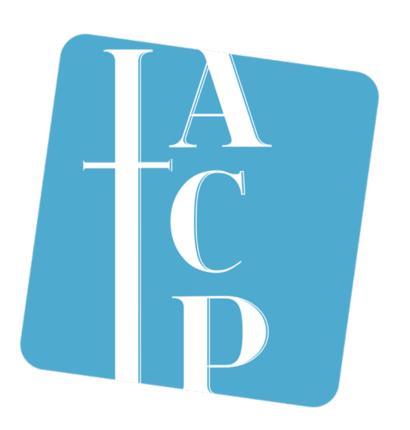
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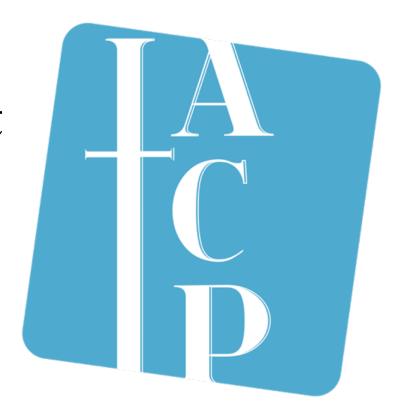
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John Kincaid, a volunteer driver for Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, rises after a few hours of sleep in Panama City, Fla.

18 wheels and a heart to serve

AFTER HURRICANE MICHAEL, a retired Christian steers a big rig full of food and supplies to hard-hit Florida.

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PANAMA CITY, Fla.

n the dark, John Kincaid could see hints of the devastation in this seaside city.

The downed tree limbs in every direction. The roofs ripped off homes and businesses. The flattened pavilion beside the Jenks Avenue Church of Christ's family activity center.

But in the pitch-black wee hours with the power still out in this Florida Panhandle community — the headlights on Kincaid's tractor-trailer rig flashed only brief, sketchy glimpses of Hurricane Michael's vast impact.

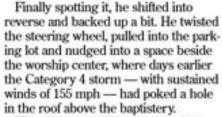
After a 466-mile trip from Nashville, Tenn., to deliver emergency food boxes

and supplies from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Inc., the volunteer driver approached the Jenks Avenue church just before 2:45 a.m.

The engine grunted as Kincaid, 76, tapped the brakes and slowed

almost to a complete stop. The retired police officer squinted as he scanned the disaster zone for the church's driveway.

Kincaid



Kincaid recorded the semi-truck's odometer reading at his destination — 201,035 — before cutting the lights. After a quick pit stop under the stars, he left the rig's air-conditioner running and climbed into the back of the cab.

There, on a twin mattress, he'd catch See TRUCK DRIVER, Page 24



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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

thin sheet of snow and ice covered the ground outside the Levy Church of Christ as hundreds of mourners filed into the auditorium.

Charles Smith Jr. - "C.J." to friends and relatives - lay in an open casket adorned with red and white flowers and flanked by a giant memorial banner featuring the 17-year-old high school senior in his blue cap and gown.

Some sported dark suits and fancy dresses.

THE STORY OF LITTE FOR

Others wore jeans and T-shirts emblazoned with Smith's smiling face. Loved ones choked back tears as they approached the coffin and kissed the teen on the way to their pews.

The death of any young person is tragic, be it from cancer or a car wreck.

The circumstances of Smith's final moments, larly perplexing to

though, are particu- The program for Charles Smith Jr's funeral shows the high school those trying to make senior in his blue cap and gown. sense of the baptized

believer's untimely passage from, as one funeral speaker described it, "earth to glory."

"Like many of us from time to time, he made bad judgments," Duncan Martin, minister for the Southside Church of Christ in Little Rock, said in Smith's eulogy, "But bad judgment does not deserve a death sentence. If that were true, this auditorium would be empty today."



Minister Danny Dodd preaches at the Levy Church of Christ after the shooting.

crowds who came to light candles and pay respects to the fallen teen at the nearby street corner.

"Certainly, our desire and our goal is to serve everyone, to be sensitive to all, and to pray for everyone who is involved," minister Danny Dodd said of his 600-member congregation, which is about 80 percent white and 20 percent black.

In his sermon a week after the shooting, Dodd preached from Romans and reflected on the tension between Iews and Gentiles then and blacks and whites now.

"We don't need to stumble," he told the congregation. "The answer to all of these things is found in Christ. It's not going to be found in political agendas. It's not going to be found in passing laws. ... All of us - red and yellow, black and white - need to let the Word speak to our hearts where we are and deal with our attitudes."

The Levy flock includes police officers, but none was involved in the fatal confrontation with Smith.

Smith had played baskethall in the Levy church's gymnasium, and deacon Ted Bowsman - who coordinates the congregation's communitybuilding ministry - recognized



Candles, balloons, teddy bears and flowers are among the items left at a makeshift memorial for Charles Smith Jr. -- known as "C.J." — outside the Levy Church of Christ. Smith died in a shootout with police just 30 feet from the church's ministry center.

the teen's mother and grandmother from past outreach events. The Levy church, in the shadow of government-subsidized housing projects, hosts annual giveaways of school supplies and winter coats.

"I knew the names and the faces," Bowsman said of Smith's relatives. "We had a connection."

A BROTHER IN CHRIST

Smith often brought friends to worship at the Southside church, which has Sunday attendance of nearly 200, Martin said after preaching at the funeral.

"Nobody made him come to church," the minister told The Christian Chronicle. "He'd been coming to church for the last three years on his own. He started off by himself, got a feel for the church, and then he just started bringing all his friends.

"Every Sunday, we never knew how many he was going to have - sometimes four, sometimes 10, sometimes 20," the preacher added. "And they would say, Tm with C.J. He brought me to church today." He was a good guy,"

In a poem read at the memorial service, a cousin said, "The C.I. that I know was a God-fearing young man ... with a heart of gold."

"C.J. loved his mother, sisters and grandmother so much," his funeral program declared. "He considered himself the 'man of the house,' He loved being with his family, going on road trips, out to eat and being with his church family.

*C.J. was very loving, funny, kind, and had a million dollar smile!" the obituary said. "He was loved by many and will be missed dearly."

Such descriptions stand in contrast to the suspect shown in the video struggling with police and crying out, "I can't go to jail."

"I can't make sense of it," Martin said.

But the black minister said he doesn't question the authenticity of the video. "I felt the training lacked when he was on the ground," Martin said. "I felt they could have constrained him before he was able to get the weapon."

However, the officers seemed to act professionally, the minister added: "But C.J. had just gotten out. of some trouble, and I don't think he was saying 'I can't go to jail' because of himself; I think he was saying it for his momma. Because he had just put her through some stuff, and they got out of debt, and he was afraid."

The Southside preacher praised the Levy church for its role after Smith's death. "They've bent over backwards," Martin said. At a vigil after the shooting, "they had children on the (parking) lot doing drugs, and some guy was in a car doing doughnuts, and they easily could have said. 'No, we don't want no part of that.'

"But they've opened the doors, and everything the family requested, they've given it," he added. "So you couldn't ask for any more."

Besides hosting the funeral, the Levy church - with help from the Southside church and the 15th Street Church of Christ in North Little Rock catered a family meal afterward.

For deacon Bowsman, the shooting's aftermath reinforced the congregation's decision to remain in the neighborhood.

"We need to be a light to this area," he said. "And the best way to be a light is to be in the area. ... This, to me, is why we stayed."



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Culture of mass incarcera

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or a freedom-loving country, the United States locks up more people than any other nation in the world.

More than 2 million people are confined in American prisons, jails, juvenile detention centers and other types of correctional facilities. Nearly half a million of them haven't even been convicted, yet they are sitting in local jails awaiting trial, many of them too poor to raise bail.

