisers.” They also have community service projects and help area churches.

On May 17, they held their 3rd annual Walk-A-Thon to raise awareness against drugs in our community and to let people know that freedom comes through Jesus.

For Jonathan, that’s the focus of all he does with Teen Challenge. “I know that the only reason I’m where I’m at today and the man I am today is simply because of my relationship with Jesus. Because of that, I’m able to pass that to them. They need to meet the real Jesus, the one who loves them, the one who died for them and paid the price for them.”

For still more information about Teen Challenge, visit www.louisianateenchallenge.com or call (318) 673-8383. To reach Ed Trimmer about drop boxes call 504-256-8183. Teen Challenge International, USA, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and an accredited member of ECFA.

If you are someone with an addiction or want to know about the admissions process contact Jonathan Ougel at (318) 673-8383.

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THE BRIDGE - Building Community in Shreveport Bossier

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Adam's Eye Care
111 Benton Rd - Bossier

Ainsworth Hair Color Salon
401 Hamilton Rd. Suite 118 - Bossier

Azalea Estates
516 S Flourney Lucas Rd - Shreveport

Azalea's Cleaners
732 Azalea Dr. - Shreveport

Bill's Cleaners Laundry Shoe Repairs
3566 Greenwood Rd - Bossier

Bossier Parish Libraries
Check with your local branch

Brigham's Family Dental Center
2281 Benton Rd - Bossier

Caddo Council on Aging
4015 Greenwood Road, S'port

Caddo Paint 480 E. Bert Kouns Road
Shreveport

Caddo Parish Libraries
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Chandler, John D.
1519 Doctors Dr. - Bossier

Cheyland
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Christian Life Tapes and Books
8026 Jewella Ave. - S'port

Consider the Lillies Florist
1500 Benton Road - Bossier

Cormier Family Dentistry
5839 E. Kings Highway - S'port

Courtsey Golf Carts
1520 W. Dazell - Shreveport

Crisis Pregnancy Center
921 S'port Barksdale Hwy - S'port

Cross Lake Clogging
5785 South Lakeshore - S'port

Daisy a Day Florist
1525 N. Market - Shreveport

Danzell, John, MD
1911 Benton Rd - Bossier

Decoist Styling
1001 Benton Road - Bossier

Edward Jones Investments
822 Pierremont - S'port

Electric Supply Co., Inc
935 Texas - Shreveport

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries
1605 W. Bert Kouns - S'port

Fairmont Apartments - Lobby
726 Cotton St, Shreveport

First LA Bank
1350 East 79th - Shreveport

Fitness World
1450 Bert Kouns - Shreveport

Foster's Errand Expertise
222-1532 Shreveport

Frisk Airline Chiropractic
2159 Airline Dr. - Bossier

Glass Services
2100 E Texas St. - Bossier

Glennyard Garden Retirement
4828 Medical Dr - Bossier

Glenwood Village Tearam
3310 Line Ave. Shreveport

Golf Etc
2342 Airline Dr. #500 - Bossier

Haughton Library
166 E. McKinley - Haughton

Healing Heart Counseling Center
820 Jordan St, Ste 401 S'port

Heavenly Ham
5739 Youree Drive - Bossier

Highlander Supercenter
3001 Highland Ave. - Shreveport

Home and Office Storage
411 E. Bert Kouns - Shreveport

IM Financial
1945 E. 70th St., Suite E - S'port

Innovative Therapies LLC
7330 Fern - Shreveport

Jean Simpson Personel - 1318 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy

