"That I may know him and the power of his resurrection." Philippians 3:10







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Celebrating the Resurrection in Kings County By: T.M. Dinkins: County Publisher

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"He is risen. He is risen indeed!" That simple refrain will be repeated by thousands of Christians throughout Kings **county** on Sunday, April 20th. These joyful believers will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It won't matter if these men and women are seasoned followers of Christ or if they just repented of their sins and were baptized, they will each be excited to celebrate the highlight of the Christian calendar, when we reflect on the day our Savior rose from the grave.

The Resurrection is worth celebrating because it marks the moment in human history when God the Father proved that sin can be paid in full. The apostle Peter described how a person can be saved when he described how Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus' death on the cross paid for our sins and his resurrection from the dead proved it was effective. Paul described the saving work of Jesus in Romans 1:4, "(He) was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord."

The historical event of the Resurrection is carefully recorded in the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They each give an account of what took place when the tombstone was rolled away and Jesus proved that he had conquered sin and death. Matthew's account is fascinating because it describes how two women named Mary were eye-witnesses to an angel descending from heaven and rolling the tombstone away (Matthew 28:1-10). Instead of falling over like the Roman guards, the women remained standing. They were able to listen to these shocking words from the angel, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."

This is where our Resurrection refrain comes from, "He is risen. He is risen indeed!" Modern believers are simply repeating the words of God's messenger to the women at the tomb. The women were told to enter the tomb and look at the place where Jesus was lying for three days. Then they were told, "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

The reality of the Resurrection could not be hidden. It had to be communicated to the disciples and then to the world! While the women were on their way to tell the disciples, Matthew recorded that Jesus himself appeared to the women! Matthew 28:9-10 describes how Jesus said, "'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." The rest of the New Testament records the implications of the Resurrection in the life of the church and the rest of Church History records how God has used imperfect disciples of Christ to proclaim the perfect message of the Gospel to the world.

Celebrating Resurrection Day is so important because every year local churches are given the opportunity to remind their people of the marvelous power of the cross! Each church has the ability to encourage their people to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. It is always an encouraging time for believers and this year many churches are giving special opportunities for people to reflect on the sobering reality of what Christ accomplished on the cross and in the empty tomb.

The Kings County Christian NewsMagazine has compiled a short list of some of the special services that will be taking place across Kings county. May God give us all a blessed time of remembrance and renewal in the glorious power of the cross and the empty tomb!



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Have you found a good family devotional book to read during the Easter season? I would highly recommend an outstanding and ingenious book titled Darkest Night Brightest Day. It is written by Marty Machowski and illustrated by Phil Schorr. The reason I called it outstanding is because it is Biblical, practical and it provides answers to the discussion questions! I called it ingenious because of the unique way it makes the reader flip the book at the middle to change from the Darkest Night side to the Brightest Day.

The book has a recommended reading schedule, which starts on Palm Sunday and finishes the Saturday after Resurrection Sunday. The book starts on the "Darkest Night" side and the seven daily devotions should be finished on the following Saturday. Then on Resurrection Sunday, the book is flipped over and you begin reading it from the "Brightest Day" side. The devotions continue for seven days with a summary of God's work on the day of Pentecost. If read correctly the book will provide two weeks of solid Biblical teaching and God-glorifying discussion.

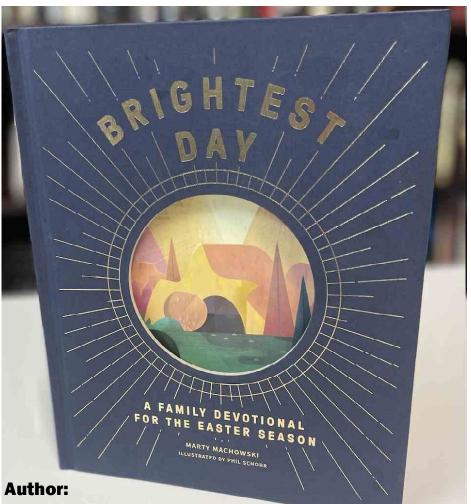
Most books do not rely on illustrations to garner a positive review, but when it comes to children's books, it is a must. The illustrator, Phil Schorr, knows how to balance thought-provoking images with artistic skill. There have been times when I have read similar books and the images have felt like they distract from the text. That is not true with this book. Schorr and the author have clearly thought long and hard about how to create a classic illustration style that will be appreciated by all those who read it. I especially like the author's creative recommendation for how to use the book on Resurrection Sunday.

Machowski gives these instructions, "On Easter morning, set the book with the Brightest Day cover in the front, on a piece of white fabric (representing Jesus's grave clothes). If you wish surround it with treats and baked goods to celebrate Resurrection Day, the brightest day in history. Your children will wake up to the wonderful surprise and you can begin by reading the Story 08, "The Stone Is Rolled Away."

