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Teachers of Life

By Carolyn Collins - Standing up for beliefs is seldom easy. But circumstances sometimes press us to do what we fear, to stand out when we prefer to simply blend with the crowd.

The college history professor mockingly asked my class if any of us believed man was created from dust. My younger classmates, eyes averted, ignored the question. I raised my hand. He said, "You're much too educated to believe that."

Our beliefs and the beliefs of our children are being challenged by school's policy makers, our nation's judges, the media and culture. In a lifetime, the theory of evolution has gained acceptance gathering the uninformed and ungrounded from among us. It can become subtly ingrained into ways of thinking, beliefs, and actions. It is a grave danger.

Guard what our children and teens are being taught about the origin of life. Teach them the truth, because it seems, the battle for hearts and minds is this:

If I believe I am created, then I'm subject to the laws of God and to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I am free to trust God who creates and is All Powerful.

Conversely: If I believe man evolved, I pick and choose what I believe from the Bible. I make my own rules and laws. I, then, am free to create my own God.

There's a whole of difference between creation and evolution.

The *truth* of creation, we see in nature. The truth of creation sings in our hearts, and we find testimony to It's truth all through the Bible.

God has preserved His Word even to our generation. God is able.

The Bible's first sentence is, "In the beginning, God created..." (Gen. 1:1). (Gen. 1:26) "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...", "He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." (John 1:10) KJV.

Teachers of life have the happy task of leading the children God has placed in their shadow of care to know that the Lord is the Creator and greatly to be praised. He, alone, sustains the earth and us.

God would not have us ignorant of His Word. Share it with someone.



NEW

We now have a "Parents Page" on the Bloomingdale Alliance Church Web site – Check it out!

Go to www.bloomingdalealliancecma.org and Click on "Parents Page"

What Kids Really Need Series

(picked from a training series of 48 articles by Mark Steiner, DiscipleLand founder)

Kids Need Family (article #2)

(Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; Ephesians 5: 33 – 6: 4)

The Situation: Children wonder, "What is family like?" Tragic testimonials and sobering statistics document the traditional family's fragmentation. Kids are bewildered by today's widely divergent family configurations and lifestyles.



The Solution: Remember that the family is God's idea, a vital part of His kingdom plan. God establishes and endorses the family as a fortress to withstand the world's hostile influences. God calls Himself "Father" – the One who leads His children. The Bible describes how to maintain healthy, dynamic relationships between husband and wives, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren.

What You Can Do: Work on generating family loyalty. Building this allegiance will promote family teamwork to withstand the world's hurricane-force winds. Make home a priority; express sincere appreciation for each other; spend time together.



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In April 1990, a group of Christian teenagers in Burleson, Texas decided to pray around the flagpoles at three schools. Thanks to word-of-mouth, publicity and announcements at youth rallies, that September about 45,000 students prayed around flagpoles at 1,200 schools in four states.

See You at the Pole (SYATP) is now an annual, international event. Students of all ages organize prayer gatherings outside of regular school hours, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Many parents, teachers and youth pastors join in. This year's event occurs on September 24.

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.

See You At The Pole!

National Down Syndrome Society's Annual Buddy Walk



The month of October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month with more than 300 Buddy Walks occurring throughout the United States.

The Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk Festival will be held Saturday, October 4, 2008. There will be rides, food, games, and music for the whole family. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The cost is \$12.00 per person. The walk begins at 10:30 am. The Festival lasts until 2:00 pm and will be held in Forsyth Park – Downtown Savannah.

To sign up to walk with “Team Ryan”, contact Cindy Harrison for more information at 858-3127.

Labor Day, First Celebrated in 1882, provides a day of rest for working Americans, showing their importance to the country's well-being.

Christians see work as a gift and command from God. Adam was put in the Garden to “till it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15, NRSV). Even Jesus chose workers to help carry out his mission.

Rest is just as significant as work. God commanded us to rest one day each week. In Exodus 20:10, you will find it listed in the Ten Commandments. God listed this command as the fourth commandment which comes before the sixth commandment, “Thou shalt not murder”. The Sabbath is a time for worship, family activities, renewal, recuperation, and it is important to God.

Labor Day is a reminder for us all to be grateful for the creativity, ingenuity, minds and muscle power of countless workers – all gifts of God. That's worth setting aside a day to appreciate.





Tragedy in Madrid Hits Home

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Three people who died Wednesday in Madrid when a Spanair commercial airline crashed had personal connections with members of an Alliance church plant, including the pilot of the plane. An Alliance worker's neighbor and friend, who also is a Spanair pilot, told the worker he often takes the Madrid-Canary Island flight, but not Wednesday. His colleague who lost his life leaves behind a wife and two young daughters.

The Alliance worker accompanied a church member whose uncle died in the crash to the makeshift gathering center and morgue. "The Spanish president and vice president were consoling the families," said our worker. "A young woman who had helped with our English Camp and is a family friend of the bereaved gave the president a worn copy of the New Testament as a testimony of what brings this particular family hope and encouragement at such a time—the answer not just for one but for the whole nation and world.

"Pray that through this event, with its sadness, anger, and finger pointing, the Lord will heal this nation, console these families, and use us in this important ministry of compassion." 🌸

God If You Exist, Prove It To Me!

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A Lebanese man became frustrated and angry at what seems like God's indifference with what is happening in Abidjan. He climbed on the roof of his house in front of his friends and cried out, "God, if you exist, prove it to me!" That night he had a dream in which God spoke to him. He reached out and grabbed at a red star that was flying by him. The star burned him. Then he awoke, to find his right arm burned and blistered to his elbow. Now many Lebanese are telling his story of new faith in God to their friends.

Heavenly Father, we know you exist and thank You for Your presence in our lives.
Open closed hearts to Jesus as they hear this man's story.
Give Mike and Sue opportunities to encourage them in their faith.

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Mike and Sue Farho
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