John Milovich, Attorney
656 Jordan - Shreveport

Kings Hwy. Exxon Car Care
760 Kings Hwy, Shreveport

Kitchens, Benton, Kitchens, & Black
2120 Airline Dr - Bossier

Lifeway Christian Store
7050 Youree/Shreveport

Line Avenue Pharmacy
4212 Line Ave. - Shreveport

Live Oak Retirement Community
600 E Floumoy Lucas Rd - S'port

Lookers Hair Design
2118 Airline Dr - Bossier

Louisiana Baptist University
6301 Westport Ave. - Shreveport

LSUS Student Union
LSUS Campus - Bossier

Merrill Gardens
2540 Beene Blvd. - Bossier

Myrick's Barber Shop
3560 Greenwood Rd. - S'port

SCDAF / NW LA Chapter
3658 Judson St. - Shreveport

Nicholls, Tim M.D.
2551 Greenwood Rd - Shreveport

Northwest LA Baptist Assoc.
5875 W. 70th - Shreveport

Pierremont Eye Institute
7067 Youree Dr. - Shreveport, LA 71105

Pines Super Center
6259 Westport Shreveport

Pool of Siloam Medical Ministry
4140 Greenwood Rd - S'port

Ponder Power Equipment LLC
3402 Industrial Drive - Bossier

Priority Medical Staffing
8660 Fern - Shreveport

Professional Transmission
199 N. Market - Shreveport

Quality Sheet Metal
946 Linwood - Stonewall

Realty Executives, T. Calhoun
3851 Gilbert - Shreveport

Rose-Neath Funeral Home
2201 Airline Dr - Bossier

Ryan's Family Steak House
535 Benton Road - Bossier

Salvation Army
200 E. Storer - Bossier

Samaritan Counseling Services
1525 Stephens St. - S'port

Sharktooth Ministries
3033 Texas Ave/901 McNeill - Shreveport

Shreveport Security Solutions
1431 Willkerson - Shreveport

Soap Opera
1220 Airline Dr - Bossier

Sooper Opera
835 Benton Rd - Bossier

Stormy's Car Care (Floyd's)
Boulevard and Greenwood Rd. - Shreveport

The Arbor
4770 Brandon Blvd. - Bossier

The Glen Retirement System
403 E Flourney Lucas Rd - S'port

The Ice House Dist.
4514 Monhouse Dr-Shreveport

The Waterford at Shreveport
2220 E Bert Kouns Industrial - S'port

Thomas Kinstrey, M.D.
2120 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop - Shreveport

Time It Lube
6282 Pines Road - Shreveport

Tri-State Physical Therapy
2250 Hospital Dr. #120 - Bossier

Tinseltown - 9:30, 10:30. 752-2320

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Abortion recovery facilitators are available free of charge. All calls are confidential. Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center in Shreveport. 861-4600 or hotline# 1-800-395-HELP

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Shreveport Meetings:
Sunday - Broadmoor Library, 4:00-6:00 p.m. 798-2076
Wed - Broadmoor Baptist, 5:30 p.m. 564-1636
Thurs - St James Episcopal Church 6:30 p.m. 423-4753

Bossier Meeting:
Tuesday - Asbury United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m. 747-4375

Overcomers Recovery Support-12 Step Program
Word of Life Center. 687-4777, Meriwether Rd. Shreveport, Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m. Building at back of church property.
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“You were made by God and for God and until you understand that, life will never make sense.”
— Rick Warren

2nd Corinthians 3:17 Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.
Church and Community Calendar

VBS and other summer activities for kids

Great Summer Vacation Bible School: June 2-6. Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church. For more information call 938-1885. 7530 Greenwood Rd. in Shreveport

Agency D-3 - Discover, Decide, Defend: June 2-6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. for ages 4-6th grade. Haynes Avenue Baptist Church, 610 Haynes Ave. in Shreveport. 865-2307

Mega Sports Camp - “Game Plan:” June 2-6 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. for preschool – 5th grade. Basketball, gymnastics, and soccer offered. Contact Gateway Church @ 797-6337 for more info or go to our website www.gatewayshreveport.com and sign up.

Eagles Camp 2014: Mondays and Thursdays, June 9 - July 29, from 7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. For boys and girls in 1st – 9th grade. Summer Studies (reading, writing, arithmetic) Sports: basketball, baseball, and football, (swimming optional) Sewing lessons. Music: drum and guitar lessons. Field trips every Thursday. $85.00 a week. (for 2 or more from same household 80.00 per child) For more information call 938-1885 or email vjturner@bellsouth.net. 7530 Greenwood Rd. in Shreveport.

Top Secret Mission: June 16-20, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Open to “all ages.” Please plan on attending. We will be going on a TOP SECRET MISSION. Barksdale Baptist Church, 1714 Jimmie Davis Hwy. For more information call 742-1641.

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Fresh Fire IBM - 5th Church Anniversary Celebration: June 1 at 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, Pastor Gregory O’Neal of Karnack, TX. Host, Prophetsess Carolyn Pinkney, Senior Pastor/Apostle/Teacher. 1841 Michel St. in Shreveport.


