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# The Bottom Line

## Let's Take a Look at Morality

KAREN JENSEN | RMAI/RAA Staff Minister

Okay, bold *Connections* reader—are you ready to dive into this issue? It deals with some pretty sensitive things—things that sometimes get swept under the rug, things that aren't talked about in polite society or in church!

But for us to live powerful, relevant, effective lives as God's ambassadors on this earth and *help* people be victorious over everyday issues, it's time to bring things out into the light. We need to reestablish some boundaries, get knowledge, and face real-life issues head-on. It's time to talk about morality right in the middle of an immoral world.

Subjects like morality and holiness are not popular, but they are God's path to blessing—both in our personal lives and in the lives of those we are called to reach. That's why we are addressing them in this issue of *Connections*.

Think about it. Does it matter how Christians act? Does our behavior affect our ability to reach the lost and be an influence in this world? Does it matter that we hold ourselves to a moral standard in the midst of an immoral world?

I believe the answer to each of these questions is a resounding yes! Yet we've been astounded by the reports we hear of the huge percentage of Christians struggling with issues such as character, pornography, substance abuse, and adultery. These problems are tearing our lives apart and ruining our witness before a lost and dying world.

I like something that Doug Jones, RMAI/RAA National Director, says: "Most Christians are more concerned about what to *say* to the unsaved than they are about how to live. I believe we must become conscious of the fact that our actions speak louder than what we say. This is the reason why the world calls us hypocrites. That tag *hypocrite* is talking about *lifestyle*, not about what we preach."

In a society which increasingly advocates an "anything goes" morality, shouldn't we, as Christians, be examples? Jesus talked about this in Matthew 5:13 (NKJV): "*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*"

Our goal in this issue is not to pass judgment or expose anyone; it is to *help*. We desire to help you keep your own life above reproach and pleasing to God so you can live in power and blessing. And we want to help you minister to others in today's immoral world. We trust that the information contained in these pages will cause some reflection, some action, and some change. May God speak to your heart as you read.

A fellow laborer,

Karen Jensen  
RMAI/RAA Staff Minister

*"Our conduct has the capability of pushing people away from desiring a relationship with the Lord. . . . It's about conduct, not what we preach."*

—Doug Jones

"The truth is that most of the time infidelity doesn't start below the waist. . . . It starts above the neck."

—Rev. Joe Duinick

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# Staying Moral in an Immoral World

*Understanding what we face  
and how we can help others . . . .*

## How Important Is Moral Character? || Dave Beebe ||

### ◆ Dave Beebe ('77)



**Dave Beebe** was an instructor at RBTC from 1995 to 2005 and also served as the National Director of RAA/RMAI. He and his wife, Barb, currently travel and minister throughout the U.S.

According to Dave Beebe, it is not charisma that distinguishes a faithful or productive Christian—it's *character*.

"The apostle Paul says more about character than he does charisma," says Beebe. "Yet many Christians believe it's their gift or calling that equips them for what God wants them to do. They believe that if they feel anointed or they're a great speaker, they're fine. But God wants Christians to be of good moral character."

**"SIN CAUSES YOU TO BE LESS THAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE. IT GIVES BIRTH TO GUILT AND INFERIORITY INSTEAD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."**

—DR. KEN STEWART

For example, Beebe says that called and anointed ministers whose characters are not in good condition are not ready for the temptations they will face. The lack of strong moral character makes them much more likely to cross God-given boundaries and end up in sin.

"Some people act like they were walking down the street one day and adultery just hit them," he says. "But sin occurs when they ignore boundaries—fail-safes that God has built into life to keep them from hurting themselves and others.

"For Christians of character, any one of God's boundaries should keep them from committing adultery or other sin," Beebe says. "Being able to cross these boundaries with ease indicates a weakness in character that needs to be addressed, regardless of how 'called and anointed' they may be.

"We must remember that God has given us much," Beebe says, "but to whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:48).

### ◆ TIPS FOR STAYING MORAL IN AN IMMORAL WORLD

Here are boundaries that should keep us from sinning:

- The Word of God
- The Holy Spirit
- Marriage vows
- Our church's reputation
- Our children's future
- Basic honesty and integrity
- Common sense

✓ **Check Up On Yourself.** Review the above bullet points and think about them in your life. Are your boundaries in place? It's good to consider them now, before you are tempted.

### ◇ Chuck McConkey ('95, '96)



**Chuck McConkey** is the Director of Biblical Counseling at Grace Church in Tulsa. He guides people through the challenges of life by pointing them to the Word of God. He and his wife, Betty, have two sons.

When someone comes to Chuck McConkey asking for help with homosexuality, Chuck is often the person's last hope.

"They've prayed and asked God to take these feelings away," McConkey says. "Maybe they've had someone pray for them, but it didn't change them, so they're frustrated. They think, *Why do I keep feeling this way?* We need to help them understand that their *choices* have led them to this lifestyle, not their *sexuality*. And if we're going to minister to them, we'd better be willing to walk through the recovery process with them."

Chuck believes Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV), which says, "As [a man] *thinks in his heart, so is he*," is a key to understanding homosexuality. "For example," McConkey says, "let's say a little boy thinks, *I'm different from other boys. I don't want to get dirty. I don't want to hit someone. I don't feel macho. I feel comfortable somewhere else.* Who defines or devalues these differences? The child's peers, parents, coaches, teachers, etc.

"As that little boy goes through puberty," Chuck says, "he can begin to believe he really is different. As he begins to act the way he feels, he is reinforcing those thoughts and feelings and repeating them until his actions are imprinted on his brain—then he is conditioned to automatically making certain choices."

Chuck believes that while principles from psychology or psychiatry can be useful, help for homosexuality boils down to a person's identity in Christ.

"Homosexuality is basically a sin," he says, "and God has dealt with sin. We need to help people find their identity in Christ, not in their behaviors, desires, or feelings. All of those actions and thoughts are governed by their belief system. So what do we have to change? Their belief system."

### ◇ TIPS FOR STAYING MORAL IN AN IMMORAL WORLD

**Changing a belief system** entails lining up who we are with who God says we are. For people who want to change:

- **First.** We ask: Who is God? What is He like? To answer these questions, Chuck recommends the book *The Father Heart of God* by Floyd McClung.
- **Second.** Once we know who our Father is and what He is like, we need to know *who we are in Him*. Chuck uses the book *Search for Significance* by Robert S. McGee. (This book also has a study guide.)
- **Third.** At this point, there are different needs. "We might read *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge for masculinity," says Chuck. "Or we might read Kenneth E. Hagin's book *The Triumphant Church* to learn how to keep the victory."

✓ **Check Up On Yourself.** Are you keeping your thought life ordered and your belief system anchored in who you are in Christ?

### Ministering to Homosexuals

"Many Christians freak out over the sin of homosexuality, but the truth is, how do we minister to anybody who's in the world or in sin? It's the *goodness* of God that draws people to repentance (Romans 2:4). We should pray for and show God's love to anyone living a homosexual lifestyle. Their lifestyle is between God and them. If we start hammering Scripture at them in a judgmental way, we could very well drive them away from the truth that would set them free. We should respond to each individual and his or her spirit, not the person's *behavior*. Sometimes we get so caught up with behavior that we don't see the individual inside."

