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## QUICK-GLANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR THIS SATURDAY NIGHT—IT'S THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS.
- FIELD MINISTRY REPORTS ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE TURN IN YOUR 1 PAGE REPORT TO YOUR ADVISOR BEFORE THE END OF THE QUARTER.
- YEARBOOK PHOTOS - THIS WEEK!!!!
- TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE UNITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE WITH YOUR AA OR BA IN JUNE. YOU NEED TO START PLANNING NOW!

Please continue to pray for all of those affected by the wildfires in Southern California.

## Help the Harvest with Prayer: 'Secret Believers,' by Liza Turner

God is working in miraculous ways to bring his people to salvation. Time and time again we find testimonies of former Muslim's becoming believers. Often an experience of reading or hearing the word is sometimes followed by a dream that confirms the truth for them. Immediately an experience of peace and forgiveness is present as their eyes are opened.

However, some new believers must keep their salvation a secret from their families, communities, and even employers. If they are found out, they

face torture and even death. For them becoming a believer means isolation and fear, their societies are bound by honor to kill them. In Muslim countries the greatest evil is leaving Islam and becoming a Christian. This friend is called persecution. Among the top ten countries where Christians are persecuted, six have Islam as the predominant religion: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Somalia Maldives, Yemen, and Afghanistan.

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## Earthquakes, Death Camps, and Airplanes, by Andrew Johnson Part 2 in a series based on Os Guinness' [Unspeakable: Facing Up to the Challenge of Evil](#)

Two centuries before the September 11 attacks shook this generation, a terror of another kind literally shook Europe. The Portuguese city of Lisbon was subject to a devastating earthquake on November 1, 1755. Guinness tells us that the quake lasted "ten minutes and was felt as far away as France, Italy, Switzerland, and North Africa" (3). This was followed by a "gigantic killer wave that unleashed a fifty-foot wall of water pounding across the city" along with a series of fires. While not of related causes, parallels between New York 2001 and Lisbon 1755 can certainly be drawn. However,

the more significant relationship between these dates is in the difference.

The Lisbon earthquake resulted in a weakening of "traditional faith in God and providence" and a strengthening of "the new confidence in Enlightenment progress." That is, Lisbon paved the way for the ideal that humans hold the future in their own hands. Since Lisbon, the intellectual West has forsaken any traditional view of evil. When President Bush openly denounced the events of September 11 as evil, "his critics at once said that the president and anyone who spoke. . .

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## Keep The Flame Burning, by Angelica Morgan

Have you ever felt like you lost your flame? Or, that your fire might be burning, but the flames are slowly dying?

I just went through a difficult stage in my life. A lot of things at once and it was so hard to take. I often keep troubles to myself, or share them with God alone. Other times things happen so quickly. All the things that had happened during this time period overwhelmed me. I started blaming myself for a lot of things (lies of the enemy) and closed myself in, isolating myself from others.

I'm saying all this to let you know that we all have hard times. We all have over-whelming moments in our lives; some days will be good, and others will be a struggle. However, don't let the struggles get the best of you. Don't listen to Satan's lies. You are a child of the most high. You have a purpose on this earth and God is going to use His children for His glory.

Jeremiah tells us God knows us before we are born (1:5), and He has wonderful plans for us (29:11-13). Don't give up! The struggles seem hard, but when you get up, pick up your cross, and follow Christ it feels like you're on top of the world.

Second Corinthians 4:8-9 says, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." This powerful scripture helped me get back on track.

I am not the only one going through difficult times. So, I want to encourage those of you who are going through something, big or small, and feel like your fire is in danger of burning out. God loves you. Please remember not to settle for less, because Your Father above wants you to have the best. Bring to Him any relationships, finance problems, and any problems you may have. He cares and will help you stand through your storm. Get that Fire burning again. Be on fire for Jesus, and know that Jesus is on your side, no matter what!

## Harvest by Tara Schowe

Based on: Matthew 9:22: 36-38 and John 4:36.

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Compassion  
 Disciples  
 Eternal  
 Fruit  
 Gather  
 Harvest  
 Laborers

Lord of harvest  
 Multitudes  
 Plentiful  
 Pray  
 Reaps  
 Rejoice  
 Scattered

Seed  
 Sheep  
 Shepherd  
 Sows  
 Wages  
 Weary

## Earthquakes, continued from page 1

... openly of evil were simplistic and old fashioned" (6). September 11 (as mentioned in the previous article) served to "destroy the last threads of the Enlightenment belief that humans are getting better and better." Lisbon 1755 shook traditional faith in God and inspired faith in human progress, while New York 2001 struck at the heart of enlightenment ideals.

Before New York there was another powerful blow to the enlightenment: the Holocaust of World War II (i.e. death camps like Auschwitz). Perhaps the irony of Auschwitz is the atrocities that were committed there by Nazi Germany

were done in the supposed interest of human progress—at least as Adolph Hitler saw it.

Both New York and Auschwitz are dramatic evidence that evil has only increased since Lisbon. We are no better for the two centuries that have elapsed since the Lisbon quake. "But whether we regard Auschwitz or September 11 as pivotal, in a way that is only beginning to sink into current thinking our 'post-Auschwitz' or 'post-9/11' questions are raising issues that only 'pre-Lisbon' answers can address" (4). Answers that come directly from the Word of God.