The federal Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) reported in April that the adult incarceration rate fell in 2016 to its lowest level in 20 years. According to BJS, the American adult incarceration rate has steadily declined since 2009 and is now at its lowest rate since 1996.

That decline, while encouraging, does not change the fact that the United States incarcerates a higher percentage of its own population than any other country in the world.

When you include the number of people

behind burs with the number on purole, probation and community supervision, the current adult correctional population in America reaches nearly 6.5 million.

According to the nonprofit, nonpartisan Prison Policy Initiative, the United States has about 2.3 million people in prisons,

jails and juvenile detention centers. That translates into a U.S. incarceration rate of 655 people per 100,000 population.

The nations with the next highest rates of imprisonment, according to the Prison Policy Initiative, are:

- ▶ El Salvador, with 614 per 100,000
- ▶ Turkmenistan, 583 per 100,000
 - Cuba, 510 per 100,000
- Rwanda, 434 per 100,000
 - Russia, 413 per 100,000

BJS and the World Prison Brief note that a lack of available data may mean that some countries, such as China, are not fairly represented among the national incarceration rankings. Nevertheless, the National Academies of Sciences. Engineering and Medi-

cine reports that close to a quarter of all the world's prisoners are held in American prisons.

"The U.S. rate of incarceration," the National Academies reported, "with nearly 1 of every 100 adults in prison or jail, is 5 to 10 times higher than rates in Western Europe and other democracies."

Some states' incarceration rates are even more stunning, according to the

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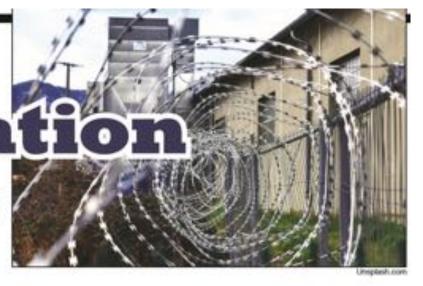
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Oklahoma currently tops the list by locking up 1,079 out of every 100,000 of its citizens, followed by Louisiana, 1,052; Mississippi, 1,039; Georgia, 970; and Alabama perennially among the highest-incarceration states — 946.

Looked at another way, Alabama's incarceration rate of 946 per 100,000 population means that about one out of every 100 men, women and youth we encounter every day — at church, in school, at the mall — will be locked up at one time or another.

Extrapolate that to the number of family members with an incarcerated leved one, and the impact of mass incarceration comes into clearer view.

Children of imprisoned parents are especially at risk in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Justice, a federal research agency. They are six times more likely to eventually be incarcerated themselves, perpetuating the cycle. They are more likely to become depressed, aggressive and antisocial, and they are often trapped in severe poverty.





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A Combination of Cruelty and Ineptitude



THIS SUMMER, people were filled with righteous anger about the separation of children from their families at the southern U.S. border. The crisis sparked a critical mass of outrage about the Trump administration's inhumane policy, especially when audio surfaced of separated children crying desperately for their parents. The press, a few members of Congress, and other elected leaders did heroic work in exposing the horrific human toll of these policies.

In the weeks the family separation policy was in place, more than 2,300 children were separated from their parents. Reuniting these children with their families will take months. Some of these children may never be reunited with parents—meaning they effectively have been made orphans by this administration's combination of cruelty and ineptitude.

Make no mistake: This was not merely an accidental byproduct of a convoluted and broken immigration

Children do not belong in prison full stop. the abuse of immigrant children by claiming that zero tolerance, and by extension family separation, was "biblical," offering a massive misinterpretation of Romans 13. Faith leaders from a wide variety of denominations—from the U.S. Catholic bishops and Sessions' own United Methodist Church to the Southern Baptists and the National Association of Evangelicals—said no.

The broad group of Christian elders who initiated the Reclaiming Jesus movement, which Sojourners helped convene, issued a call to action titled "Suffer the Little Children': The separation of immigrant children from their parents is not biblical." The call offered a theological and scriptural explanation of why this cruel policy is so clearly counter to God's Word.

The crescendo of outrage at the sheer inhumanity of family separation forced Donald Trump to retreat and sign an executive order that he claimed would end family separation. The fact that our society showed itself still capable of moral outrage sufficient to reverse Trump's course zero-compassion policy, and it has to be stopped.

There are practical and proven methods for ensuring that migrants seeking asylum have their cases fairly adjudicated and show up for their day in court, including electronic monitoring and assigning case workers to families. While far from ideal, this is a much more humane option. Children do not belong in prison—full stop. The fact that their parents committed the misdemeanor offense of unauthorized entry doesn't change that. Such misdemeanors in no way justify the lasting harm of separating children from their parents.

Congress urgently needs to step in. Trump and his administration have demonstrated over and over that they simply do not possess the empathy or decency to treat immigrant families humanely, and they cannot be trusted to do so under current law. Congress should act to prevent this or any future president from using an inhumane zero-tolerance policy toward migrants crossing the border. Congress must also compel the administration to



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Renouncing white Jesus

NO SOONER HAD JAMES CONE (THE REV. DR. JAMES CONE) FOLDED HIMSELF INTO MY COMPACT CAR AND CLICKED THE SEATBELT, I BLURTED, "I AM SORRY FOR MY WHITE JESUS, DR. CONE." He glanced at the plastic, sun-bleached, plastic Jesus on my dashboard and said in his signature, high-pitched voice, "Oh, it's all right, it's all right." Driving Cone back to his hotel after his arresting, compelling, profound lecture on "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" counts as one of the highest privileges of my ministry. The lecture took place April 17, 2017. He said of his book, "I put my

The lecture took place April 17, 2017. He said of his book, "I put my whole being into it. ... I did my best, to do less would be a theological sin." Those of us in that sanctuary received a gift, as Cone put his

Every follower of the crucified Prince of Peace must stand up for and stand with the crucified, the marginalized, the vulnerable, the hated and hunted. We must stand with Jesus.



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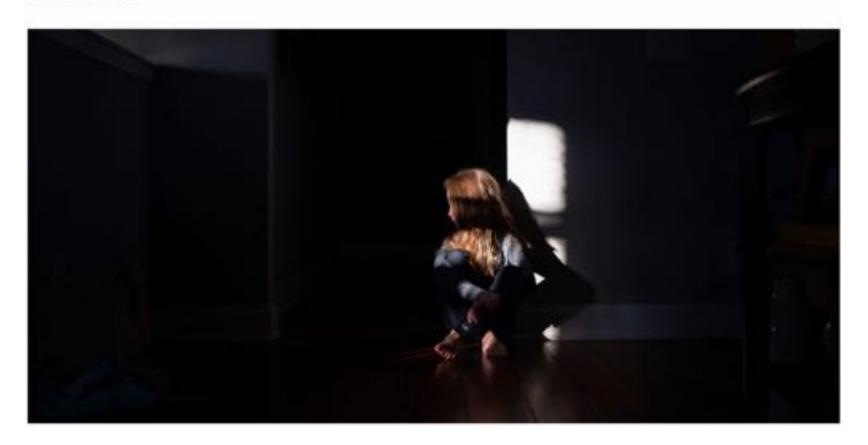
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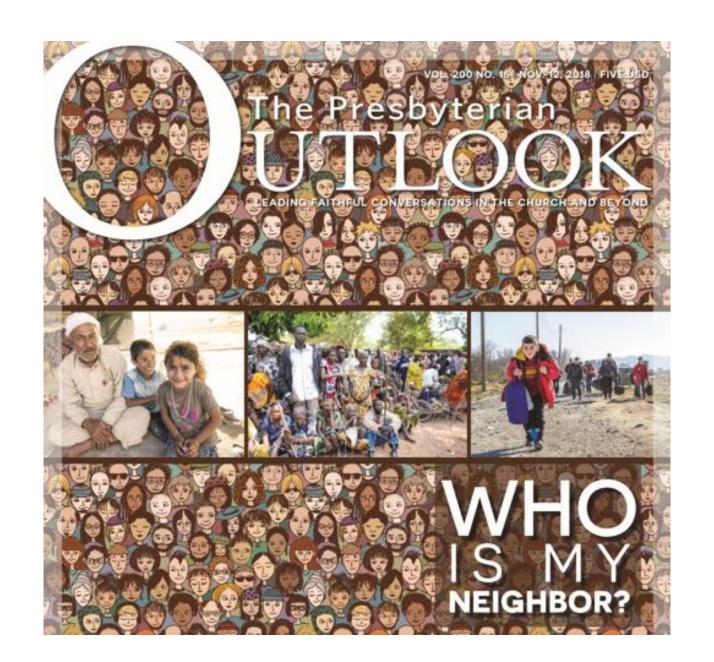
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"When you belong to this church family, the family you belong to is bigger than just this church." That's how I start out every new members class I teach at First Presbyterian Church of Dunn in North Carolina. I then point to the wall of portraits of the pastors who have served this congregation before me. "Sid Batts, he's now at First Presbyterian Church of