—Chuck McConkey



## Pornography // Brian Bohrer //

[www.pastorbrian.org](http://www.pastorbrian.org)

### ▶ Brian Bohrer ('80)

**Brian Bohrer** and his wife, Kimberly, pastor Living Bread Church in Washington, Missouri. In his book *Eye-Wired Men: What Every Man Needs to Know About Himself*, Brian tackles the touchy and difficult subject of pornography.



In today's world, we are bombarded daily with countless types of immorality simply by driving by billboards, switching on the television, and surfing the Internet.

Pastor Brian Bohrer points out that men and women are wired differently in almost every way. "Women are driven and stimulated by words of affection and by touch," he says, "while men are stimulated by their eyes and what they see in their imaginary world."

Both genders can find themselves caught in the trap of pornography, but men are particularly susceptible because they're so visual. Brian reminds us that James 1:14 says, "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

According to Bohrer, the way Christians can resist the temptations of the world is found in Galatians 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

"As we meditate upon scriptures that reveal who we are in Christ," says Bohrer, "then our desires will change because of the Word of God that abides in us. (See page 11 for scriptures.) The Word living in us will change our attitudes about life and ourselves. We will begin to see ourselves the way God sees us."

### ▶ TIPS FOR STAYING MORAL IN AN IMMORAL WORLD

- **Be honest.** "God will set honest men free," says Bohrer. "If we are honest and drag things out of the darkness and into the light, we can be set free."
- **Constantly renew our minds.** "Our minds will not be cleansed without renewing them to God's Word," Bohrer stresses, "and they will not stay clean without meditating each day upon who we are in Christ. It is the revealed knowledge of the Word of God that will enable us to walk in freedom from unclean thoughts."
- **Be careful about what we allow in our eyes and ears.** "There are several gates to the soul, but the main gate is the eye gate," says Bohrer. He calls the imagination *procreative power*. "Something in the mind can conceive and actualize into this three-dimensional world, because over a period of time it demands an action," says Bohrer. "As [a man] *thinks in his heart, so is he*' (Prov. 23:7 NKJV). Perversion is planted when we yield to twisted thinking by watching it. Thus, we will become weak and the seed of iniquity gets planted within our minds. In time, what was planted grows a harvest, and we will eat the fruit of it."
- **Master our thoughts.** Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). "We have power over our thoughts," says Bohrer. "What we see and hear feeds our thoughts and these thoughts dominate our lifestyle. When we feed on the things of God, godly principles dominate our thoughts, as well as our lifestyles."
- **Check Up On Yourself.** Are you being honest with yourself by daily renewing your mind, being careful what you see and hear, and mastering your thoughts? Get proactive. If you have to, move your computer to a public place in your home or get a monitoring system (see page 15). Do whatever you can to prevent sin.

"MORE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE BEING DESTROYED ON A DAILY BASIS BY ADDICTION TO PORNOGRAPHY THAN THROUGH ABORTION."

—REV. RICHARD LAND  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

## A Look at Sex Outside of Marriage // Joe Cameneti //

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### Joe Cameneti ('82, '83)



**Joe Cameneti** wrote the book *God's Opinion on Today's Hottest Sex Topics*. Below is an excerpt from this book. He and his wife, Gina ('82, '83), pastor *Believers' Christian Fellowship* in Warren, Ohio.

**For Singles:** Many young people today are confused about what is right and wrong with regard to sexual relationships. If they believe what they see and hear around them about sex, they probably believe that “anything goes” outside of marriage.

“I can't lie to young people or adults and tell them that sex isn't fun outside of marriage,” says Pastor Joe Cameneti. “Initially, it is. And because it's ‘forbidden fruit,’ it seems even more attractive. I can tell them,

however, that the fun only lasts for minutes, and afterward—especially years down the road—they'll wish they'd known God's opinion and followed it. The most fulfilling and fun sex is within the marital union.

“When I accepted Christ at the age of 19, I immediately knew that sexual activity outside of marriage was wrong,” he says, “but I struggled with resisting it. It wasn't easy, but as I prayed and studied the Bible, God taught me how to work His principles in my life so I could walk free in that area.” (See page 11 for a list of scriptures to meditate on and study.)

For both single and married people alike, being sexually involved outside of marriage creates three problems:

- 1) It separates us from having intimacy with God;
- 2) It clouds the minds of sexual partners, creating confusion that makes it difficult to make decisions;
- 3) It affects intimacy with your current mate or your mate when you get married.

**For Married Couples:** “I think most couples go into marriage with the ideal, ‘til death do us part,” says Cameneti. “But then real life begins and most married couples—month after month, year after year—find themselves sinking into a mediocre relationship that sometimes is barely even a friendship. The joy and excitement of marriage is lost in the everyday cares of life.

“So often, this opens the door to a ‘grass is greener’ mentality. This type of thinking can lead good people to the deception that having a relationship with another person ‘who really understands them’ would make everything better! (And when this type of thought process takes hold, it almost inevitably leads to a sexual relationship.)

“However, by following God's instructions for marriage, we will overcome all frustrations and actually have a marriage that is fun and full of excitement in every area.”

### TIPS FOR STAYING MORAL WHILE SINGLE

- Study and meditate on the following Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8; 1 Corinthians 6:16–20; 1 Corinthians 7:1–5; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 13:14; Galatians 5:16

✓ **Check Up On Yourself.** Monitor situations that would lead to sexual immorality by doing the following:

- Don't be alone with the opposite sex.
- Be aware of where you allow yourself to go mentally, verbally, and physically with someone.
- Ask yourself if you're respecting one another as a brother or sister in the Lord.

God instructs us to flee any type of sexual sin. If we find ourselves compromising any of the above suggestions, then flee!

### TIPS FOR STAYING MORAL IN MARRIAGE

- With God, adultery is never an option. Stay focused on your responsibilities within your marriage.

- **For wives:** The teaching on submission found in Ephesians 5:22–24 has often been twisted and misinterpreted. Submission doesn't mean that wives blindly obey their husbands. Neither do these verses suggest that husbands rule over their wives in what would be considered a nicer version of master and slave.

Wives would have no trouble submitting to husbands who are submitted to God and who put them first—even to the point of laying down their lives for their wives. And wives must not try to control their husbands. Instead, they should have a submissive attitude and proper respect toward their husbands.

- **For husbands:** Successful marriages are the result of husbands loving their wives in the same way that Jesus loved the Church (Eph. 5:25). There are three characteristics that husbands must walk in if they are going to love their wives this way:

- 1) Jesus initiated love in His relationship with us (1 John 4:19 NKJV);
- 2) Jesus loved us where we were in life at the time (Eph. 2:4–5 NIV);
- 3) Jesus laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16 NIV).

These principles must be acted out daily. They do not come naturally to men, so it's a daily adjustment to their natural mentality.

✓ **Check Up On Yourself.** What are you focused on? If a wife spends all her energies focused on respecting her husband, and a husband spends all his energies focused on loving his wife, there won't be room for sin.

# Staying Moral in an Immoral World

## *Three Reasons to Stay Away From Pornography*



### ① It Ruins Relationships

According to experts, the greatest danger of Internet pornography is not the threat of someone becoming a violent sex offender but the shattering of fragile bonds of healthy relationships. Here are four negative qualities that develop in people who consume pornography:

- *Voyeurism*: Becoming obsessed with looking at the opposite sex rather than interacting with them as real people.
- *Objectification*: Viewing the opposite sex as objects to be rated on the basis of their body parts rather than their minds, personalities, spirituality, and other qualities.
- *Trophyism*: Members of the opposite sex become like property. They are viewed as symbols of accomplishment with their worth being based on the increased prestige they bring.
- *Fear of true intimacy*: By channeling their energy and attention into the false intimacy of pornography, people never develop the skills necessary to develop deep, honest relationships with real members of the opposite sex. As a result, they become trapped in a world of loneliness and fear of closeness.