The book is geared towards kindergarten to elementary age students (5-11 years old). Personally, I believe it can also be helpful for Junior High and High School students because it includes the passages that have inspired each chapter of the book. For instance, chapter 1 "The Triumphal Entry" lists a two page summary of the event along with the following passages: Matthew 12:1-17, Mark 11:1-18, Luke 19:28-48, and John 12:12-33. This is helpful because it can introduce older students to a harmonized approach to reading the Bible. A harmonized reading of the gospels puts four columns on each page so the reader can see a chronological list of events in the life of Christ at one time.

As previously mentioned, I also appreciate that the book includes discussion questions and answers at the end of every short chapter. This can save parents some preparation time. The hardest work will be making sure the whole family can gather together for family worship. This year several families in our church will be using the book to help prepare our hearts for the Resurrection. My recommendation would be to start family worship with a prayer and a hymn or worship song. Next I would read a chapter from Darkest Night Brightest Day and work through the questions. If possible, it is always encouraging to take time to pray together as a family.

There are many other good ways to help prepare our hearts for worship. The best option is to ready, study, and meditate on God's word. This devotion book is just one way to help



Marty Machowski

families focus on the amazing work that Christ accomplished on the cross and in the empty grave. This devotion should not replace a parent's personal time in God's word. I believe the purpose of the book is to enhance a family's existing worship by giving a fun, captivating method to remind multiple generations of God's work during the Easter season.

Pastor Tim can be reached with questions and comments at timothydinkins@gmail.com. He serves as a support pastor at Grace Bible Church in Hanford, California.





Legislation to Enhance Transparency and Provide Parental Due Process Rights Introduced in Alabama



SALEM, OR. – Pacific Justice Institute is headed back to the Oregon Court of Appeals for Round 2 in its fight for a Christian health- care worker who was denied unemployment benefits on multiple occasions after declining to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

March 5, 2025

The Pacific Justice Institute – Center for Public Policy (PJI-CCP) is continuing its mission to protect parental rights through the introduction of HB 340 in Alabama by Representative Kenneth Paschal (R-District 73). The bill, called the "Department of Human Resources Transparency and Due Process Rights Notification Act," aims to safeguard the rights of parents and legal guardians during child welfare investigations.

Child welfare investigations carry one of the most extreme consequences imposed by the state – the potential termination of the relationship between a parent and child – yet existing law provides few procedural safeguards. Numerous parents have reported feeling pressured – or even coerced - into unfavorable "agreements" due to social workers and investigators capitalizing on their lack of knowledge regarding their legal rights.

PJI-CCP worked with Rep. Paschal, DHR and other organizations and stakeholders on the bill's language.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has continuously afforded parental rights the highest legal protection available, however, basic practical protections for families suddenly immersed in the complex child welfare system are inconsistent at best," said Brad Dacus, President of PJI. "It is crucial to inform parents of their rights from the very start of a child welfare investigation in order to safeguard their parental rights."

Specifically, the bill requires the following:

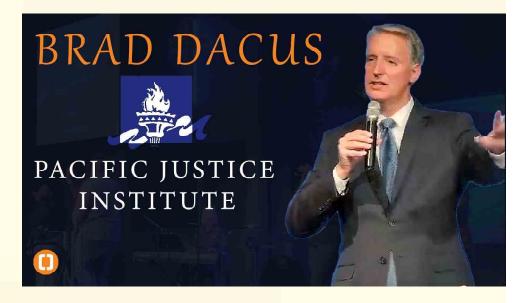
DHR to notify a parent or individual with legal custody that he or she is under investigation;

DHR to provide the parent or individual with legal custody with a written explanation of his or her due process rights, such as the right to review certain records, the right to retain counsel, and the right to seek an administrative review of investigation results; and

DHR to offer family preservation services before a child is removed from the home, with certain exceptions.

Additionally, under HB 340, DHR would be required to develop uniform rules and regulations concerning the





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notification requirements of the legislation and require DHR employees to undergo training.

The Alabama Federation of Republican Women and the Alabama Republican Party State Executive Committee have already passed resolutions in support of HB 340. The bill is currently pending before the Alabama House Committee on Children and Senior Advocacy.

Pacific Justice Institute – Center for Public Policy Urges Illinois Lawmakers to Oppose Burdensome Restrictions on Homeschooling Families

March 25, 2025

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Today the Pacific Justice Institute joined thousands of families to urge lawmakers to stop legislation attacking private and home schools in violation of parental rights and religious freedoms. As amended, House Bill 2827, the "Homeschools Act," is a 60-page measure that would create new requirements for private schools and homeschooling families to report their educational activities to government authorities.