Greensboro," I say. "David Sherrod is at Barbecue Presbyterian Church over in Sanford. David Bailey has been at a church in South Carolina.



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According to the most recent statistics, more than 65 million people are forcibly displaced from their homes and communities worldwide—the highest number of displaced people in recorded history. We asked two Covenanters who work and volunteer with refugee resettlement to help us understand the rowing crisis and how churches and individuals can respond.

Chitra Hanstad is the executive director at World Relief Seattle, where she has served since January 2017. Prior to this role, she consulted for Justice Vennues-International, an anti-trafficking organization, in India on strategic planning and fund development and as a philanthropic adviser for the Seattle Foundation. She amends Emerald Gity Rible Fellowship, a Covenant congregation in Seattle's Rainier Valley.

Cindy M. Wu is a freelance writer based in Houston, Texas, where she volunteers with refugee resettlement. She recently published A Bitter Gundry: Embruring the Refuges in Our Midst. She attends Access Evangelical Covenant Clusters and serves on the ECC Executive Board.

Why is the refugee crisis so pronounced today?

GHITRA HANSTAD: The number of displaced people globally is a reflection of the conflict in our world. When people are forced out of their homes by war and pewerution, the number of refugees fleeing into neighboring countries inevitably rises. The ongoing crisis in Syria is the most visible and in the greatest source of displaced people today, with 60 percent of the population (12.5 million Syrians) forced to the their homes.

But that is just one of the many heartbreaking conflicts forcing flight. Since late August more than 600,000 people from the Robingya minority group in Bunna



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Don't give up on God

EDITOR'S NOTE — This year marks the 20th anniversary of the death of my wife, Eleanor, who died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in South Africa. For all of those 20 years I have tried to support people walking the grief journey as I was supported in that crisis time.

It is only in the last few months that I have been able to write something I can share with others about the many crises of that experience and what I learned about God in the midst of grief. This article is part of that series. I pray it will be helpful to others walking the grief journey.

By Bob Terry Editor. The Alabama Septier

ow can you give someone you love permission to die?

That was the struggle I faced as I entered the intensive care unit (ICU) of the hospital for the first time Tuesday afternoon. That morning a doctor visited me on the ward and told me Eleanor had taken a turn for the worse during the night. He told me she was in critical condition but he could not tell me what was wrong with her.

Later I realized he was trying to tell me Eleanor was dying but I refused to hear it, and because his own grief was still fresh from losing his mother, he could not say the words plainly.



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The Medjet plane carrying Bob and Eleanor Terry arrives in Birmingham on July 19, 1998.



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Natasha Jamison Gadson: How I embraced my authority as an African-American woman in ministry



The Rev. Dr. Natasha Jamison Gadson at Turner Memorial AME Church in Hyattsville, Maryland. Photo courtesy of Notasha Jamison Godson



Overcoming stereotypes and assumptions has been difficult for a female minister in a historic African-American church. But, she writes, she was not serving the people by trying to be what others wanted her to be.



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I love serving at a historic church with a storied past. I thought about this on Resurrection Sunday morning, when I stood alongside my clergy colleagues and looked around.



by: Natasha Jameson Gadson Minister, Turner Memorial AME Church

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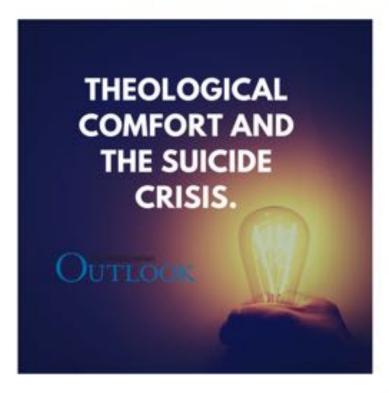
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Guest commentary by Chip Hardwick

The news earlier this summer came almost too quickly to digest. Upscale handbag designer Kate Spade, fresh off the 2017 list of Fast Company's "Most Creative People in Business," reportedly took her life on Tuesday, June 5. Only three days later on June 8, celebrity chef and former bon vivant Anthony Bourdain was found dead in his hotel room in France after apparently choosing to end his life.

As the news ricocheted around, similar reactions emerged. Spade's handbags have a "lighthearted, all-American style," which made it hard to imagine

her taking her life. Tributes to Bourdain included statements such as, "If I could choose anyone's life, I would be him." No one seemed capable of wrapping their mind around why these seemingly well-put-together public figures would die by suicide.



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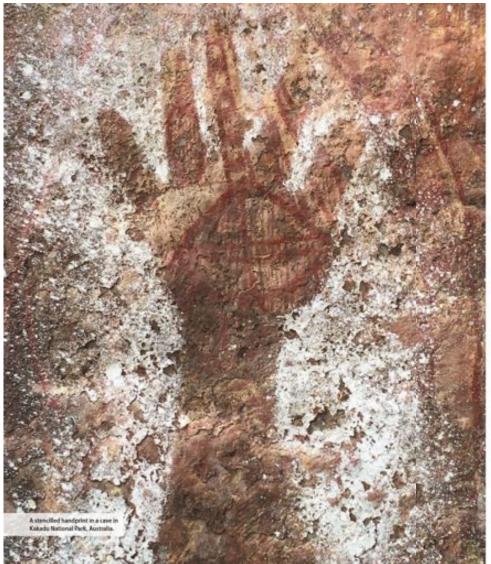
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IN THE BEGINNING

be heat has already started to build by the time Ryan Sage rattles up to the lodge in the little white bus that is to take us into the beart of the Dreamtime, the ancient faith system of Aboriginal Australians.

It is not yet 8 in the morning, but Sage has already turned on the bus's air conditioning, insurance against the scorching journey to come. Soon enough, he tells the passengers in his soft drawl, we'll be glad for any cool air we can find.

I believe him. We are in Kakadu National Park, smack in the middle of the top lip of Australia. The equa- est painting still in existence, a charcoal design tor is above us, the Tropic of Capricorn is below, and we are driving under a pitiless blue sky just a few dozen kilometres from the Indian Ocean.

Off in the distance, sunlight shimmers in the still waters of a billabong (a dead-end offshoot of a river), and beside the road, paperbark trees shed their skin. Blood-red termite mounds taller than me sprout like cathedral spires. Radioactive uranium ore lurks under the ruddy soil, Lethal saltwater crocodiles -- "salties" -- loll wherever there's water. Kangaroos and their smaller cousins, wallaroos and wallabies, bound through the bush.