—Gary R. Brooks  
*The Centerfold Syndrome*

### ② It Diminishes Sexual Happiness

One side effect of pornography is that it actually diminishes a person's sexual happiness. Professors Dolf Zillmann and Jennings Bryant found that people exposed to nonviolent pornography reported lessened satisfaction with their partner's affection, physical appearance, sexual curiosity, and sexual performance. Those exposed to pornography were also inclined to put more emphasis on sex without emotional involvement.<sup>1</sup> Pornography plays a major role in many adulterous affairs causing many marriages to end in divorce.

Often people who use pornography are afraid that someone will find out what they're doing. It eats them up inside and separates them from others, as well as from God, due to the guilt and fear of being found out. People who indulge in porn often feel the need to hide from their heavenly Father because of the shame and guilt.

—www.pureintimacy.org

<sup>1</sup>Dolf Zillmann and Jennings Bryant, "Pornography's Impact on Sexual Satisfaction," *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 18 (April 1988): 438–453.

### ③ It Causes Fear of Intimacy

Using pornography as a shortcut to intimacy can cause people to develop a fear of true intimacy. Despite deep loneliness, they are not able to give their hearts to real people. As a result, viewing porn is used as an anesthetic for loneliness.

—Steve Watters  
*In Your Face . . . In Your Mind:  
Resisting the Powers of Pornography*





**Q.** *I think my spouse is involved in Internet pornography. What should I do?*

**A.** Before you can even start dealing with your spouse, you need to deal with yourself—the hurt, embarrassment, anger, and feelings of failure or betrayal you may be experiencing. Try to get a grip on your own emotions so you can respond to the situation rationally and effectively.

You should also collect evidence to determine the validity of your suspicions. Check the Internet history on all the computers your spouse has access to. (One way to do this is to pull up your Internet browser, click “history” on the tool bar, and then click on “show all” or “check history”—whichever your browser says.)

If you find evidence of your spouse having visited questionable sites, try to determine if it’s just an indiscretion or a pattern of addiction. If it looks like a well-entrenched problem, you have a bigger mountain to climb.

Either way, once you find evidence, you’ll need to talk with your spouse about it. If it appears to be a one- or two-time thing, make your feelings about the issue clear and ask your spouse to stop. If the problem is an addiction it will take more than just a willingness to stop—some help will be needed. Neither of you should assume that you can fix this problem by yourselves.

If the problem is significant enough, seek out the help of a professional counselor. Consider getting accountability software installed on all your computers. (See page 15. There are also other filter resources listed there.) If possible, move all computers into public areas. Also have your spouse consider taking a “technology holiday” where the computer is not used at all for a time.

Perhaps most importantly, help your spouse deal with his or her thought life. We recommend Kenneth E. Hagin’s CDs and book *Right and Wrong Thinking* as a good place to start. (They can be ordered from [www.rhema.org/store](http://www.rhema.org/store).) Your spouse must also understand that trust will need to be reestablished. Further helps are listed in the Resources section on page 18 of this magazine.

Take heart. Very often marriages can be stronger than they were before a problem occurred when you work together on these issues. Bringing things into the light gives you an opportunity to fix things that have been wrong in your marriage.



**WARNING SIGNS**

Your spouse may be entrenched in pornography if:

- ➔ There is a lack of concern about your marriage relationship.
- ➔ There is no interest in doing things together or in celebrating birthdays or holidays.
- ➔ You notice a major change in sleep patterns (staying up later or getting up earlier than normal).
- ➔ There is very little enthusiasm about having sex.
- ➔ When confronted about being distant, your spouse blames you.
- ➔ You easily catch your spouse telling lies.
- ➔ Your spouse starts to ignore parental, household, or job related responsibilities.
- ➔ You notice that computer passwords have been changed.
- ➔ Your spouse moves the computer to a more isolated location in your home and demands privacy.



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# TIPS to help YOU stay moral in an immoral world.

## ➡ Look Away . . .

**YOU CAN TRAIN YOUR EYES** to immediately bounce away from sexual images, like the jerk of your hand away from a hot stove. Here's help from the Word—meditate on these Bible verses every day:

- *"I will set before my eyes no vile thing" (Psalm 101:3 NIV).*
- *"Turn away my eyes from looking at the worthless things, And revive me in Your way" (Psalm 119:37 NKJV).*
- *"I will tell you who can live here: All who are honest and fair . . . who shut their eyes to all enticement to do wrong" (Isaiah 33:15 TLB).*
- *"Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil" (Proverbs 4:25-27 NLT).*
- *"If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell" (Matthew 5:29 NIV).*

## ➡ Value Your Marriage

**VERY FEW MEN ARE** consumed by their marriages, and fewer still consumed by purity, but both are God's desire for you. God's purpose for your marriage is that it parallels Christ's relationship to His Church, that you be one with your wife.

Cherishing our wives includes being sexually pure. Are you consumed by this commitment? Consumed enough to live faithfully and to cherish her completely? Consumed enough to stand in harm's way and to eat gravel until God's purposes and your promises are finally established in your land?

If cherishing is anything, it's loving your wife for who she is *this day*, not some other day down the line. It's making allowances for all the surprises and inconsistencies that were hidden until life spun her in its new direction. Be content with the wife of your youth. If she isn't all you'd hoped for, remember that God graced you with this ewe lamb.

Can you make a commitment to cherish her today? If so, let your mind be transformed by the Word.

—Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker with Mike Yorkey  
*Every Man's Battle*

*"The Bible places the bulk of responsibility for the success of a marriage on the man. He must put the number one and most important principle into motion . . . to love his wife as Christ loved the Church (Eph. 5:25)."*

—Joe Cameneti



## Review the Consequences

When you are morally tempted or feel vulnerable, review the following consequences that will happen if you choose immorality:

- I will grieve the One who loves me and saved me. One day I will look Jesus in the eye and account for my choices.
- I will bring great pleasure to Satan, the enemy of God.
- I will inflict untold hurts on my spouse, losing his or her respect and trust.
- I will form memories and flashbacks that can plague future intimacy.
- I will destroy God's witness with my children, possibly hindering them from obeying Him.
- I will undermine my influence and ministry, affecting many lives.
- I will bring shame to my family, friends, and fellow Christians, especially the church.
- I will create guilt that is hard to shake, which will influence my future actions and attitudes.