Heart of Hope LifeCycle: Saturday, June 7. A benefit bicycle tour for all ages and skill levels. We offer an event for the spandex loving, hard-core cyclists, but also a fun and non-intimidating event for leisure cyclists and families. Registration includes t-shirt, goodie bag, ticket for door prizes, finish line medal for the kids, a post-ride party with lunch, a Kids’ Fun Area, and lots of extras. Our goal is to encourage cycling and fitness in the region while educating our kids on cycling safety. Call 925-4663 or check out our website for further details, and come join us for an event that you’ll be telling all of your friends about. http://www.ridelifecycle.org/

Flag Day: June 14

Conference Climax – Hats off to Women in Ministry Tea: June 15 at 4:00 p.m. Ladies wear your beautiful, stylish hats and enjoy guest speakers, Minister Kim Smith and Lady Shardae Taylor. Registration 20.00. FMI or to register call 318-751-4314. 1841 Michel in Shreveport.

Father’s Day: June 15

Ramadan – June 28 – July 27

OCC Bazaar at FBC Bossier

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make 2013 a banner year for Operation Christmas Child. We exceeded our goals for the number of shoe boxes collected and distributed. The totals for the year 2013 are: Worldwide - 9,950,000 boxes, in the USA - 7,541,468, in Texas/Louisiana - 590,613 boxes, and at the First Baptist Bossier Area Collection Center - 26,447.

Let’s start early this year with a plan to attain a still greater goal.

Operation Christmas Child Bazaar: July 20 from 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. All proceeds go to OCC. Enjoy cake walks, crafts, children’s activities and a FREE Southern Gospel concert presented by ONE CORD. Bids will be taken on the quilt shown below through July 20, and it will be awarded to the highest bidder at the bazaar. For more information about viewing the quilt and making a bid call 746-7940.

Quilt pieces of the different state birds were embroidered in the early 50’s by Mrs. Jearl Patrick (now in her 90’s) and quilted by the “Diamond Set” ladies of First Baptist Bossier.
PROGRAM GUIDE

**Monday - Friday**

*In the Morning...*
6:00 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
6:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
6:55 Mission Network News
7:00 Focus on the Family - Jim Daly
7:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
8:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
8:30 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
8:55 Focus on the Family News
9:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
9:15 Key Life - Steve Brown
9:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
10:00 Family Talk - James and Ryan Dobson
10:30 Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
11:00 Walk in the Word - James MacDonald
11:30 Wall Builders Live - David Barton

*In the Afternoon...*
12:00 Insight for Living - Charles Swindoll
12:30 Turning Point - David Jeremiah
1:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
2:00 Focus on the Family News
2:05 The Dave Ramsey Show
4:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
4:15 Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman
4:30 Focus on the Family - Jim Daly
5:00 Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
5:30 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
7:00 Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
7:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
8:00 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
8:30 Sign Off

**Saturday**

*In the Morning...*
6:00 The Car Show
7:00 Spirit of the Outdoors - Jim Newcomb
8:00 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton
9:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
11:00 Eagle Forum Live - Phyllis Schlafly

*In the Afternoon...*
12:00 Sports Spectrum
12:30 Walk in the Word - James MacDonald
1:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins
1:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
2:00 Jonathan Park
2:30 Ranger Bill
3:00 Adventures in Odyssey
3:30 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
4:00 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
4:30 The Dave Ramsey Show
7:30 Adventures in Odyssey
8:00 Sports Spectrum
8:30 Sign Off

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**Something worth listening to**

**Sunday**

*In the Morning...*
6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:30 BreakPoint This Week - Eric Metaxas
7:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
7:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
8:00 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
8:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
9:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
10:00 The First Word - First Baptist Bossier
11:00 Turning Point Weekend
11:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur

*In the Afternoon...*
12:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins
12:30 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton
1:30 Unshackled - Pacific Garden Missions
2:00 Ranger Bill
2:30 Adventures in Odyssey
3:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
4:00 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
4:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
5:00 Hour of Decision - Billy Graham
5:30 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
6:30 BreakPoint This Week - Eric Metaxas
7:00 The First Word - First Baptist Bossier
8:00 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
8:30 Sign Off

**New Program - Crescent Project Radio**

9:00 p.m. on Saturdays

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**Weekday PM Streaming Schedule**

8:30 Family Talk
9:00 WallBuilders Live
9:30 Love Worth Finding
10:00 Walk in the Word
10:30 Turning Point
11:00 Just Thinking
11:15 Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission
11:30 Urban Alternative
12:00 Sign Off

**Saturday PM Streaming Schedule**

8:30 Road to Reality - GFA
9:00 Crescent Project Radio
9:30 Let My People Think
10:00 Point of View
12:00 Sign Off

**Sunday PM Streaming Schedule**

8:30 Let My People Think (Cont.)
9:00 Christian Worldview
10:00 Washington Watch Weekly
10:30 Precepts for Life
11:00 Adventures in Odyssey
11:30 Unshackled
12:00 Sign Off

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