And hiding in the shaded underhangings of the ancient sandstone escarpment that juts across the landscape is one of the most extensive outdoor art galleries in the world: Kakadu's rock paintings, both sacred and mundane. Kakadu alone features more than 5,000 documented sites of

An ancient faith, a scientific revolution and what they reveal about our place in the universe

BY ALANNA MITCHELL

rock art, each containing multiple images, sometimes hundreds to a rock face, layered one on top of the other. Twice as many sites are thought to be tucked away in Kakada's hills, many locations known only to Indigenous Australians.

The rock paintings are much more than art. To Indigenous Australians, who arrived on this continent 65,000 years ago, some of the paintings depict ancestral beings that created the reality we see around us, manifestations of an Aboriginal faith system known in English as the Dreamtime or the Decaming. The old-

found just a few kilometres from where our bus is travelling, was drawn 28,000 years ago. Stonehenge, by comparison, began taking shape about 5,000 years ago. This means the Dreamtime is one of the oldest known religions.

But the rock art is not just the dusty archive of a primeval religion. It is part of an enigmatic, sophisticated animist faith that lives on. To many Aboriginal Australians, the stories the art tells are as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago. And that makes Australia's rock paintings the text of the longest continuously practised religion on Earth.

When Indigenous Australians (a term that includes Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders in the northeast) first came to this continent, at least three other humanoid cousins were still walking the Earth: Neanderthals,



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Who is 'entitled'?

t has become politically trendy to separate the deserving poor from the supposedly undeserving. This is evident in calls for work requirements for Medicare; in Ben Carson's comment last year that public housing not be "too comfortable," lest the poor begin to believe the government will care for them indefinitely; in the way families are penalized if they do not file to end food stamps the minute their income rises above 130 percent of the federal poverty level. If their income drops below the poverty line and they reapply for food stamps, the food stamps will be garnished to make up for the money they previously "stole."

In a true democracy, these voices insist, people are rewarded by merit. And why should the poor be exempt from meritbased standards the middle class and wealthy face?

GATHERING THE STONES



Hillary Watson

The Bible does
not ask if the
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It asks if the
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his shift in language is distant from the Bible's approach to poverty. From the moment God leads the Israelites out of Egypt, God explains how those with plenty are obligated to let the alien, widow and orphan glean at the edges of their fields. Jesus had no minimum requirement of those he healed. In his encounter with the Syrophoenician woman, when he suggests there may be a requirement, she argues for mercy, and he agrees: There is no limit on God's goodness.

Over and over, the Bible does not ask if the poor are worthy of help. It asks if the rich are worthy of salvation.

In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus speaks of heaven and hell: "Remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received

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Let's Start at the Very Beginning

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Memory is on our sidestories of the past help us know who we are.

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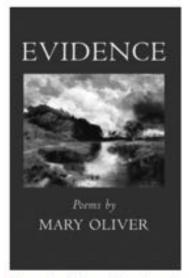
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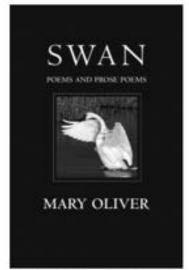
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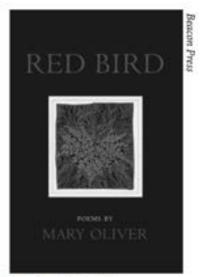
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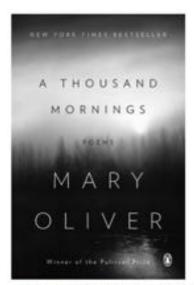
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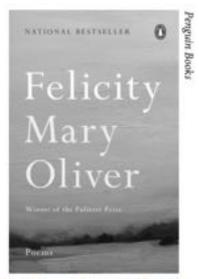




A sample of Mary Oliver's poetry collections: Evidence (2009), Swan (2010), Red Bird (2008).







Oliver's recent collections include A Thousand Mornings (2012), Dog Songs (2013), and Felicity (2015)



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THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY

In response to "Lockdown," by Jamie Stadkey (May/June), I originally wrote, "Great story-it is such a shame that we live in a time when just a word or two can strike fear in so many. Thank you for sharing your story." The incident Jamie was talking about happened at Northwestem University, not far from where I grew up on Chicago's northwest side. Still, it was far asov from our home in Fishers, Indiana.

A couple of days later, at about 8:30 in the morning, we heard the words "active shooter" at the Noblesville Middle School not far from our house. Our daughter, son-in-law, and their three children live in Noblesville. Two people had been shot at the school. As we followed the story over the next minutes and hours, we learned that all the uninjured students were being taken to the high

school where their parents could pick them up. Our granddaughter Graley goes to that high school. We got a text from our daughter that there was a threat at the high school, and it was being put on lockdown. A few minutes later we got a text from Graley saving, "We are on lockdown. I am hiding. I love you guys."

Those words brought fear intoour lives-a helplessness that is hard to explain. Fear that suddenly something that was relatively remote is now close to home. Fear that lives can be changed in a moment. Fear that was softened by prayer and the knowledge that Graley was in God's hands, but fear that didn't clear up until an hour or so later when we heard that the lockdown was over and our granddaughter was out of danger.

I love David's words in the 23ed Psalm: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and

your staff, they comfort me." I wish it was as easy as saving that because God is with me I will never be afraid. I think that is humanly impossible.

As Jamie writes, our society today is divided. The national conversation over gun control is not much of a conversation. Both sides fear the other's point of view; it seems that neither side is willing to talk about compromise. I think we need a continuing dialogue. We can't be afraid to talk to each other. Jamie writes, "Can we be courageous enough to set aside our fears, and for a moment step into someone else's?" I agree.

> John Paulson Fishers, Indiana

GRAPPLING WITH "EVANGELICAL"

I have above claimed to be an evangelical, but these days I'm not so sure, "Can 'Evangelical' Be Saved?" by Bob Smietana (July/August), really hit me where I live. He writes, "At its heart, the Covenant is a family. And families talk about difficult issues. They work through conflicts." This has been my feeling all my life, and I've always been proud to be in a denomination where we could agree to disagree. Following Jesus was always the destination. Oh, how we need that kind of evangelical movement now more than everone that includes, not excludes.

Marlyce Peterson Harwich, Massachusetts

Excellent article. I couldn't agree more with keeping "evangelical" inour church lexicon in spite of its being hijacked and abused in the

public arena.

Gordy Halverson Kingston, Weshington



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An Outline for a Service Acknowledging War Crimes
By Rose Marie Berger

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An Outline for a Service Acknowledging War Crimes

"Has the United States ever apologized? Or are we too big to apologize?"

-Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson

The Chaplains Handbook has no confiteor or rite, neither Book of Common Prayer nor missalette, for scrutinies that beg forgiveness from the torn

and desecrated dead. We come contrite for reports of helicopter gunships, bodies observed in a ditch, the undress

of a girl who covered only her eyes: Noncombatant gang rape, with bayonet.

"Kill anything that moves," bloodlust, U.S. Our Agnus Dei mocked your mutilation. Five hundred and four in My Lai, Son My.

Old age we robbed, our own years condemn. We confess to you, brothers and sisters: We beg. We pledge. Remember them.

Rose Marie Berger is poetry editor for Sojourners. This spring marks the 50th anniversary of the My Lai massacre (March 16, 1968) by U.S. troops in Vietnam. U.S. Army photo by Rosold L. Haebeste



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Dealing appropriately with what triggers anger



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Naboth's Vineyard & Flint, Michigan By Deborah DeMars Conrad

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Flint, MI, had a standard of living, a shared prosperity. But Ahab had other ideas: Broken promises, lost jobs, housing that suddenly was worthless.

This is a sermon about presumptuousness, exploitation, hubris, and what it might mean to live peaceably with each other and the earth.

So, Naboth had a vineyard and he ended up dead when he said no to the powers.