## Ten Steps to Freedom in Christ

1. **Turn to Jesus!** When you truly repent of your sins and give God your whole life—broken and messy as it may be—He gladly accepts you as His child and gives you a new life. You give Him your sinful nature, and He gives you His righteousness. You give Him your weakness, and He gives you His power.
2. **Spend Time With God Daily.** It's absolutely essential that we look to God for strength and wisdom each day. Spend time reading, studying, and meditating on the Scriptures daily. Start with the passages listed below. The Word of God is your spiritual armor, and you dare not enter the battle without it! Learn to cry out to God quickly when confronted by trials, temptation, and a desire to yield to addicting behavior.
3. **Choose Your Allies.** Although we certainly must go directly to God, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness, there are times when we really need the Body of Christ. Consider choosing a trusted ally or two who can help you and whom you can be accountable to (Matt. 18:19–20).
4. **Count the Consequences.** Look into the future and consider where your current habits will lead. Take a long, hard look at the consequences. Carefully examine your life and think about what is most precious to you. Then ask yourself, *Am I really willing to risk it all?*
5. **Identify Your Triggers.** It's important to identify exactly what situations trigger you to stumble and fall into immoral activities. Once you know your weak points, be very methodical about avoiding these situations.
6. **"HALT."** The acronym "HALT" may be helpful in reminding you not to get too **Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired**. Realize that you are more vulnerable to addicting behavior during these times. When tempted, HALT—immediately stop what you are doing to pray, read your Bible, and/or call someone for prayer.
7. **Dig Out the Roots.** You can't move forward without looking back. Examine your past. If you have never forgiven certain people for hurting you, take time to do it right now (Mark 11:24–25).
8. **Be Careful What You See.** If you're watching a great football game on TV and a sexy beer commercial comes on—zap it with the remote control instantly! If you're at work and notice that a coworker's blouse is too low or her skirt too high, turn away immediately. Just as you developed a habit of impure thoughts, you can now develop a habit of purity, with God's help.
9. **Grow in God's Word.** Below is a box of powerful Scripture verses that will help you grow in spiritual strength and maturity. Take time to look up these verses and underline them in your Bible. Memorize the ones that are most helpful to you personally.
10. **Pray Continually.** Prayer is our lifeline to the Savior Who can rescue us from every trial, temptation, and addiction. The Bible tells us to "pray continually" (1 Thess. 5:17).



Grow in  
God's Word

(Step #9 above.)

Genesis 39:1–20

Psalms 51:2

Psalms 119:9–11

Proverbs 6:20–24

Proverbs 23:26–28

Daniel chapter 3

Matthew 26:41

Mark 7:20–23

Luke 4:1–12

John 10:10

John 15:1–17

John 17:3

Acts 15:28–29

Romans 1:16–32

Romans 6:23

Romans 7:15–8:14

Romans 12:1–2

Romans 13:12–14

1 Corinthians 10:12–13

1 Corinthians 10:3–5

Galatians 5:1, 13, 16–18

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 5:1–33

Ephesians 6:10–18

Philippians 4:8

Colossians 3:1–10

1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

1 Timothy 6:11–12

2 Timothy 2:22

Titus 2:11–14

1 Peter 2:16

1 Peter 4:1–6

Hebrews 4:15–16

James 1:13–15

James 4:1–10

Revelation 2:7

# RBTC/RBC UPDATE



## ..RBTC Around the World

RBTC continues to expand around the world, with RHEMA Australia beginning classes in March 2009 in Brisbane. Revs. Tony and Patsy Cameneti serve as directors of RHEMA Australia and international directors for that region of the world.



## ..Rockets Over RHEMA

Since 2004 RHEMA Bible Church has celebrated the Fourth of July by hosting this huge community outreach, complete with a patriotic tribute, countless outdoor activities for young and old, a car show, a huge outdoor concert, and one of the biggest and best fireworks displays in the Tulsa area. This year the event was held Sunday, June 28, and more than 30,000 people attended.



## Worldwide Homecoming 2009

This year, *Winter Bible Seminar* was like no other.

**First**, it included the first-ever *Worldwide Homecoming*, with alumni from all the RHEMAs around the world in attendance. A spectacular "parade of states and nations" capped off the festivities Thursday night. All 50 states and more than 100 nations were represented.

**Second**, a huge surprise tribute Wednesday night celebrated Rev. Kenneth W. Hagin's 50 years in ministry. Go to [www.rhema.org/50](http://www.rhema.org/50) to add your congratulations, order a DVD of the celebration, or honor Rev. Hagin by helping pay off the RHEMA aircraft.



Pastor Ken and Mrs. Lynette,

I cannot say enough thanks for calling all of us home for *Winter Bible Seminar*. I was able to come home for the first time since graduating in 2000. My wife, Kelli, couldn't come this year but we are planning on being there next year. I absolutely came away full of the love of God, full of the Word, and ready to take the revival back here to Hendersonville, Tennessee. We are already hearing testimonies from the people in the congregation of miracles in their lives! Kelli and I absolutely love you both and all of the RHEMA family! I was able to see friends and establish relationships with others while there for *Homecoming*. You are a blessing—thank you for your faithfulness. Words cannot express our thankfulness for all that you have sown into our lives.

We love you both!  
Sincerely,

Pastor Heath Bennett  
Present Help Family Church  
Hendersonville, Tennessee  
[www.presenthelp.org](http://www.presenthelp.org)



# FAITH LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

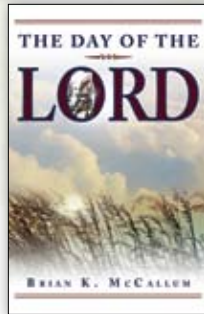


## NEW!

### Special 30% Discount for Alumni

#### on These Items!

Special prices expire June 1, 2010.



## BOOKS

Order Number	Title / Author	Regular Price	Discount Price
KIT09CN06A	..... <i>It's Your Time to Shine</i> —Lynette Hagin (slimline book).....	\$5.95	<b>\$4.25*</b>
KIT09CN06B	..... <i>You Can Make It! Winning in Troubled Times</i> —Kenneth W. Hagin (slimline book) .....	\$5.95	<b>\$4.25*</b>
KIT09CN06C	..... <i>The Day of the Lord</i> —Brian K. McCallum (book).....	\$7.95	<b>\$4.85*</b>

## DVD TEACHING

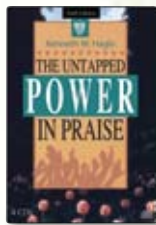
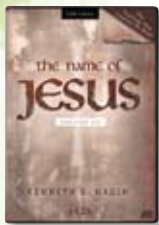
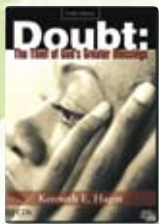
KIT09CN06D	..... <i>Incline Thine Ear—Part 3: Relying on the Name of Jesus</i> —Kenneth E. Hagin (1 DVD).....	\$14.95	<b>\$10.50*</b>
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## CD TEACHINGS

KIT09CN06E	..... <i>Doubt: The Thief of God's Greater Blessings</i> —Kenneth E. Hagin (2 CDs) .....	\$14.00	<b>\$9.85*</b>
KIT09CN06F	..... <i>Faith That Works!</i> —Kenneth W. Hagin (3 CDs) .....	\$21.00	<b>\$14.75*</b>
KIT09CN06H	..... <i>Healing in the Word</i> —Kenneth W. Hagin (4 CDs) .....	\$28.00	<b>\$19.60*</b>
KIT09CN06I	..... <i>Love: Faith's Firm Foundation Series</i> —Kenneth W. Hagin (3 CDs) .....	\$21.00	<b>\$14.75*</b>
KIT09CN06J	..... <i>Ministering to the Lord</i> —Kenneth E. Hagin (4 CDs).....	\$28.00	<b>\$19.75*</b>
KIT09CN06K	..... <i>The Name of Jesus—Volume 3</i> —Kenneth E. Hagin (4 CDs).....	\$28.00	<b>\$19.75*</b>
KIT09CN06L	..... <i>The Untapped Power in Praise</i> —Kenneth W. Hagin (4 CDs).....	\$28.00	<b>\$19.75*</b>
KIT09CN06M	..... <i>What It Means to Believe With the Heart</i> —Kenneth E. Hagin (2 CDs) .....	\$14.00	<b>\$9.85*</b>
KIT09CN06N	..... <i>You Can Have Success</i> —Lynette Hagin (1 CD) .....	\$10.00	<b>\$7.00*</b>

## MUSIC

KIT09CN06O	..... <i>A Collection of Favorites Volume 2</i> —RS&B (music CD) .....	\$12.98	<b>\$9.00*</b>
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\*Special prices expire June 1, 2010.

