

Ugandan Orphans Choir To Perform In Yankton

The Ugandan Orphans Choir, a group of 10 talented children ranging in age from 8-12 years old, will perform at First United Methodist Church, Yankton on Sunday, June 2, at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

All 10 children have been given hope through Childcare Worldwide's sponsorship program and now they devote their energy to helping other children obtain access to sponsorship and education.

These exuberant children delight audiences with their African drumming, dancing and singing as they perform traditional Ugandan songs and dances.

Each of the 10 children has a story to tell about how their lives have been changed through the power of education provided through Childcare Worldwide's sponsorship program.

The Ugandan Orphans Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide which has been devoted to transforming lives for 30 years. Childcare Worldwide serves children in ten developing countries helping them succeed educationally through their child sponsorship program;

Be sure to experience this unique and authentic night of cultural song, dance and storytelling.

HayDay VBS Slated For Peace Presbyterian

At HayDay VBS, kids grow in friendship with Jesus. This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear and touch.

Games, cool Bible songs and multi-sensory Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life.

The farm will be set up at Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st Street, Yankton (Next to the airport).

This VBS is sponsored by Peace Presbyterian, Riverview Reformed and Christ the King churches. For more information contact any of the three churches.

Calvary Baptist Plans Wednesday Night Service

Calvary Baptist Church of Yankton has announced a new summer worship opportunity beginning Wednesday June 5, at 7 p.m. in its Youth Theater.

Summer can be a busy time for people that can take them away on weekends and participation in worship. We want to provide a regular mid-week option that will provide Christians with the chance to connect with God and each other through worship in singing and practical instruction from God's Word.

We extend a warm invitation to you to join us for Wednesday Worship and the Word. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 2407 Broadway Ave, Yankton.

Westville Festival Slated For Vermillion

VERMILLION — The second annual Westville Festival is to be held Saturday, June 15, at the Pleasant Valley Church, located at 45918 308th St., Vermillion.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. with a 5K or 10K run or walk and a walk to "Historical Cemeteries" in the Westville area. Kids events will begin at 9 a.m. and include a one-mile bike ride or run followed by some Dad's vs. Kids competitions.

The Pleasant Valley ladies will again be providing coffee, pies, and other sweets beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Future updates and information will be coming soon.

God Can Cleanse Each Of Us

BY PASTOR JON COOKE Calvary Baptist Church



REFLECTIONS

A young father shared this story with me the other day.

"When my daughter was a toddler, I used to take her to a park not far from our apartment. One day as she was playing in the sandbox, an ice cream salesman approached us. I purchased her a treat, and when I turned to give it to her, I saw her mouth was full of sand. Where I had intended to put a delicacy and a real treat, she had put dirt.

Did I love her with dirt in her mouth? Absolutely! Was she any less my daughter with dirt in her mouth? Of course not. Was I going

to allow her to keep dirt in her mouth? No way. I loved her right where she was, but I refused to leave her there. I carried her over to the water fountain and washed out her mouth. Why? Because I love her." God does the same for us. He holds us over the fountain. "Spit out the dirt, honey" our Father urges, "I've got something better for you" And so he cleanses

us of our filth; immorality, dishonesty, prejudice, bitterness and greed. We don't enjoy the cleansing; sometimes we even opt for dirt over the ice cream. "I can eat dirt if I want to!" we pout and proclaim. It's true — we can. But if we do, the loss is ours. God has a better offer.

How many of us settle for dirt instead of opting for the tremendous wealth of blessings God graciously supplies to us in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The Psalmist said in 34:8 "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" The Word of God reveals to us a very rich spread of food for our soul that supplies us with strength and wisdom for living. What are we opting for in life — the dirt or the delicacies of God's eternal promises?

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Pastors Who Repent Face Long Road Back

BY JEFF KUNERTH © 2013 Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — In a letter read to the congregation at Discovery Church, Pastor David Loveless admitted adultery, deceit, sinfulness, selfishness, broken trust and a violation of "everything I knew to be true and right."