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By Isaac Villegas

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Becoming Christ's body, face to face

Holy gaze

by Isaac S. Villegas

I ARRIVE EARLY to set up for worship. I work in the dark, the sanctuary like a womb ready to birth us into the world, to form us into a body—into Christ's life. The Presbyterian church from which we rent worship space assembles its chairs in rows facing the stage, directing the gaze of the congregants toward the altar and pulpit. Each week we move the chairs to form a semicircle. We prefer to look at each other during worship. Each person is a holy altar; every mouth proclaims God's word. Our eyes flicker with the Spirit's life.

"What is this place where we are meeting?" begins the hymn by Huub Oosterhuis, the first entry in our hymnal. "Only a house, the earth its floor." I hum this song as I push chairs into new rows. that means "pleasure" or "delight." We delight in God's sustaining grace in the pleasures of our fellowship, in our communion of souls, As the medieval historian Ann W. Astell explains, "Catherine stresses the reciprocal relationship, the Communion between those who eat and those who are eaten, their mutual neediness, and the permeability of the 'I' who lives for and by others."

To turn our chairs is to beckon our bodies to reveal the neediness hidden in our souls, the permeability at our core that "we live for and by others." We are beggars, gathered to receive grace. We are priests, consecrated to administer the sacraments with our hands as we pass Christ's peace, with our songs as we breathe the Holy Spirit, with our eyes as

With our bodies turned toward one another, we are reminded that we live for and by others.



words Jacob says to Esau: "To see you is like seeing the face of God."

Not all gazes are the same. Not all eyes look with love, and not all desires honor another's dignity and beauty. Some stares flatten others into commodities, into objects whose value is determined by usefulness, bodies without agency or depth of consciousness. That type of look turns people into property, refusing to recognize others as having their own boundaries. Those eyes prefer coercion to consent.



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#MeToo Confronts the Patriarchy



By Marie Fortune '76 M.Div.

In 1976, William Muehl, a YDS faculty member and the editor of this magazine, wrote an article titled "Rape Is a Sexual Act." He and I had had an ongoing disagreement about this assertion, largely because of my political position at the time that "rape is violence, not extreme sex."



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By Cory Wilson

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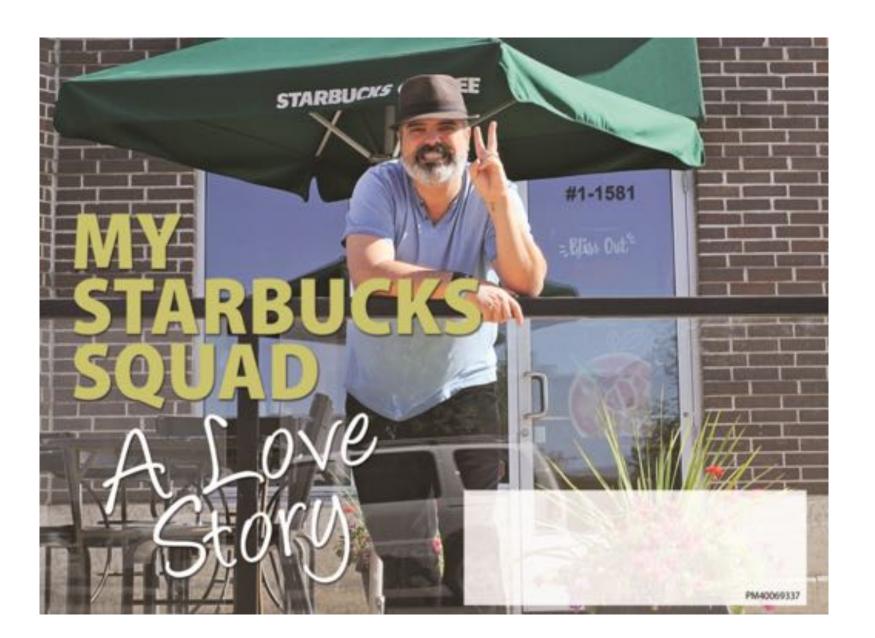
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ABUSE AND ABUSERS IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible's #MeToo stories

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THE #METOO MOVEMENT

al story. Individual stories can point to a societal problem that goes far beyond any individual. The witness of the "silence breakers" who collectively were named "Person of the Year" by *Time* magazine and the brave statements of people like Rachael Denhollander, who testified against gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, are examples of how the telling of stories can reshape culture.



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COVER STORY

The complex history of the **Huron Carol**

A product of 17th-century Jesuit missionaries, the popular hymn was written to introduce the Wendat people to Christianity. The Observer explores its troubled origins and continued use today.

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - In a rough Oxied Story recent on the companior Har-rard Cultiversity, about 20 people pack. the space - some sitting on tables or who knowleds - part before beachings on a federality to learn about the story of Bur Did Toolsowest.

The group is called The fordety for the Two Tastes, a Christian organization on compus that studies topics relating to New Kingdom, page 200

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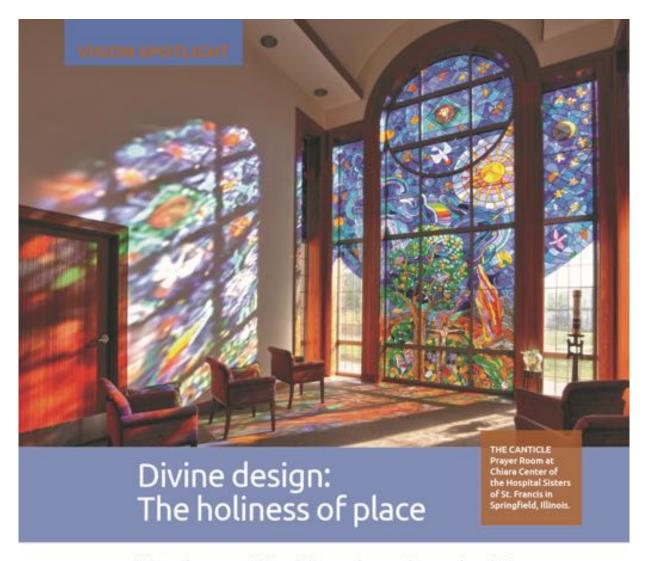
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Where do you pray? Hopefully anywhere and everywhere! But it helps to have special places set aside from the distractions of everyday life to get into a prayerful state.



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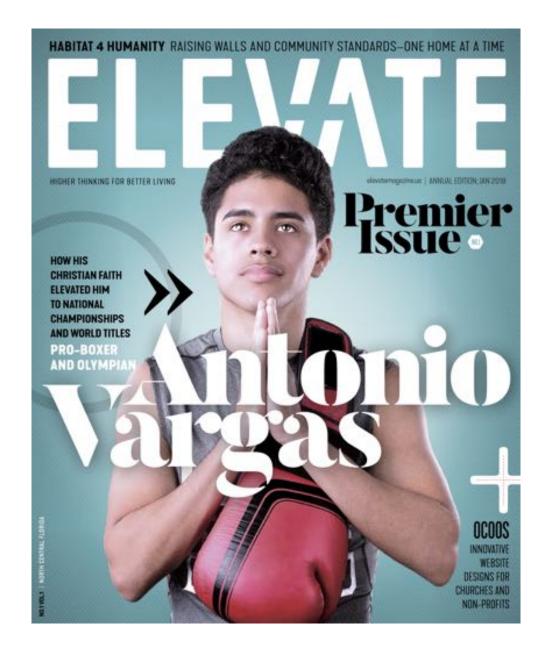
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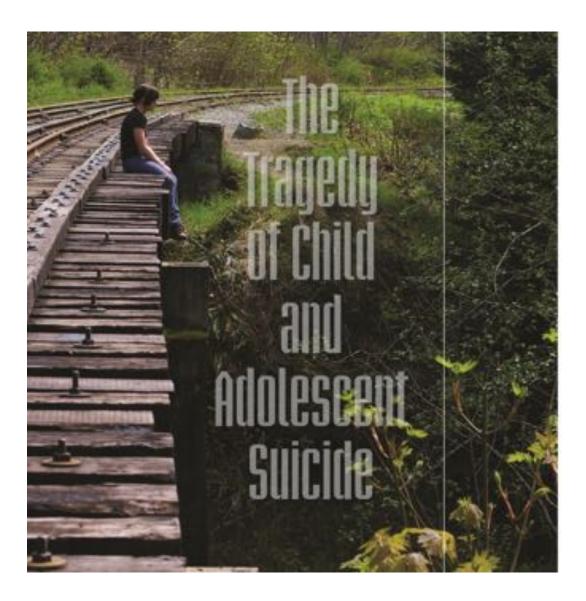
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This story is a composite -- an amalgamation of several true stanier- and is used to illustrate the need for more attention to be paid to rthild and torre suicide, which is becoloning a coloniani, surrative among young people today.