The bill would establish requirements for parents to meet to homeschool their children and if they do not comply, they could face up to a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail, or removal of the children from their home. "House Bill 2827 is an assault on the long-recognized foundational principle that parents are the primary educators of their children," said Brad Dacus, president and founder of PJI. "For 100 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized a parent's right to decide their child's education."

Additionally, House Bill 2827 would require all elementary and secondary private schools - including religious schools - to register annually with the state and report detailed personal information on all enrolled students. There are no guidelines within the bill to regulate how the collected information would be used, stored, or accessed, making it ripe for government abuse. Despite 90,000-plus public declarations of opposition, the measure passed out of the House Education Policy Committee by a vote of 8-4 along party lines with 1 committee member voting present. The bill now is before the full House of Representatives for a vote. "PJI has been advocating for homeschooling families since its inception and is firmly committed to continue to fight against this attempted governmental overreach as it is considered by Illinois lawmakers." Dacus said.

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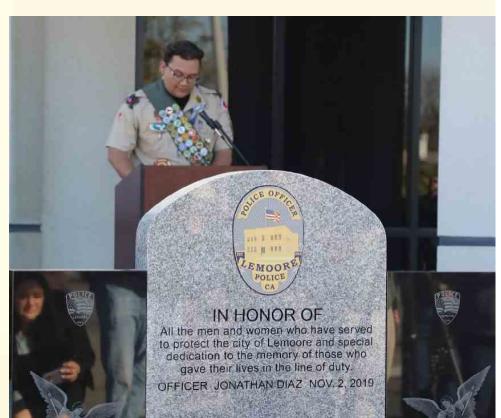
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Student Spotlight

By: T.M. Dinkins





Kaden Dukes/Eagle Scout Lemoore/ Boy Scout Troop 402

How long have you been involved in Boy Scouts? This year will be my eleventh year.

You recently did an Eagle Scout project honoring the life of Lemoore police officer Jonathan Diaz who lost his life in the line of duty. The memorial was unveiled on March 7th, 2025.

What made you want to do that project?

The first thing that came to mind, when I was thinking about the community, was the police department. I worked some resources and got in contact with the chief of police. I reached out to them and I gave them my idea and we sat down and came up with a game plan.

It looks like the memorial was very well received. How do you think it will help the community moving forward?

One of the main purposes I wanted to achieve with the project was to shed light on the police department. I wanted to help show what they go through every day. A lot of what they do for the community goes unseen. Their sacrifice is often unseen and I wanted to shed light on that. I also wanted to make a dedication to officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty to to that sacrifice.

What is the criteria for an eagle scout project?

For the Eagle Scout project it just has to be something that gives back to the community, whether that is to a school or a religious institution. It has to be something that is beneficial to the community.

Now that you have finished the project what else do you need to do to complete your time with the Boy Scouts?

Recently, on March 11th, I had to sit in front of a panel and answer a bunch of questions. Once that was done I became an official Eagle Scout.

I have seen plaques before of Eagle Scouts with their photo taken. Will this accomplishment show up on resumes?

Yes, as an Eagle Scout I can apply for a special scholarship and other programs like that. I can submit my project to a council who will review it as a potential candidate for Eagle Scout project of the year. This will be on national level and that could include rewards. What would you tell people who would be interested in joining Boy Scouts?

Honestly, I would say scouting has changed my life. It has been very rewarding. It is not just going out and having fun and camping. It teaches you leadership skills and moral values. It is character building and serving the community.

It someone wanted to join in Kings county, what should they do?

There are troops all around. There is a troop in Hanford and one in Lemoore. There are multiple troops in Fresno and Madera. People can go online and find a local troop and sign up.



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FAITH IN ACTION:

Spencer Long Albania Mission Trip Team Leader

What was it like traveling from the Central Valley all the way to Albania? What airports did you go through? How did you get from the Mother Teresa airport in Tirana, Albania to your final destination in Pogradec?

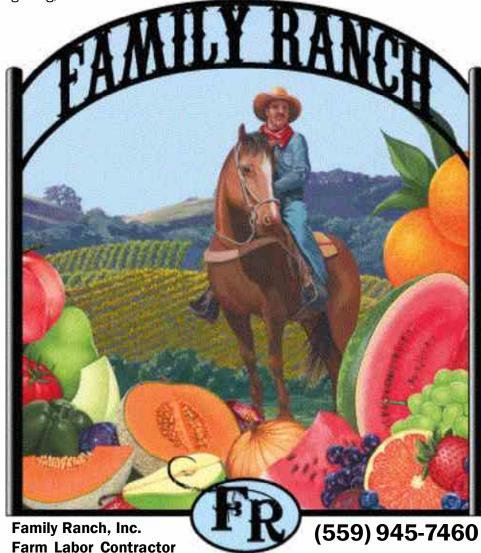
It was a long travel day from the central valley of California all the way to Pogradec, Albania. We started by traveling down from Kingsburg driving to LAX airport on the morning of the 20th. From there we boarded a plane to Frankfurt Germany after a brief layover we flew from Frankfurt into Tirana. Once we landed in Tirana Pastor Cory Cramer had sent a taxi/ bus to pick up our team and we traveled 3 hours from there to Pogradec.