"I am broken beyond description," he wrote.

Loveless resigned last month from the Orlando, Fla., church he founded 29 years ago and, like many fallen preachers before him, now begins a restoration process. It won't be easy, say experts.

Pastor Ron Johnson, who has counseled more than 20 ministers in crisis, said restoration takes at least two years. But many fallen ministers are unable or unwilling to do the work necessary to achieve true spiritual restoration.

"There's a lack of humility," said Johnson, senior pastor of One Church in Longwood, Fla. "Most of these guys get into sexual sin not because they have runaway lust. Most have runaway pride."

One of the major problems is that many cannot humble themselves in a three-stage process that involves repentance, reconciliation and restoration, Johnson said. The process takes them back to where they began, before they built their congregations into megachurches, wrote books, spoke at conferences. Before all the love and adoration of those who filled the pews and the collection plates.

"Their drug of choice has been the adulation they receive from people, their adoring fans," said Johnson, who counseled Pastor Sam Hinn after the Sanford, Fla., minister admitted an affair.

Mental-health professionals say pastors, especially those of large nondenominational churches,



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Discovery Church Pastor David Loveless poses in front of a sign, Jan. 23, 2009, that advertises a financial planning class they will offer at the church in Orlando, Fla.

often bring into counseling the same personality traits that caused their problems in the first place. For some, counseling is the first time they have had to confide in others. In their churches, they are the ones who listen, advise and bestow grace. Now they are having to answer to someone other than God.

"It can be difficult for them taking advice," said Gary R. Pickering, a Bushnell, Fla.-based mental-health pastor and Presbyterian minister. "It's hard for pastors to see through the fog and take the blinders off for their own behavior."

Along with this is an inability to surrender control. Being a pastor means assuming many different roles: spiritual leader, administrator, counselor, fundraiser. It's a job for a take-charge person who can't always let go. This is especially true of pastors elevated by the adoration, love and applause from their congregation. In some ways, in some churches, the Sunday service is like a rock concert, and the pastor is the rock star. They are celebrities as much as ministers. It's what some counselors call the "ecclesiastic ego" and others call the "God complex."

"The God complex is hard to give up," said Pastor Jeff Cinquemani, a pastoral counselor with the Florida Hospital Seventh-day Adventist Church. "I don't want to

give up the side of me that brought me here. I don't want to give up that part of me that was fun, that was great for my ego. I don't want restrictions put on me."

For some ministers, feeling they have been chosen by God feeds the same kind of narcissism found in athletes, celebrities and politicians who act as if rules were made for everyone but them. In their eyes, they can do no wrong because every mistake they make is someone else's fault, said Vicki O'Grady, a Maitland mental-health counselor. "A narcissist won't be able to see anything they are doing as wrong," O'Grady said. But with pastors, O'Grady said, narcissism goes along with self-applied forgiveness: "If God forgives us, we can justify anything." Loveless follows other Central Florida pastors who have resigned or stepped aside after admitting affairs: Zachery Tims, Isaac Hunter, Sam Hinn. Each asked for forgiveness, each professed repentance, each embarked on restoration.

True restoration means staying all over, Johnson said. The pastor is no longer a man of God, no longer a spiritual leader, no longer a minister. He is, as Loveless confessed, a broken man who needs to be rebuilt from the foundation up.

"When you talk about these kinds of failures, these are foundational issues in a man's life," said Johnson, who was a building contractor before joining the ministry. Too many fallen pastors want to slap on a fresh coat of paint, remodel a room or replace the flooring when they need to be thinking of building a house from scratch that might take the rest of their life to finish, Johnson said. "Most men who walk through this," he said, "it really is for them a lifelong process."

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Table listing various church schedules including Abundant Life, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Lutheran, Non-Denominational, and United Methodist services with times and locations.

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