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In 2003, the Course for Disease Control and U.S. Department of Situcation reported that 28 to 28 percent of U.S. studests in grades 6 or 12 have experienced bullying, 36 percost admitted to builtying others, and 20 percent witnessed budying insome sines. According to the report, children and toward adults pre-pffected by hullying and cyberbullying Storing their school age years, and some even into adulthood." School violence and builting occurs throughout the world and affects a rigothous proportion of children and adolespress, this metasured that 246 million children and adolescent repetition school violency and building to some tions over year." This problem is real, and it will not go away without

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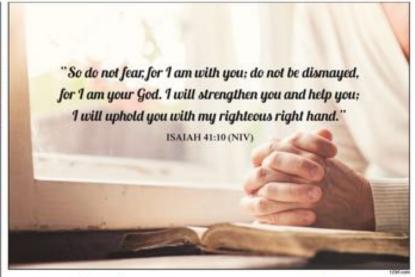
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Most popular verse of 2018 offers words of consolation for troubling times

By Carrie Brown McWhorter

he most shared, bookmarked and highlighted Bible verse of 2018 is: a verse of massassace and condort, which doesn't surprise those who provide: help in troubling times. According to the YouVersion Hible app, the most popular Bible

sense of 2018 is bound 41:30: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strongthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my rightows right hand" (NIV).

Lisa Keune, director of clinical connecting for Pathways Professional Counseling, said the verse's popularity doesn't surprise her. Research by the National Institutes for Health suggests that nearly 1 in 5 American suffer from an anxiety disorder, and people have as innate desire to be consoled, she said.

"God created or to wast and mod to feel safe. It's one of the basic needs that Mastew discovered early on in psychology," she said, "We. need to feel safe before we can at-

tend to other needs and tanks, and when we don't feel safe or when we are swimming in a sex of negative first afraid, we search for safety and stories that intendate us with feelcomfort."

Comforting words

Issiah 41:10 offers that, she said, so it makes sense that if people are searching online for condorting words, those from Scripture would be a good choice. Words like "don't his corner of Alabama when Hurbe altaid," "I am with you" and "I will hold you up" offer pouce in the tragedy of the nonstop news cycle, she said.

"Just this morning I was reading stories of great loss due to wild firm, of political angst around the world and of tragic losses of life in a senseless shooting. With headlines

like these it can often feel like we ings of not being safe or that some thing terrible is going to happen to us any minute," she said.

In October, John Thomas, avsociational mission strategist for Southeast Alabama Baptist Association (SABA), saw inspoly come to ricane Michael's fierce winds New through the Wiregrass region. He has no-doubt the words "do not be afraid" are needed by many believ ers and even unbelievers during the storms of life, whatever those might look like.

"Scripture speaks to that, that (See Rise, page 8)