How many people were on your team and were any of them from the Kings county area?

We had 13 people on our team all members of Grace Church of the Valley (GCV) and only Joelle Grinage was from the Hanford area, everyone else was from Reedley, Kingsburg, or Fresno What was the purpose of the trip? What were some of the ways you were able to help the church in Pogradec?

The Purpose of the trip was three-fold. We were coming alongside Cory Cramer to run a family conference, here pastor Scott Shared three times out of 1 Corinthians 13 teaching how Love is to impact the home of Christian Families. Alongside this we had a VBS that ran alongside this family conference where Garrett Costi taught through the Miracles of Christ, and finally we went to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Being a Missionary that we support our team was uniquely gifted to encourage the saints of the church on towards maturity in Christ (young church) through coffee meetings and dinners. But we also had training times with his youth leaders as well as much time with other prominent leaders within the Church.

Albania has a long history including the Greek, Roman and the Ottoman Empires. What was it like being in a place with such a long history?





The history of Albania is evident the minute you arrive with much of the cities filled with cobblestone and other ancient architecture. But there was also a national pride that ran deep since Albania is one of the oldest countries in the world today. We were able to travel to a bridge that was considered to be a part of the Ignatian way an ancient trade route used for travel. Albania is modern day Illyricum of the NT so it is suggested that Paul walked across this bridge that we visited in the country of Albania, showing that the Gospel of Christ has been in an d around Albania much longer than in the USA and yet it is a dark country far from Christ.

Were you able to learn any Albanian while you were there? Did many of the people there speak English? Beyond a few words here and there, our team was not able to learn the language but 50% of the congregation were able to speak English well enough to hold Gospel conversations.

What was it like going to an Albanian church service? Were there certain things that were similar and other things that were different?

When it came to the service in the Evangelical Church of Pogradec (Kisha Ungilore Pogradec) it was extremely similar! We sat under the teaching of God's Word and were able to pray and sing praises up to the Lord alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ even though we spoke different languages. I was reminded of the passage in Ephesians 4: 4-6, where it says,

"There is one body and one Spirit-just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call- one Lord. one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Although we had never met, through our union with Christ and union with one another through the gospel and the spirit deep bonds were formed and worshipping together was sweet. Very little difference in the orthopraxy of the church to ours here in Kingsburg and this is due to our unity in doctrine philosophy of ministry. Language may have been the only difference. They did worship together as a body at night on Sundays instead of the morning which was a difference.

What are some of the ways our readers can pray for the church in Albania?

Readers can continue to pray that the Lord would use the teaching of his word to save and sanctify people who are far from Christ. Although the church is in a healthy place it is small in numbers with thousands of people in the city far walking down a path of destruction. Pray that the Lord would raise up elders in this church to share in the shepherding alongside Cory Cramer. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few and we can pray the lord would raise of laborers amongst this church. Also be praying for Cory and his family that the Lord would continue to strengthen them in the task of declaring Christ and helping them find their rest in him alone!

Students Find the Audience's Funny Bone in Spring Melodrama



Instead of running from trouble, parents at Kings Christian School (KCS) found themselves running towards it for this year's Junior High melodrama "Trouble in the Kingdom of Canteloupe! Or Anyone, Please, Have You Seen the Crown?!" The play was performed at Glad Tidings Church on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm. The script was written by a former KCS parent named Michelle Maciel whose playwright skill was put on display with outrageous puns, comedic outbursts, and dramatic plot twists. Mrs. Wanda Drewry and Mrs. Denise Jordan worked together to direct almost forty characters throughout the hour long production.

The story began with four female narrators bedecked in renaissance apparel to match the medieval setting of the play. Whitney Thompson, Nona Barnes, Lily Stack, and Natalie Tritz worked together to prepare the audience for the chaos that would follow. In the first scene, the Queen, played by Elise Roeber, was confronted with the unpleasant news that the King, played by Mark Torres, had lost the ceremonial crown, which grants control of the kingdom to whomever wears it. Unbeknownst to the royal couple, one of their three daughters heard their conversation and they immediately began trying to help their parents find the missing jewelry.