## Hell in a Handbasket, by Marcus Steele

*Adapted from the sermon, "Going to Hell in a Handbasket: How to Stop the Vicious Cycle" Trinity Life Bible College Chapel, October 10, 2007.*

Here's a scary statistic for you: Only 4% of "Millenials" (born 1984-present) claim to be Bible-based believers. The odds of a person converting to Christ after age 20 are 10:1, and 90% of Christians become believers before age 18. A recent Barna poll suggests that what you believe by age 13 is what you'll die believing. If you think that the church in its current condition can help remedy this situation, guess again. A poll revealed that 47% of Christians say that porn is a major problem in their homes, and that 53% of men who participate in Promise Keepers looked at porn within the *last week*. Even if your vice isn't as drastic as porn, a simple lack of character can get you into loads of trouble as well.

The reality is that living a double life of casual, comfortable Christianity can and will send you to hell. The sad part is, most of us don't realize it. Matthew 7:13-14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it. But the gate is narrow (*contracted by pressure*) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and *few* are those who find it." (Emphasis mine.) This leads us to the conclusion that the majority of hell-goers won't be heathens, but those professing Christianity, (yes, pastors included). Jesus clearly states this in Matthew 7:21-23.

Also missing in the body is mature teaching. Hebrews 6:1-2 begins, "Therefore let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ." I want to mature in my walk and be able to say with Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20:26b-27 KJV)

Some of you may be thinking, "That sounds too hard!" Well, you're right. It *is* hard. That's why Paul told Timothy to endure hardship like a good soldier. We have to crucify our flesh, die to ourselves, and give all control to Him. This all might sound pretty grim, but God provides an answer to every problem. For this we turn to 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

I pray that each of you will examine your own hearts at this point, and take these scriptures to heart as well, asking God if there is anything that needs to be removed. We need to cancel our membership to the country club, and join the military instead. When we truly commit to God, we can stop a generation from going to hell in a handbasket.

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

*Matthew 7:21-23*

## Secret Believers, continued from page 1

This is an invitation to participate in the tenth annual International Day of Prayer on November 11. This year's focus is on 'secret believers' that live in Islamic countries. Mr. Andrew Moeller, founder of (IDOP) say's "They are paying the highest price for their faith...it is my prayer that together we'll witness many spiritual victories through this international prayer campaign."

Here at TLBC let us keep these secret believers, along with all our other brethren around the world, in our prayers.

There is a Free kit that can be ordered to help put this into action at your church or home group, for more information log onto [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org).



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## Atheists: Persecutors or Persecuted Minority, by Jay Rose

The weekend of October 11th, 2007, Madison, Wisconsin became a place of refuge for atheists. Overall, Americans dislike atheists. According to a recent survey by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, atheists are viewed far more negatively than any religious group.

The group sponsoring the event, Freedom From Religion Foundation, is the nation's largest group of atheists and agnostics. The foundation is a watchdog group that advocates for the separation of church and state and promotes free thought, which it calls science and reason as opposed to faith in the unknown. This is a belief grounded in doubt. Doubt means to be inclined to disbelief, which is the total opposite of faith. As Christians we know that "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

John Green, a senior fellow with the Nonpartisan Forum, said the number of people who do not worship or follow

God is slowly growing, but the exact number of atheists in America is unknown because many people are reluctant to identify themselves that way. About four percent of people in Pew's latest survey said they were atheist or agnostic and an additional ten percent said they followed no religion. No matter what the situation may be these people all have chosen to not believe that there is a God. But, God still loves them. 1 Timothy 2:3-4 assures us as believers that God our Savior desires "all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of truth."

Now more than ever Christians must be stronger and more intense in our faith in God and realize that major anti-God organizations such as this do exist. How do we reach those who have rejected God? I believe we must show the people of the world who the true God is by our daily actions. "For those with faith, no explanation is necessary. For those without, no explanation is possible." We must take heed and live out what 2 Corinthians 5:7 tells us, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

## Sometimes We Want To Hit Back, by Jack Gonzales

Family, sometimes we find ourselves in situations that we don't like. Situations that cause us to want to react in ways we shouldn't. Too often there comes a time when we just want to 'hit back' when provoked or similarly injured. However, difficult times are a part of life. We will always come across people or situations that cause us to react with anger. Many times they might come our way just to test us, then the question arises, "Will we pass the test?" For the sake of this article, let's consider all such situations or people as tests. How does one pass a test--no matter how difficult it may be? One must study and take the appropriate amount of time to do so.

How might we study and prepare for such a situation? Well, we should start with the word of God. In 1 Corinthians, chapter 4, the Apostle Paul

gives a great example of how he was able to deal with all kinds of persecution. [Actually if you read anything Paul has written you will encounter many such examples.] At the same time, how many of you know that as we prepare for a test, things don't always go smoothly. Sometimes the mistakes are so great, we must stop and start over again. This means the way to pass this test is to experience it and learn from each situation, while applying the word of God to every situation, every time.

So, can we pass each difficult test we face? Sure we can, but only if we seek the LORD. There is no victory, no passing anything without the LORD. Study all you want; however, the LORD is the one who gives victory. So remember, in order to learn--don't hit back!