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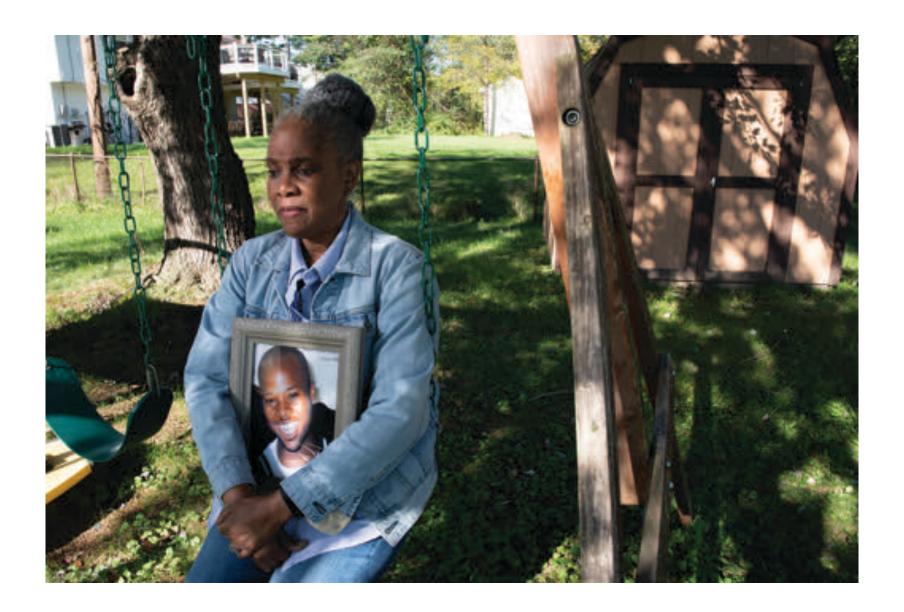
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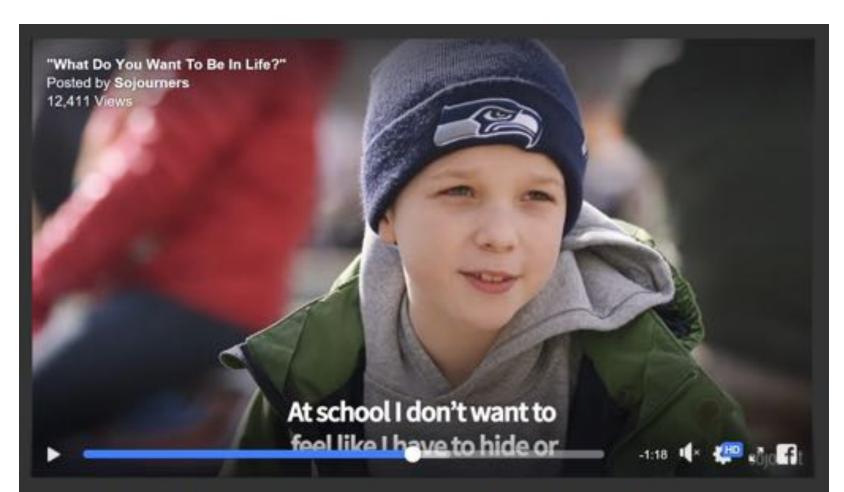
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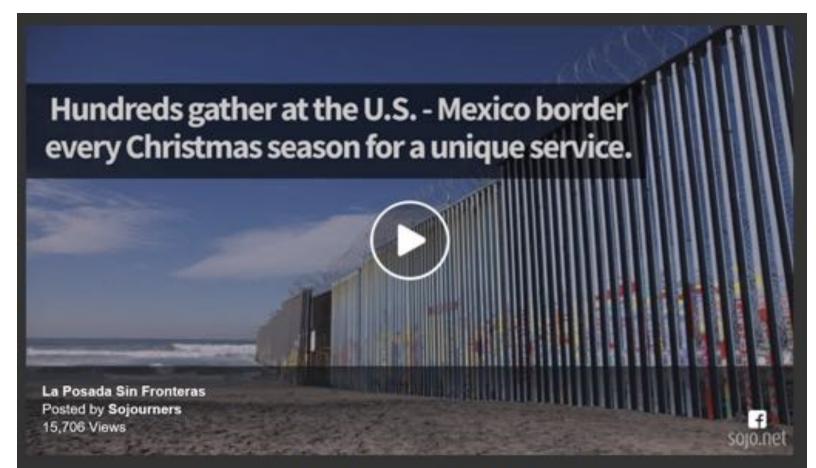
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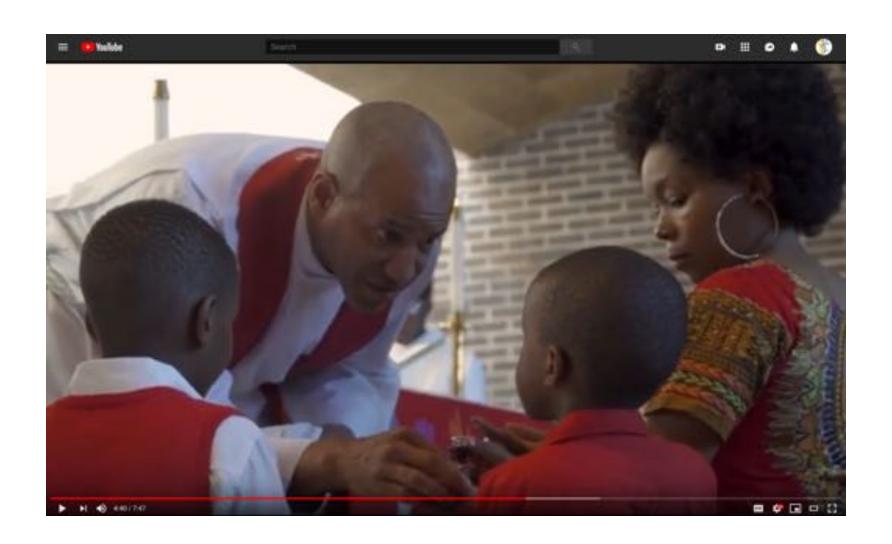
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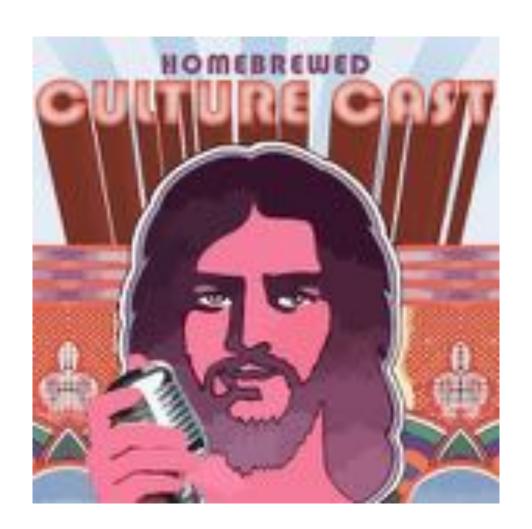
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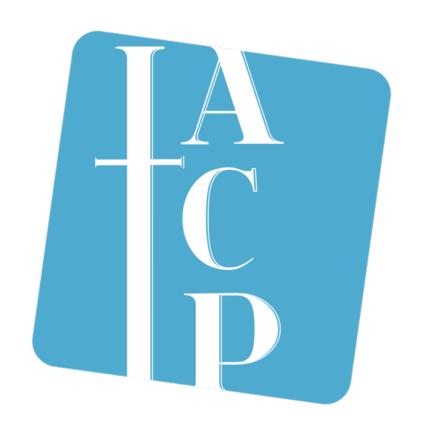
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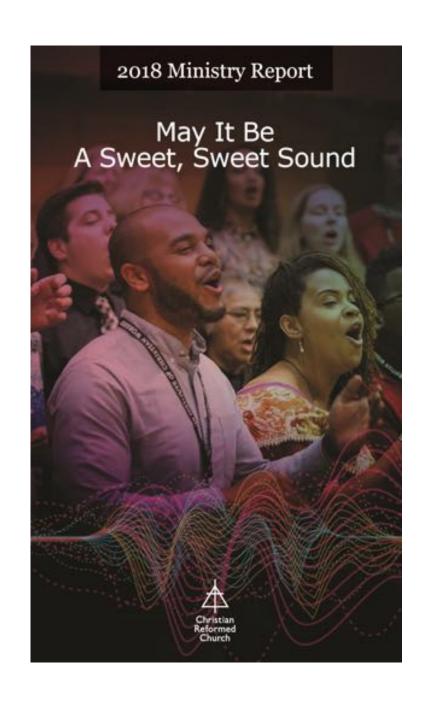
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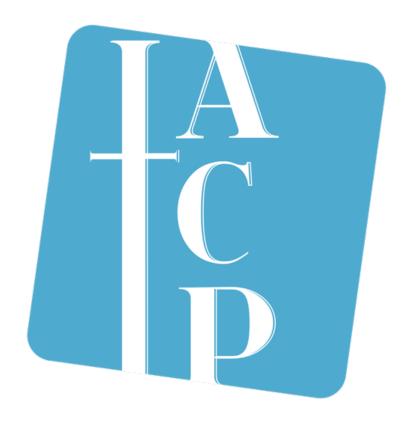
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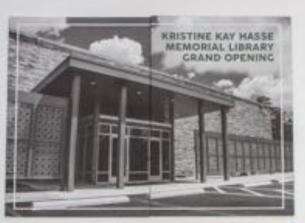
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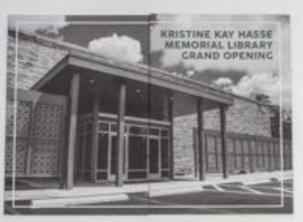
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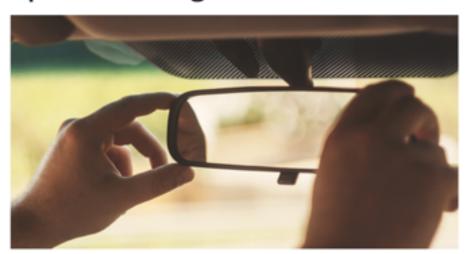
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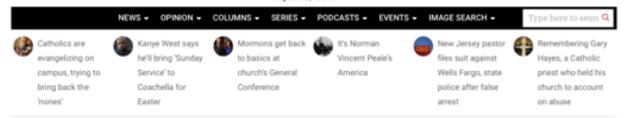
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Christ's Body Has Big, Long Arms

by Roze Meyer Bruins

Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids MI

A s the minister to seniors at Central Reformed Church, it's gratifying to witness the range of God's reach in the world around us. takes many forms—from naan bread to wafers to croissants—whatever is easiest for the particular parishioner to swallow. "Take, eat...Take, drink.... Remember and believe that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was given and shed for a complete forgiveness of all your sins." We are the church, the body of Christ, remembered, not forgotten.

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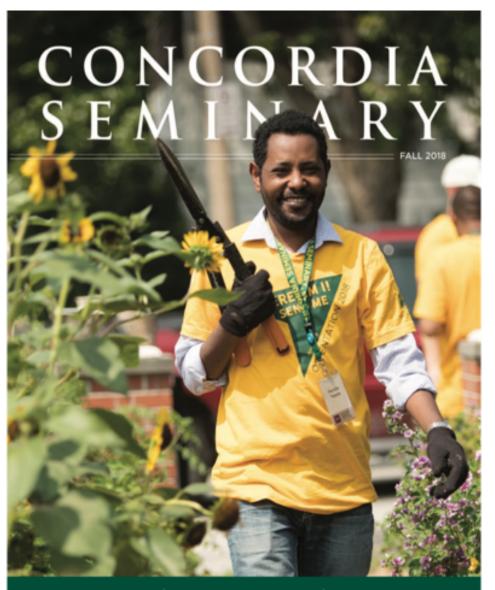
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Double-duty leaders carry Anabaptist torch their elders passed

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Growth recurred in the Global South, while North America and Europe declined.