The three princesses, played by Melody Dinkins, Avery Maule, and Emma Dinkins, were not successful in finding the crown. They came up with several different schemes to track it down, but instead of finding the crown they actually ended up being held ransom by two Villians named Loathsome and Squeamish. This humorous group of hoodlums was played by Reid Mathis and Brayden Hankins. Their fiendish plot was to bluff the king into believing that they have the missing crown so that they can take ownership of the kingdom.

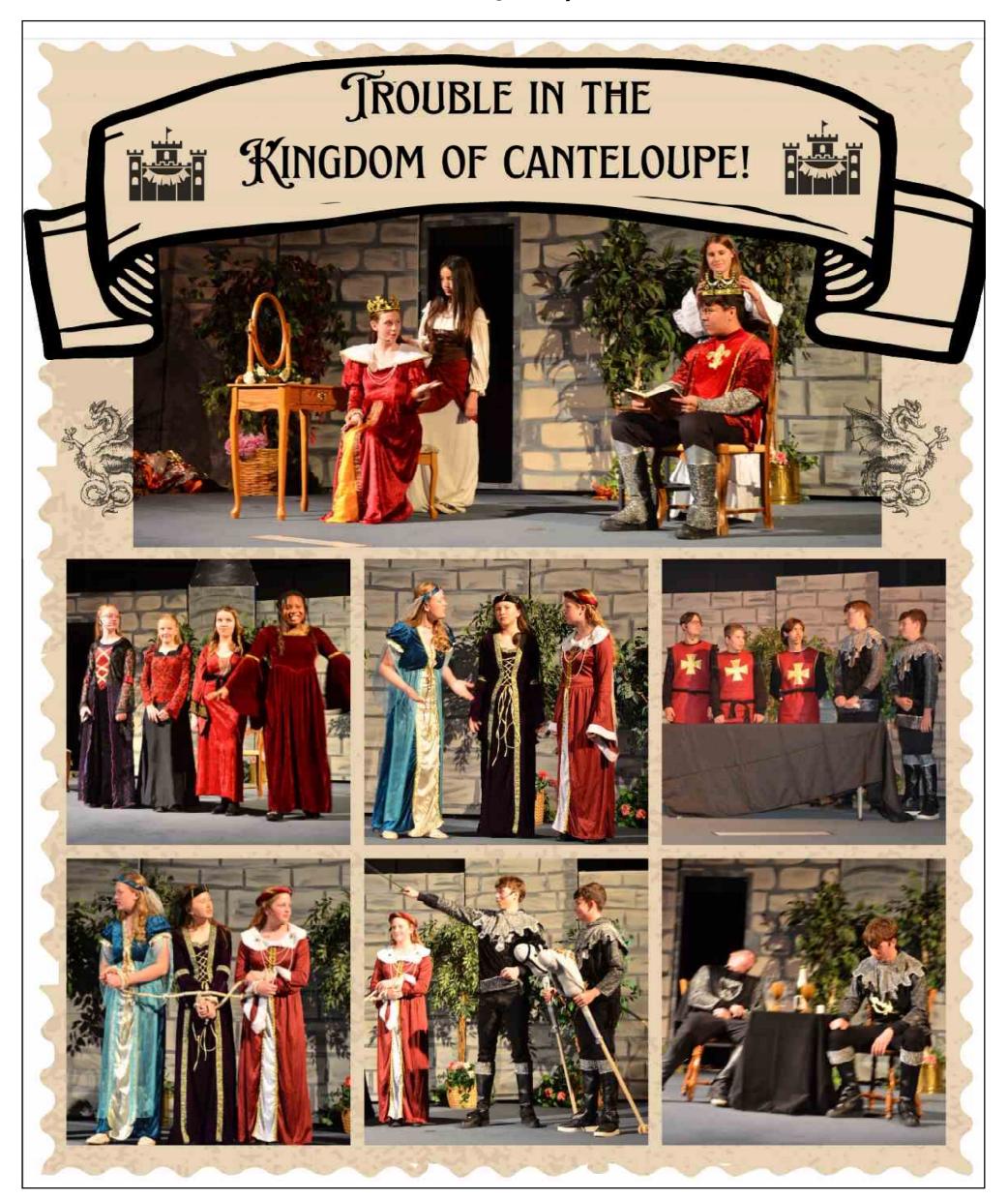
The first plot twist came when the lead knight, Lander, and his trusty sidekick, Edwin arrive on the scene and challenge the villains to a joust. Lander and Edwin are played by AJ Sweazy and Joey DuBois. The joust took place between Edwin and Squeamish and even though they were only using stick horses, the result of the dual ended up in a fittingly dramatic manner. Squeamish knocked himself off his horse by jumping in the air and crashing to the stage. It is likely the most shocking joust that has ever taken place in Glad Tidings church.