**To order**, visit [www.rhema.org/store](http://www.rhema.org/store), call 1-888-28-FAITH (1-888-283-2484), or mail the enclosed envelope.

Note: These prices are not available at the RHEMA Bible Church Bookstore. Listed prices do not include shipping and handling.

# TIPS to help OTHERS stay moral in an immoral world.



## ► For Pastors

[www.safefamilies.org](http://www.safefamilies.org) has an entire section for pastors who may be confronted with issues in their churches that include: ministering to their staff and leadership, leading men's groups, providing church-based accountability groups, creating a churchwide online safety initiative, helping people with pornography addiction, delivering special sermons, holding special events, and more.

## ► Create a Healthy Culture

Statistics show that one in every four church members is struggling with some kind of sexual sin. If you're a pastor or a leader in your church, it's so important to create a culture that will help people to:

- (1) have a desire to please God and live up to a standard of holiness,
- (2) be able to admit when they need help to overcome temptation,
- (3) get the help they need.

Pointing fingers and telling your congregation that they "shouldn't be tempted" or giving the impression that they are disgusting, will only cause those who are struggling to hide in their sin.

It's important to preach and teach on what God has to say about sex, marriage, morality, and purity. Preach more about the *answer* than the problem and what Jesus did to set us free, in order to create a hunger within people to live in a manner that pleases Him. Hold men's meetings that are open to all men in the church on a regular basis and talk about living morally. It's essential ALL men are encouraged to attend and not just those who need help. This will ensure that those who need help *will* come. In today's day and age, it's ridiculous to ignore this crucial issue, and it's vital to provide a haven and help for those who need it.

—Rev. Karen Jensen  
Introduction to Pastoral Care, RBTC

"Local churches and pastors must preach the truth. We should prepare people to resist sexual temptation, and provide compassionate counsel to those who have fallen. Parachurch ministries must promote sexual abstinence and marital fidelity. Parents must recognize who is influencing their children and model strong, loving, faithful marriages to children."

—Pastor Joe Cameneti  
*God's Opinion on Today's Hottest Sex Topics*

## ► Porn Sunday: An Event for Churches

Porn Sunday is an event created to make it easy for churches to address pornography on Sunday morning. It's free, and it's designed to be flexible so churches can modify the event to best fit their specific needs. Hundreds of churches worldwide have addressed the issue of pornography head on in their congregations this way. Churches can schedule Porn Sunday on any date that fits their calendar. For more information or to have a team member come and speak for a Porn Sunday event, log on to [www.XXXchurch.com/pornsunday](http://www.XXXchurch.com/pornsunday), e-mail [michelle@xxxchurch.com](mailto:michelle@xxxchurch.com), or call (702) 974-1690.

# Suggestions for **S.A.F.E.** Use of the Internet



## Service Provider Selection

We've all encountered objectionable material on the Internet. One way to prevent this is to find an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that filters out pornography and unwanted material. This is called **server-level filtering**. Here are some resources:

- ViaFamily ([www.viafamily.com](http://www.viafamily.com))
- Family Connect ([www.familyconnect.com](http://www.familyconnect.com))
- Integrity Online ([www.integrityonline.com](http://www.integrityonline.com))

One helpful resource in selecting an ISP is [www.FilterReview.com](http://www.FilterReview.com). Provided by the National Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families, it helps you find the ISP or the filtering system that best meets your needs. Additional product reviews and details can be found on [www.GetNetWise.org](http://www.GetNetWise.org).



## Accountability

Anyone who desires accountability online can have human checkpoints built into their computer operations. Ask a trusted person in your home or organization to regularly check your computer records ("cookie trail") to see what sites you've visited. Have them review bookmarks in your Web browser, and check the hard drive for files that contain pictures from recently visited sites.

Web-based accountability that combines personal and virtual accountability can also be a great help. These programs automatically e-mail your chosen accountability partners a regular log of all the sites you visited, including the Web addresses and the amount of time you were on a site. The system cannot be bypassed or erased. These services range from free to \$60 per month:

- American Family Filter ([www.afafilter.com](http://www.afafilter.com))
- Covenant Eyes ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com))
- XXXChurch ([www.xxxchurch.com](http://www.xxxchurch.com))



## Filters/Blocking Software

Another option is to install filtering software on your computer. Called **computer-level filtering**, this is different from server-level filtering in that it blocks selected Internet material from being able to be received on your computer. Because filtering systems can be bypassed, ask someone else to hold the password. These software programs usually cost between \$30 and \$40:

- Cyber Patrol ([www.cyberpatrol.com](http://www.cyberpatrol.com))
- Cybersitter ([www.solidoak.com](http://www.solidoak.com))
- FamilyClick ([www.familyclick.com](http://www.familyclick.com))
- Websense ([www.websense.com](http://www.websense.com))



## Education

Christian leaders need to break the silence barrier and take the initiative to talk about these issues in their churches. Here are several sites to educate and equip you with resources:

- Focus on the Family, Pure Intimacy ([www.pureintimacy.org](http://www.pureintimacy.org))
- Prodigal International ([www.iprodigal.com](http://www.iprodigal.com))
- Enough Is Enough ([www.enough.org](http://www.enough.org))
- Heart to Heart Counseling Center ([www.sexaddict.com](http://www.sexaddict.com))

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## Did You Know?

... that you can find ministry jobs or post ministry job openings on the RHEMA Web site? Log on to [www.rhema.org](http://www.rhema.org) and on the left, under QUICK LINKS, click on Ministerial Jobs.





**blog** (bläg/):  
a journal written by one or more contributors, often about a particular topic with the latest news and ideas.

“I believe that when we give ourselves to evangelism, we stay on the edge of spiritual vitality.”

—Rev. Bill Bright  
Campus Crusade for Christ

## ▶ Alumni, Let's Exchange Ideas!

*The Alumni Blog* . . . RHEMA Alumni sharing what works, reaching the world with the message of faith! Send us your great ideas (along with your name, phone number, and photos) to [rmai@rhema.org](mailto:rmai@rhema.org).

### log ideas and outreaches

#### ▶ Brent ('04, '05) and Adrienne Ancell say . . .

**Help girls discover the power of purity.** Lisa Bevere has written a book called *Kissed the Girls and Made Them Cry*—a study about women and purity. The premise is that sexual purity is not about rules; it's about freedom and power. The curriculum comes with a workbook and other materials that can be used in a small or large group. It's meant to be a guide for every woman who wants a deeper and more intimate relationship with God.



**About . . .** Brent and Adrienne Ancell pastor World Outreach Church in Ankeny, Iowa. [www.worldoutreachankeny.com](http://www.worldoutreachankeny.com)

#### ▶ Joe Hernandez ('92, '93) says . . .

**Reach out to the homeless.** We prepare meals and take them to people living under bridges, on the streets, etc. If you have people, time, and money, you can make something exciting happen. We've also gone as a group to the local homeless shelter where we cleaned up gutters, garden areas, and just blessed them any way we could.