Two-thirds of Anabaptists are found in the Global South. Counting only MWC-member sharebes, that number rises to 61 percent Ethiopia pured India for second place on the list of leading countries.

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Say vs. what you believe

Nearly one-third of 'evangelicals' don't follow generally held beliefs

Alabama to is identify as Christian call themselves evangericals, but a recent Life Way study suggests that their behinds must match up with those percently held as important to the evangelical movement.

"There's a gap between who evangelicals say they are and what they believe," said Scott McConnell executive director of LifeWay Research, based in Nadwille. Alabama consistently statics as

one of the "most religious states" in mational surveys. A 2014 study by Few Research found that 90 percent of adults in Alabama say religion is "very important" (15 percent) or "somewhat important" (15 percent) in their lives. Ninety-four percent of secondonts said they were "abohardy certains" (12 percent) or "fairly certains" (12 percent) of their belief in God. Among the 50 percent of Alabamians who claim Christianity, 49 percent call themselves evangelical. Nationswide, about 1 in 4 Americans say they are evangelical Christians. Most of them are white, live in the South and identify an Republican. On the whole they are lives educated than the general population. Manue po to chunch every needs.

But they are not always sure what they believe.

Core beliefs

A survey of U.S. adults conducted in November 2007 by List/Way Research found that Fewer than half of those who identify as evangelicals grocess) strongly agree with core evangelical beliefs. Though some research studies define "evangelical seals of these "evangelical studies define "evangelical studies defined "evangelical studies defined according to the control of the control

categorizes an individual as having evangelical beliefs only if they strongly agree with four statements: • The Bible is the highest author-

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- to trust Jesus Christ as their Saviox.

 Jesus Christ death on the
- cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.

 • Only those who trust in Icous Christ alone as their Savior receive

God's free gift of eternal subvation. Using that criteria, LifeWay Research found that only 13 process of Americans are compelicals by belief. By contrast, 24 percent of Americans self-identify as evan grificals.

The study reports that exangelicals by belief go to-church more often, once a week or more, than self-

identified evangeliculs. Both groups tend to be older, with 31 percent of Americans 65 and older identifying as evangeliculs but only 19 percent of that age group holds evangelicul beliefs.

Among people 18 to 34, only 22 percent identify as evangelicals and 10 percent hold evangelical beliefs.

Other findings

Another takeaway from the study is that evangelicals by belief are more ethnically diverse than selfidentified evangelicals.

From the standpoint of belief, 58 percent of evangelicals are white, 23 percent are African-American and 14 percent are Hispanic. Five percent claim another ethnicity.

By contrast, 70 percent of self-(See 'Term,' page 5)



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'God is always on time'

Woman pardoned from life sentence a part of prison church plant

By Grace Thornton

— Gary Farley can attest
to that.
Six years ago, Furley
knew he needed somebody to lend a
hand in planting a church at Federal
Correctional Institution (FCI), the
new women's prison in Aliceville.

but he didn't know exactly who. He had thought he might recruit some volunteers from Pickens Baptia Association, whore he served as director of missions at the time. Be found a planist, a worship leader and some other fields willing to go in and held a regular church sorvice.

But as the first women began arriving at the prison camp in late 2012, the warden told Furley another plan might be more effective.

"He told me that church works better if you use people from the prison rather than carrying church in from the outside," Farley said. "He told me there would be folks on the inside who-can do church really well."

So Farley decided to take his advice — a move that would change his life and his ministry.

Getting involved "I began to try to get the women

involved in planning the services," he said. "They were able to provide quality music and we drew on their

tilents to start the church."

One of the municians said she had some friends who were being transferred in from Tellishooses who could

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Alice Marie Johnson, a grandmother who had served more than 20 years of a life sentence for a first-time, nonviolent drug offense, was released from prison last year.

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was just amazing."
Johnson had a knack for pulling segreter the different cultures and Pickens Baptist Association

gifts inside the prison camp, Farley said. She gathered some Hispanic women to sing "Via Dolorosa," and she put together a variety of music and even included humor, he said.

And over the years, with Johnson

and the other women working along side Furley and other chaptains and solunteers, the congregations that mot within the walls of PCI became

walls of PCI became the biggest church in the county. More than 500 or 600 inmates gather for worship each work, some in the camp, some in the main prison and some in a Spanish-lun puage service.

That's a miracle, Furley said. And they've seen more miracles happen. One of them was Johnson's recent

In 2016, Johnson In 2016, Johnson published a piece on her plight. Her family and job life had been good for years, but in 1989 she and her husband disorced, and not too long after, her youngest son was killed

Farley continues prison ministry after retirement

By Grace Thornton

G ary Furley says the whole fabric of his ministry looks different because the Fuderal Correctional Institution (PCI) was built in his area a few years

back.

"In reading Matthew 25, I felt like I had tried to do what I could with the feeding people, clothing them and giving them water part, but I hadn't done any thing about the visiting people in prison part," Fadey said. "I knew we had to do

He hadn't known what to expect. He was committed to the task, but he thought he might meet a group of tough, hard-torelate to insuates.

Passion for ministry

What he found instead was a group of women he quickly cared about and a passion for prison ministry that would continue well into his retirement

It's evidenced by the way things looked at his last annual meeting as Pickens Baptist Association director of missions in October 2017.

"The Lord allowed the choir from the prison camp to come and sing at that meeting," he

said.

And at his retirement reception, one of the women in the choir — an opera singer sang "Amaring Grace" while

Furley played the harmonica. Farley has seen several "neal churches planted in the prison, and the's seen-dozens of women haptized. He has taught theology classes inside the walls of the prison and seen women go on to disciple others.

"We have 14 nationalities in the prison now, and we've had people from many of them haptized — Chinese, Ispanese, Malaysian," Furley said. "Some of the ladies are ... from Central America, and we have tried to USer 'W han been," page 3)

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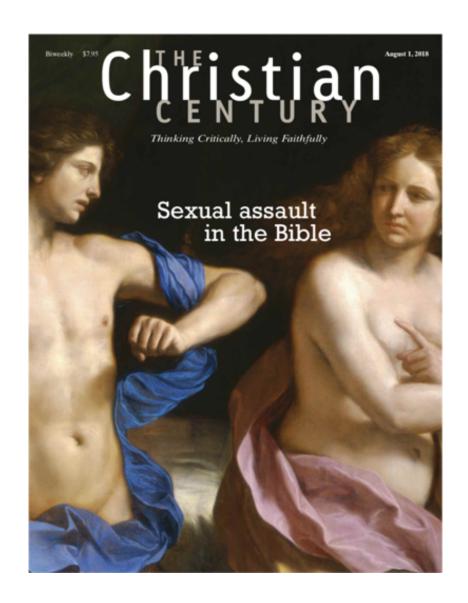
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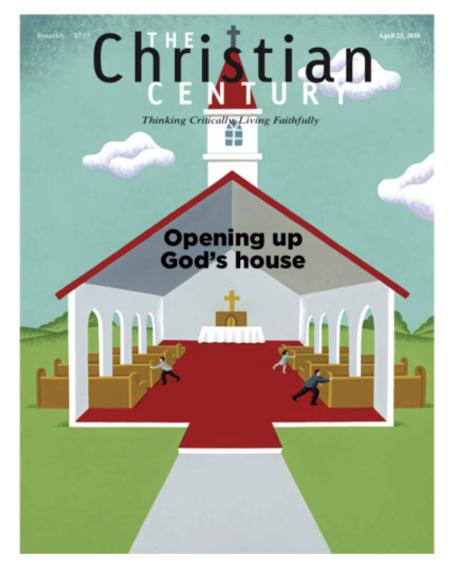
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