Even though Edwin defeated Squeamish, the main villain, Loathsome still needed to be neutralized. Some members of the audience might have thought the next dual would be with swords, but they would have been wrong. Loathsome actually challenged Lander to a battle of wits. Upon Loathsome's request, two servants brought a table, two chairs, two cups, and a bottle onto the stage. The two sworn enemies sat down and began a mental battle that would either have made the author of The Princess Bride very proud or very puzzled. The dual ended when Loathsome drank from a mug that had been filled with arsenic from Hanford's water supply. The villain laughed once, twice, and then died in his chair. At once Lander jumped up and set the three princesses free.

The final scene ends with the final plot twist. The King, Queen, Princesses, and Lander and Edwin are seated around a table awaiting a special surprise dessert from Chef Brûlée, played by Tristan Betteridge. When the cover is removed from the dessert, everyone is shocked because the missing crown is on top of the delicious delicacy. The King immediately remembered that he had mistakenly left the crown in the dessert cabinet and that is where the chef found it. Everyone at the table was relieved that the crown had been discovered that they forgot to eat the dessert. Soon afterwards, the narrators came on stage and brought the play to a timely end.

The actors and actresses performance was enhanced by a lively crowd. Having an audience full of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, and relatives made the performance even better. They responded on cue to the "Boo" and "Aah" signs that were strategically walked across the stage. The audience also showed their appreciation by clapping every time the narrators finished their lines. The crowd showed their approval by giving the Junior High students a loud standing ovation at the end of the performance. And instead of walking away weighed down by the troubles of the world, the audience left with that wonderful feeling that comes from watching one of your kids perform in a KCS melodrama. Congratulations to the directors and all the students! Huzzah!

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Life Walk 2025

Ann Marie Paden Director of TKRL

Tulare-Kings Resources for Life hosted this year's Life Walk in Visalia on Saturday, March 22nd.

Tulare-Kings Resources for Life hosted this year's Life Walk in Visalia on Saturday, March 22nd. What were some of the highlights from the event?

Ten Churches participated from Kingsburg to Porterville. Men showed up in the largest number we've ever seen to lead this walk. Spirit Radio's Jason LeFaive shared a testimony about miscarriage, and Stan Hillan shared how his words to his pregnant girlfriend, steered her away from her planned abortion, and that was 50 years ago. They wouldn't have their oldest son, and their 6 Grandchildren, and one Great grandchild had Stan not spoken up.

How many years has this event been happening? Why is it important to have this event in Visalia?

This was the 30th Anniversary of the walk. It used to take place at Plaza Park but then moved to Main street in Visalia for more of a visual for the community. Last year TKRL decided that the best visibility for the march would be on Mooney Blvd. The reception of the passer's by with honks of approval confirmed this was the best course of action. This event and the positive reception that TKRL is reaching the hearts and minds of the community with their new approach in EDUCATION, in the public and private schools with lessons on Fetal Development from Pre-school to High School. TKRL has visited Tulare Western, St. Rose McCarthy School, and Geroge Mcann School, with FREE CIRRICULUM, taught by Medical professionals. Beyond Visalia, the Central Valley needs TKRL to continue its unique outreach with its programs in Education, Restoration and Defense of Life activities.

What has been the response from individuals in the community?

How are they encouraged knowing this event happens every year? The response from this year's attendees was phenomenal. Because of the theme, "Men's March on Mooney" we attracted several more men to attend. Many stated that hearing how men felt about loss and sharing their testimonies was powerful and unique to TKRL, that usually shares testimonies from women on this issue. The youngest participant was 3 weeks old, and with bounce houses, face painting, food vendors; including a Lemonade for Life stand. It was a beautiful family day out with faith friends and family. This event is only growing, and we anticipate a larger crowd next year. With the men leading the March making a powerful statement, TKRL shows no signs of slowing down in its ability to attract a new group and encourage the longtime followers that the Pro-Life community is not afraid to publicly profess the importance of Life, and showing strength in numbers across denominational lines.

What are some of the other events that are coming up later this year for TKRL?

- Mother's Day Flowers Fundraiser, May 11th, People can help by purchasing flowers for the Mom's and Mom figures at TKRL or participating churches in Tulare and Kings Counties.

- Adoption Symposium, Thursday, May 29th, All are invited for a night of information about the adoption process, and hear testimonies form people who have gone through this process.

- Golf for Life, Mon, June 16th, and Visalia Country Club. This Father's day treat is an opportunity to support life while on the green of one of the valleys finest county clubs.