**About . . .** Joe and Danille ('91, '92) Hernandez pastor Gateway Church in Brentwood, California. [www.gatewaychurch.us](http://www.gatewaychurch.us)

### Did You Know?

- . . . that as an RAA member you can visit
- RBTC classes five days per term? Just check
- in at the Alumni Office. For more information call (918) 258-1588, ext. 2256.





▶ **Chris Sarno ('98, '99) says . . .**

**Take ministry to the children.** On Saturdays, we bring the church to inner city housing developments. We have a worship service and evangelistic message, and then we pray with the children and feed them. We like to serve food after the service as it gives us an opportunity to reach the community and the parents. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, we partnered with a local food bank and gave them a full meal. Basically we take children's church outside the church walls and bring it to the local community. If we reach the kids, we can reach the parents. We've done this in three different communities. It's not just a one-shot deal; we make the investment in these children every week. Consistency is the key. When parents see you reaching their kids, they are more willing to listen. We're reaching a generation that isn't getting some of its basic needs met by the parents. But that shouldn't ever stop them from hearing the Gospel.

**About . . .** Chris and Liz Sarno pastor International Miracle Center Church in Ormond Beach, Florida. [www.imcchurch.org](http://www.imcchurch.org)

▶ **Ryan Adcock ('93, '94) says . . .**

**Use a kids event to draw people to church.** We have a big egg hunt on the Saturday before Easter. We get a volunteer to wear a bunny suit and take pictures with the kids and there is a drawing to win a \$200 iPod. Everybody who comes is happy to fill out a card to enter the drawing. If they want to win the iPod or pick up their Easter Bunny photos, they have to come to church the next day. We follow up on all the names that were entered, and some families have started coming to church regularly after coming to pick up their pictures. Our best method of advertising was hanging banners outside the church; people read the banners as they drove by. We also did direct mailing for this event. The Easter Egg Hunt has received the best response of all our outreaches.

**About . . .** Ryan and Julie ('95) Adcock pastor Faith Family Church in Jackson, Georgia. [www.ffcjackson.org](http://www.ffcjackson.org)



▶ **Tony and Maria Costandini (both '96, '97) say . . .**

**Minister to those released from prison.** We have a weekly Bible study at a local halfway house for men who have recently been released from prison—primarily those incarcerated for drugs and alcohol. Recently we had 19 men from the halfway house attend church. We give them Bibles as needed. We have been able to buy a van, so we now have the ability to provide transportation for those interested in coming to church on Sundays. Sometimes I lead the Bible study; at other times,



it's led by two trained church members. Because we've established a relationship with these men, we've been able to keep about six of them hooked up to the church after they graduated from the halfway house.

**About . . .** Tony and Maria Costandini pastor Living Faith Church in Vista, California.

▶ **Ted and Valinda Collins (both '96, '97) say . . .**

**Ministry is outside the four walls of the church.** Our whole goal is to get our church thinking about taking ministry outside the church. In September we have an outdoor water baptism service at the lake. Last time we had ten people sign up, but ten more people got baptized just because they were there! At Christmas we have a toy drive, and in March we hold an Easter sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. with a free breakfast afterwards. We also have outreaches where we set up outdoor services in a specific community and then we rotate to different communities. At those services we highlight different members of our congregation (maybe singing, playing, or reading) to draw their friends and family members who wouldn't otherwise come to church. Someone gets saved or filled with the spirit at every outreach, and our church is growing as a result.

**About . . .** Ted and Valinda Collins pastor Renewed Life Fellowship in Moreno Valley, California. [www.renewedlifefellowship.org](http://www.renewedlifefellowship.org)

## Great Web Sites:

### *For staying moral in an immoral world:*

- **www.everymansbattle.com**—Help for those who struggle with sexual purity and those who want to help them.
- **www.XXXchurch.com**—Help for teens, parents, men, women, spouses, pastors, and more. Get help or get involved.
- **www.celebraterecovery.com**—From Saddleback Church. Freedom from your hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Recovery program kits, etc.
- **www.cbn.com**—“Trapped in Temptation [to pornography]—Ten Steps to Freedom in Christ” and more. (Click on Spiritual Life, then CBN Teaching, then Sexual Sins, or go to [www.cbn.com/spirituallife/CBNTeachingSheets/index.aspx?wt.svl=splmenu#SexualSins](http://www.cbn.com/spirituallife/CBNTeachingSheets/index.aspx?wt.svl=splmenu#SexualSins).)
- **www.faithfulandtrueministries.com**—A recovery ministry for individuals and couples who struggle with sexual addiction. A program to restore lives, marriages, and families.

### *Small group support:*

(see also the sites above)

- **www.livingfree.org**—A small-group strategy that helps people learn to face life’s struggles and move toward freedom and wholeness in Christ.

### *Treatment centers:*

(see also the sites above)

- **Pure Life Christian Ministries**—A six-month live-in treatment program for men with sexual addictions in rural Williamstown, Kentucky.  
**www.purelifeministries.org**
- **Stone Gate Resources**—A counseling retreat center in Colorado for Christian leaders struggling with sexual addiction.  
**www.stonegateresources.org**
- **Meier Clinics**—Coast to coast. A staff of 145 Christian counselors offers 32 programs with outpatient counseling and intensive day programs.  
**www.meierclinics.com**



## Great Reads:

### **Every Man’s/Woman’s/Young Man’s/Young Woman’s Battle**

by Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker

Winning the war on sexual temptation one victory at a time. Books for all ages and genders.

### **God’s Opinions on Today’s Hottest Sex Topics**

by Joe Cameneti ('82, '83)

A biblical look at what God has to say about sex, pornography, adultery, homosexuality, abortion, and conquering sin.

### **False Intimacy—Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction**

by Dr. Harry W. Schaumburg

Addresses such issues as what sexual addiction is, what causes it, how to prevent it, help for families, and hope for those who are sexually addicted.

### **Pure Desire—One Man’s Triumph Over His Greatest Struggle**

by Ted Roberts

This book offers healing to those who want to break free from sexual addiction, and provides help for spouses and the Church as they come alongside in the recovery process.

### **Betrayal of Trust: Confronting and Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct**

by Stanley J. Grenz and Roy D. Bell

When a minister neglects his spiritual life, he limits his ability to fight the Enemy because his protection comes from his walk with God.

### **Enrichment Journal, Fall 2005**

Assemblies of God (**www.ag.org**)

This entire journal addresses pornography. It’s an excellent resource. Past issues can be ordered online.

### *For restoring marriages:*

### **I Surrender All: Rebuilding a Marriage Broken by Pornography**

by Clay and Renee Crosse and Mark Tabb

Christian singer Clay Crosse and his wife tell their story to help other marriages.

### **Surviving an Affair**

by Willard F. Harley Jr. and Jennifer Harley Chalmers

A guide to move from the devastation of infidelity to a loving and trusting marriage.

### **Torn Asunder: Recovering From Extramarital Affairs**

By Dave Carder

The recovery process from affairs, including evaluations and exercises to change your life.

### *For restoring those who have fallen into sin:*

### **Restoring the Fallen**

by Earl & Sandy Wilson, Paul & Virginia Friesen, and Larry & Nancy Paulson

A new model to help restore Christians when they’ve fallen into sin, using a spiritual care team.