- Advancing the Mission, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, at Visalia First. Call the office for more information: 559-732-5000





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Easter Services in Kings County*

Armona

Armona Central Assembly of God Church 14341 Hanford Armona Rd (559) 584-3973

Missionary Baptist Church 10649 Railroad Ave. Armona Sunday at 10:30 AM

Avenal

The Life Church 108 E Fresno St, Avenal, CA (559) 410-1435

First Baptist Avenal 528 E Kings St, Avenal, CA (559) 386-5191

Corcoran

Corcoran Community Church 1201 Letts Ave, Corcoran (559) 992-3233

Harvest Community Baptist 144 Dairy Ave. Corcoran Sunday at 11:00 AM

New Hope Fellowship 1200 Flory Ave, Corcoran (559) 992-2731

Hanford

Bridge Community Church 1461 N 10th Ave. (559) 584-8077

Calvary Chapel 1900 N Douty St. Hanford Sunday at 8:15 & 10:15 AM

> Central Community Church of God 1100 N Redington St. (559) 582-4762

> > Centro Cristiano Fuego Santo 211 N Brown St. (559) 317-4246

Country Church 4375 12 ¾ Ave. Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

Church of the Nazarene 6258 E Murphy, Laton (559) 923-1200

Epic Bible Church 213 W 7th St. Hanford Sunday at 10:00 AM

First Baptist Church 9125 13 1/2 Ave, Hanford Sunday at 8, 9:30 or 11 AM First Christian Reformed 2175 Leoni Drive Sunday morning at 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church 415 N Redington St. (559) 582-0283

First Pentecostal Church 429 W Elm St. (559) 584-7513

First Southern Baptist 1207 N 11th Ave. (559) 584-7255

First United Methodist Church 505 N. Redington St., Hanford Palm Sunday 4/13 at 11am

Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 6pm at First Christian Church 505 W Cameron St, Hanford

Good Friday 4/18 at 6pm First United Methodist Church Easter Sunrise at 6:30 am Prayer Garden (Breakfast afterservice) EGG HUNT – April 20, 10 am Easter Sunday 4/20 at 11am

> Glad Tidings Church 750 E Grangeville Blvd. (559) 584-8565

*This is a partial list of churches in Kings County, CA

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Grace Bible Church 707 W Fargo Ave. 4/13 Palm Sunday 10:30 AM 4/18 Good Friday Service 6:30 PM 4/20 Resurrection Sunday! Continental Breakfast at 9:00 AM

Hanford Laton Church of the Nazarene Sunrise Service 6:45 at University and Grangeville, 10:45 at 6258 Murphy Ave. Laton, CA 93242

Koinonia Church 12356 Hanford-Armona Rd. Saturday Easter Services April 19th at 4:00 & 5:30 PM Sunday Services – April 20th at 8:30, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

> Lakeside Community 16942 S 10th Ave. (559) 582-2382

Latin American Assembly of God Church 700 S Harris St. (559) 582-5018

Mustard Seed Faith Church 500 Florinda St, Hanford, (559) 583-7374 New Hope Community (Nueva Esperanza Iglesia De La Communidad) 11274 Hanford-Armona Rd. (559) 582-2009

> New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church 900 Redington St. (717) 745-2892

Pentecostal Church of God 323 E 11th St. (559) 582-1210

Renewing Faith Global Outreach Church 724 Vaughn St. (559) 583-1447

> Salvation Army 380 E Ivy St. (559) 582-4434

Second Baptist Church 320 Irwin St. Hanford (559) 582-0034

Seventh Day Adventist 900 N Redington St. (559) 582-0034

> Victory Life Hanford Easter Celebration Coe Park, Arbor A 11 AM - 3 Pm

Lemoore

Amazing Grace Christian Fellowship 293 Hamlet St. (559) 530-7734

> Church of Christ 140 Skaggs St. (559) 924-2373

Grace Baptist Church 946 Daphne Lane Sunday at 10:30 AM

Lemoore Nazarene Church 726 East D Street 8:30 a.m. - 1st Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 10:45 a.m. - 2nd Service

> Lemoore Presbyterian 260 B St. Lemoore (559) 924-5658

Lemoore Tabernacle of Praise Church 221 Fox St. (559) 345-3743

Mt. Olive Baptist Church 18529 Jersey Ave, Lemoore Sunday at 11:00 AM

South Valley Community 18529 Jersey Ave, Lemoore Sunday at 11:00 AM



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DEAR NOELLE by Noelle B. Nightingale Biblical Counsel for Christian Women

Dear Noelle,

My husband is not a Christian, but he has always been ok with me going to church and taking the kids with me. But now he is wanting to plan more and more activities during Sunday mornings. I'm not sure what to do, whether I should be respectful of his wishes or ask if we could plan things for another time.