### *For men:*

### **Faithful & True**

by Mark Laaser

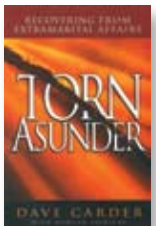
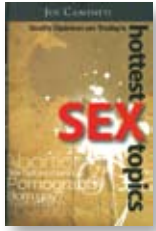
A workbook for groups and individuals about sexual integrity in a fallen world.

### *For women:*

### **Living With Your Husband’s Secret Wars**

by Marsha Means

Specific, proactive steps a wife can take if she finds her husband involved in sexual sin—how to give support, overcome betrayal, and focus on spiritual growth.



# Where Are They Now?

## 1981

**Randy Wren ('80, '81)** received a Master's of Divinity in 1991 and entered the Army as an active duty chaplain. After leaving active duty in 1996, he went to work for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, he is a staff chaplain at the VA Medical Center and command chaplain of the 95<sup>th</sup> Division and Army Reserve, both in Oklahoma City. He and his wife, Cathy, have been married for 25 years and have two children, Buddy and Jessica.



**Jim ('80, '81) and Pam ('81) Dumont** are celebrating their 20th anniversary as founding pastors of Erie Christian Fellowship church in Erie, Pennsylvania. [www.ecfchurch.org](http://www.ecfchurch.org)

## 1982

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

#### Rick and Donesa Mann ('81, '82)

Rick and Donesa Mann met and married at RBTC in the early 80s. After graduation, they served as youth pastors in Arkansas before pioneering a church in Stillwater, Minnesota. Rick is now the worship leader for Church on the Hill in Berryville, Arkansas and Donesa plays the keyboard.

Since 1997, Rick and Donesa have also taken part in The New Great Passion Play which runs from May to October in Eureka Springs. Along with his wife and four children, Rick, who now serves as the play's director, has played a number of roles. The Mann family lives in Berryville, Arkansas and their whole family works together each year to produce The New Great Passion Play. For more information about The New Great Passion Play, visit [www.greatpassionplay.com](http://www.greatpassionplay.com).



## 1983

**David Huskey ('82, '83)** and his wife, Alicia, welcomed their new baby daughter, Alana, on January 25, 2008. They live in Sweetwater, Tennessee where David is the founder and president of David Huskey Ministries. [www.davidhuskeyministries.com](http://www.davidhuskeyministries.com)



## 1992

**Tami Ashcraft ('87, '92)** has been working with senior citizens since 1994. In July of 2007 she traveled to Samara, Russia to work with orphans. Tami now works with senior citizens and their families at the Flint Ridge Nursing Center in Newark, Ohio.

## 1995



**Leonard Todd Cook ('94, '95)** and Erica Gilmer Cook were married on April 5, 2008 and now reside in Augusta, Georgia.

### Did You Know?

- ... that veterans or members of the U.S. military can attend RBTC for free through the G.I. Bill or VocRehab? For more information, log on to [www.rbtc.org/GI](http://www.rbtc.org/GI) or contact the Admissions Office staff at (918) 258-1588, ext. 2260.



## 1998

**Paul Bowers ('97, '98)** and his wife, Alida, welcomed their first child, Joshua Ethan, on July 22, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches long. The Bowers are missionaries in Peru where they currently work with Hearts in Action International, founded by **Mario and Suzanne Babarczy ('89)**.



**Jesse and Julie Miller (both '99, '00)** announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Yvonne, born December 1, 2008. The Millers live and minister in Wasilla, Alaska.



## 2002



**Jim and Jan Schmitt (both '97, '98)** are celebrating their 10th year as missionaries in Ireland. They pioneered World Outreach Christian Centre in Limerick and minister throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland, bringing the word of faith and the love of God to an unreached nation.

[www.schmittministries.com](http://www.schmittministries.com)



**Kyle ('01, '02) and Christina (Perez '00, '01) Rucker** announce the birth of their twins, Jasmine and Alexander, born January 6, 2009. The twins join big brother, Andrew. The Ruckers live and work in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

## 2004

## 1999

**Walter P. McCall ('98, '99)** took an oath of office as a Second Lieutenant Army Chaplain Candidate in the U.S. Army Reserve on July 22, 2008. He and his wife, Jacquelyn, have three children (Isaiah, Ariella, and Isabella). Walter is associate minister at Beth-El Love Christian Center in Orange, New Jersey, teaches physical education, and is club advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club at East Orange Campus High School.



**John Withington ('98, '99)** and his wife, Naomi, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lynn Tharmirin, born on November 21, 2008. The Withingtons are currently missionaries in India.

**Jeff Bardel ('03, '04)** won the 2009 Oklahoma Amputee Golf Championship, shooting a 74 in the final round to win the tournament by one shot. The event was held June 1–2 in Thackerville. Jeff works as a writer for Kenneth Hagin Ministries and is beginning his third season as RBTC's golf coach.



[www.jeffbardel.com](http://www.jeffbardel.com)

**Rimuinee ('02, '03, '04) and Beth (Wileman '04, '05) Kangootui** announce the birth of their son, Kaleb Ngumbaundja



Kangootui, born October 19, 2008. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long. The Kangootuis are working with **Kenneth ('02, '03) and Lynette ('05, '06) Estrada** on a church plant at Kingdom Life International Christian Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

## 2000

**Greg and Amy Anderson (both '99, '00)** live in High Springs, Florida and serve as associate pastors, youth pastors, and children's directors at Impact Family Church. They have three children (Jack, Nate, and Mia), and in April they celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. [www.impactfamilychurch.com](http://www.impactfamilychurch.com)



**Devin Kroner ('03, '04)** married Mary Elizabeth Lusk on May 9, 2008 on the beach in Braydenton, Florida. After a honeymoon cruise, the new couple moved to Jackson, Tennessee to attend Northside Assembly of God where Devin is the children's pastor. Elizabeth assists him, serves as nursery director, and works with the college ministry.

[www.northsideaog.org](http://www.northsideaog.org)



**Daniel and Ledia Wiley (both '03, '04)**

assumed the role of children's pastors at West Metro Church of God in Douglasville, Georgia as of September 1, 2008.

[www.westmetrochcog.org](http://www.westmetrochcog.org)



2006



**Gayle (Weaver '05, '06)** and Stephen M. Crespo were married April 12, 2008 in Live Oak, Florida. Gayle is employed at the Health Center of Lake City as the Director of Rehabilitation. She and her husband are involved in their local church where he is a drummer and she teaches an adult Sunday School class and is involved in missions.



**James ('03, '04) and Monica (Baker '06, '07)**

**Satcher** met on the mission field in Peru in 2006 and were married March 31, 2007. On July 10, 2008, their son, Jameson, was born. They live and work in Kennesaw, Georgia and are active in their local foursquare church, where they plan to be sent out as missionaries. [www.jamessatcher.com](http://www.jamessatcher.com)

**Nathaniel Eli ('03, '06) and Yuin Grace (Chia '06, '07) Kniess**

have accepted a position as the new youth pastors at New Life Christian Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

[www.newlifericelake.com](http://www.newlifericelake.com)

2005

**Nancy L. (Martin '03, '04, '05)**

**Brant** married Rev. Dr. Gregory Brant on November 29, 2008, and they now reside in Monroeville, Ohio. Nancy started a prison ministry at the Allen Correctional Facility in Lima, Ohio. Her husband is a physician in the Ashtabula area and is involved in missions. They plan to establish a church in Israel within the next few years.