~ "Married to a Non-Christian"

Dear "Married to a Non-Christian,"

This is a great question to ask because I can see that your heart is in the right place. You want to honor the Lord, and you want to respect your husband. These are both good things. It really is only a problem when there is conflict between what God wants and what your husband wants. And this is what is happening when your husband wants to schedule activities during the time that has been set aside for Sunday morning worship at church.

The Bible clearly teaches in Ephesians 5:22-24 that wives are to submit to their husbands in everything, but there is one condition that needs to be met. It says that wives are to submit to their husbands "as unto the Lord." This means that a wife submits to her husband out of obedience to God. If her husband wants her to do something that God doesn't want, then he has usurped God's authority in her life, and she must choose to obey God rather than man in such a situation (Acts 4:19). So are there times that a wife will not be able to submit to her husband because it conflicts with what God has commanded? Absolutely, but it is the exception, not the rule.

So we need to see what God's word says about attending church regularly in order to know if you should follow your husband's wishes in this situation. Hebrews 10:24-25 gives us the answer, saying that we should "not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This passage tells us that regular church attendance is commanded to believers. Watching sermons online is not enough because it does not fulfill the expectation of meeting together in person that is described in this passage.

So I would encourage you to talk to your husband about the activities he wants to plan and explain to him that you are ready and willing to do things with him outside of the Sunday morning time, but your commitment to church is a priority that you must keep before God. Try to be as respectful and rea-



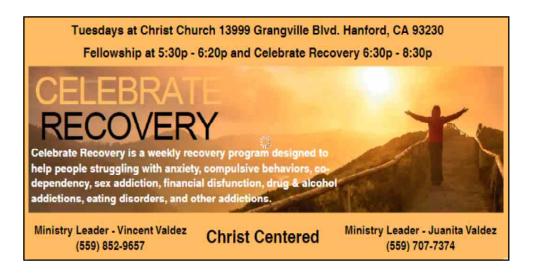


sonable as possible as you try to work with him to find another time for the activities that would be suitable for both of you. And pray for God to work in his heart and bring him to salvation. It is not your job to save him or even to convince him. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring him to salvation. But 1 Peter 3:1-2 gives hope to wives of unbelieving husbands, saying that your respectful and pure conduct will be used by God to bring them to faith.

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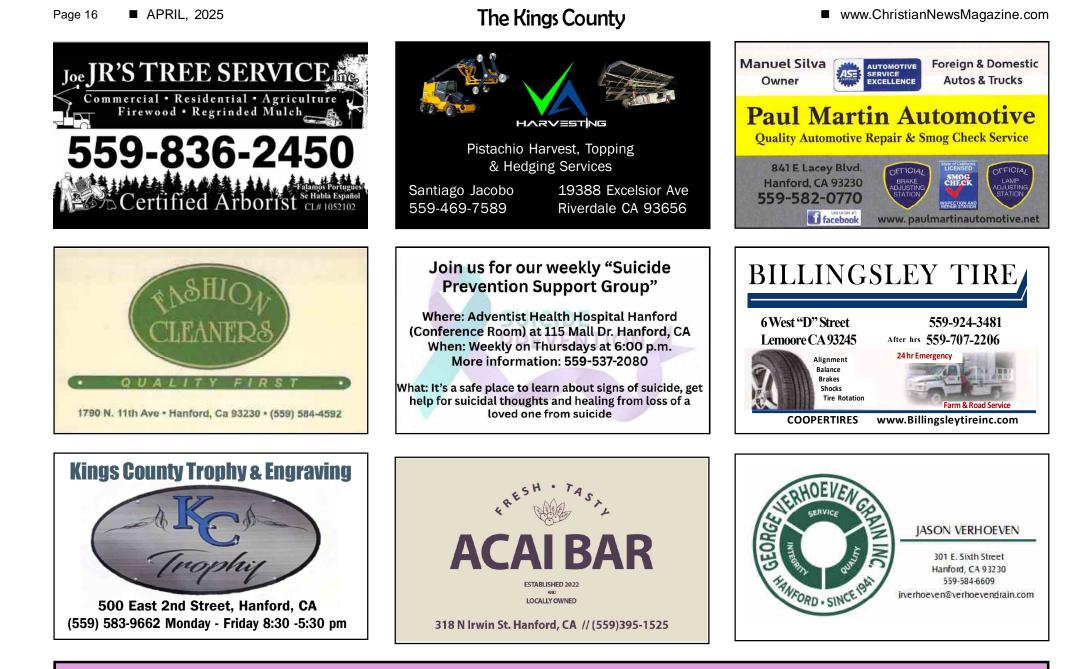
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