**Edwing ('06, '07) and Veronica Joy (Listenik '05, '06, '07) Richiez**

became husband and wife on November 15, 2008, at the RHEMA Bible Church Chapel. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Bill Ray. The Richiezes both work at Kenneth Hagin Ministries and live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Ronald and Jaclyn Farmer (both '04, '05)** pastor Christ's Church Triumphant in Jacksonville, Illinois. Prior to pioneering this church they worked as interim pastors in Bluffs, Illinois and in the ministry of helps in Bloomington, Illinois.



**Jon ('92, '93, '07) and Kimberly ('05, '06, '07) Slusser** welcomed their baby girl, Ellianna Elizabeth, on May 15, 2008. They moved to Francistown, Botswana, Africa in January 2009 to serve at Light of the World Ministries with Pastor Matt and Kristen Buckley. Kim is also a pediatrician and serves in the Baylor Pediatric HIV/AIDS Corp in Francistown.

**Chris ('04, '05) and Denise (Bass '03, '04) Patrick**

are currently the college ministers at Living Word Church in Branson, Missouri. Their son, Elijah Benjamin, was born on February 18, 2008 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where they lived before moving to Branson.



**Sam and Sharon Bradham (both '06, '07)** pioneered Spoken Word Church in Brevard, NC.

[www.spokenwordchurch.org](http://www.spokenwordchurch.org)



## 2008

**Daniel and Emily (Haugsand) Martin** (both '06, '07, '08) were married August 8, 2008 at RHEMA Bible Church. They now live and work in Broken Arrow.



**Daniel Rouse ('07, '08)** has been working as assistant campaign manager for the SEAL America Campaign, visiting every state capitol and holding open public communion services on the steps of every state house in America. He will be returning to his Wisconsin home to work as associate pastor for his father who pastors in Ironwood, Michigan. He will also be visiting Uganda, Africa in the fall of 2009.

## 2009



**Robert ('06, '09) and Cynthia (Major '81, '06) Almaraz** married in January 2006 and are now leaders of the RHEMA Bible Church R.O.C.K. Drug and Alcohol Recovery program in Broken Arrow. Robert is a gourmet chef and

Cynthia is a reading specialist in the Sapulpa School District. They have two children (William and Stephen) and currently reside in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

**Brandon ('08, '09) and Gina (Engstrom '07, '08) Williams** were married on August 8, 2008, and they are expecting their first child in June of 2009.



## Korea Alumni Event



On October 18, 2008, **Gary ('78, '79) and Connie Crowl ('03, '04)** traveled to Seoul, Korea to host the first-ever Korean RHEMA Alumni fellowship. Several graduates and their wives were present, including:

JinHo Kim ('00)  
Soon Ae Choi (Kim's wife) ('98, '00)  
Peter Song & Kiseok Song ('99, '00)  
Faith Cho (Peter's wife) & Young Hee Cho ('00)  
YoHan Shin ('05, '06)  
JungMi Kwon ('05, '06) (Yohan's wife)  
TaeYong Oh ('91, '92)  
HyoJung Kim (TaeYong's wife)  
Bessie Kim ('89, '90)  
Terry Lee ('99, '00)  
Elaine Gordon ('97, '98) who lives in the same area of Northeast Asia as the Crowls and traveled with them to the event.

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## IN MEMORY OF:



### Ross McCready

March 31, 1926–October 31, 2008

Ross McCready was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He was a graduate of Texas A&M in architecture, and was married to his wife Tillie for 59 years. After graduating from RHEMA in 1985, he worked at Rice University in Houston until returning to Tulsa in 1989, when he became the architect for the RHEMA Bible Church Auditorium (RCA). He worked for Kenneth Hagin Ministries until he retired in 2006 at age 80. He is survived by his wife, four children (Gary, Karen, Jan, and Mark), and five grandchildren. His oldest son, Jimmy, died in January of this year.

## HOMEGOINGS

'75.....	Barbara Lorts.....	March 2009
'77.....	Stan Fortenberry .....	February 12, 2009
'78, '79.....	Richard Large .....	March 14, 2009
'79, '80.....	Donald Gade.....	November 1, 2008
'80.....	Bonnie Baird.....	December 2008
'80.....	Donald Dressel.....	September 15, 2008
'80.....	Philip B. McCoy .....	March 9, 2009
'81.....	Carol Garrett.....	April 17, 2009
'83, '84.....	Delores Jeanne Tyler.....	January 15, 2009
'84, '85.....	Ross McCready .....	October 31, 2008
'84, '85.....	Wayne Hill.....	February 18, 2009
'84, '85.....	Paul Moraine .....	June 13, 2008
'84, '86.....	Metrojene Myles.....	November 27, 2008
'90, '91.....	Wallace "Wally" Paarni ..	October 21, 2008
'90, '92.....	Edna Crowley.....	July 25, 2008
'96, '97.....	Richard Vaillancourt.....	November 5, 2007
'96, '97.....	Esther M. Anthony.....	April 2006
'97, '98.....	Meleisea Ulufale .....	March 2009
'97, '98.....	Gary Glenny.....	November 21, 2008
'99, '00.....	Bonita Shostrom .....	January 17, 2009
'01, '02.....	Leon Avery .....	December 17, 2008

## We Want to Hear From You!

If you've had a wedding, a new baby, something exciting happen in life or ministry, or just want to update fellow alumni about your life, write [rmai@rhema.org](mailto:rmai@rhema.org) and let us know!

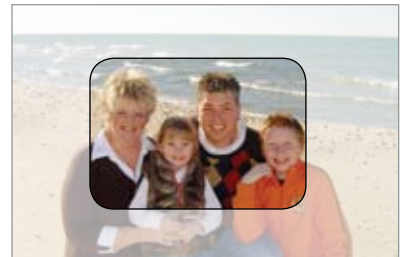
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### Tips for writing to us:

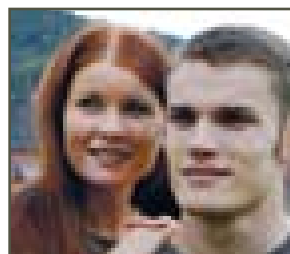
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**Granger, IN << August 2-5, 2009**

**New Creation Fellowship**

30190 County Road 10, Granger, IN 46530  
(574) 264-0469 / Pastors Dave & Jeaneen Klahr

Service Times: Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Decatur, AL << September 13-16, 2009**

**Decatur Christian Fellowship**

221 Beltline Place SW, Decatur, AL 35603  
(256) 355-7880 / Pastor John & Sheila White

Service Times: Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Jackson, MS << October 18-21, 2009**

**Word of Life Church**

6339 Highway 18 West, Jackson, MS 39209  
(601) 922-9433 / Pastor Joel Sims

Service Times: Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**North Miami Beach, FL << January 24-27, 2010**

**Words of Life Fellowship Church**

20051 NE 16th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33179  
(305) 653-8155 / Pastors Stan & Geri Moore

Service Times: Sunday-Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Monday-Wednesday 10:30 A.M.

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• **Lynette Hagin's  
Women's Conference**  
September 24-26, 2009  
[www.rhema.org/ktf](http://www.rhema.org/ktf)



• **RHEMA College Weekend**  
October 23-25, 2009  
[www.rhema.org/rcw](http://www.rhema.org/rcw)



• **Kenneth W. Hagin's  
Men's Conference**  
November 5-7, 2009  
[www.rhema.org/cta](http://www.rhema.org/cta)



• **Winter Bible Seminar**  
February 14-19, 2010  
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