

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book. President Abraham Lincoln

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		3 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice	1 6:00am Men's Prayer Group  No Wednesday Bible Study	2 9:30am Ladies Prayer Group  7:30pm Special Services -Dr. Jeffers	3 7:30pm Special Services -Dr. Jeffers	4 6:00pm Special Services -Dr. Jeffers
5 10:00am Sunday Worship - Dr. Jeffers  5:30pm Prayer 6:00pm Eve. Worship Dr. Jeffers	6	7 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice	8 6:00am Men's Prayer Group  7:30pm Bible Study	9 9:30am Ladies Prayer Group	10	11 10:00am-12:00pm Gardening Class @ TurnPoint with Dill's Greenhouse
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## No Pain, No Gain Know Pain, Know Gain



**Sunday, April 12 is Easter Sunday. At TurnPoint we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to mankind, the death, burial and resurrection of a perfect, sinless Savior. We celebrate with activities for your entire family. Come join us.**

What if Jesus would have chosen no pain? What would change? What would be lost? There certainly would be no chance of us gaining eternal life. No hope. No peace. Nothing would have been gained through His personal comfort. We cannot fully comprehend our lives if Jesus would not have chosen the suffering. We would have never known what it is to be set free from the grasp of sin. Because He chose to take our place and serve our sentence, we can live free from guilt and bondage, totally set free by the price He paid. Through Christ's example, we are also able to endure any of life's troubles, no matter how painful, knowing that it will produce something positive in our lives, that's

why He chose to suffer. Through his pain, he gained the keys to death, hell and the grave. He bruised the head of Satan and once and for all, secured all power in heaven and earth. He redeemed the eternal soul of every person through the shedding of His blood on Calvary. Through suffering and humility he was highly exalted and given a name above every name, the name of Jesus.

It's been well stated that nothing worthwhile comes easily; I would have to agree. Everything in my life that is of any value has cost me something. My marriage, children, ministry all require a sacrifice on my part in order for there to be growth. The more I value something the more I'm willing to sacrifice to get it and keep it. I'm sure you've noticed as I have, that exercise precedes fitness and good eating habits produce a healthy body. Exercise and dieting are painful! But we soon realize without them, we can lose our energy, health and vitality. The same is true with our spiritual lives. There are no shortcuts to spiritual health and power. The more we discipline ourselves through consistent Bible reading, private prayer and fasting the more spiritual power, fruit and effectiveness we will have. Consider this, God is extremely fair. Everyone of us have the same amount of time in a day. We are all free moral agents with the ability to make our own choices. We choose how we spend our time, money and energy on a daily basis. If I choose to live without frequent Bible reading, prayer and fasting, my relationship with God has no choice but to suffer. Without pain, there can be no gain. I'm sure you would

also agree that it takes a lot of hard work and personal sacrifice to produce a consistent paycheck. If we choose to spend it all and never develop a pattern of saving and investing, we will look up one day and be very unprepared because we didn't choose to inflict some pain in the area of our finances. The bottom line is...there are no shortcuts!



Pastor Joe Arata

Perhaps the most notable example is childbirth. The endurance of such an uncomfortable, painful experience is worth the gain. The rewards far exceed the momentary pain of the process. The joy created by one unsolicited hug or kiss. A hand made card or dandelion bouquet. They all seem to hide the pain from your memory.

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Compassion Columbus is the theme for the TurnPoint Soul Winner's Bootcamp

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**Save the Date...**  
 May 1-3 Rev. Matt Maddix  
 June 14-16 Rev. Eli Hernandez  
 Jul 9-12 Soulwinners Bootcamp  
 Sept 25-27 The Marshall's

**Special Needs & Prayer Requests...**  
 Praise Report: Rachael's bone marrow tests came back negative. He cancer levels are zero! To God be the glory.  
 Continue to remember Rachel BrushShannon Johnson  
 Bob & Catherine Meadows

**Great News...**  
 Mike & Miranda McCall have a new baby girl!  
 Kaylee Grace McCall  
 Born March 11, 2009 at 3:47 a.m.  
 6 lbs. 2 oz. 19 inches tall

**Weekly Service Schedule...**

Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Morning Worship
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Wednesday 6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday 9:30 a.m.	Ladies Prayer



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Ecclesiastes 7:3 says "sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better". Pain that comes into our lives, if properly dealt with, actually does more good for us than our mountain top experiences. The valley is where our soul is restored and where we learn the attributes of God's love and His character. It's where our character is developed and forged into something of great value. Great character is the cumulative result when great pain and great disappointment intersect in a person with a teachable spirit.

Consider this entry found in a Confederate soldier's diary. He wrote;

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn to humbly obey.*

*I asked for health, that I might do great things; I was*

*given infirmity, that I might do better things.*

*I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise.*

*I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.*

*I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

*I got nothing I asked for – but everything I had hoped for; Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.*

*I am, among men, most richly blessed!*

Hebrews says He endured the cross, despising the shame, because of the joy that was set before Him.

Because He chose to know pain and endure it, he also was rewarded with great gain. The cross is a constant reminder that the "comfort zone" is not where we know pain, know gain. *Article by Pastor Joe Arata*



### A Grand Table Affair

On Saturday afternoon, February 28, Turnpoint held it's first of what we hope to be annual "Grand Table Affair." You could feel the excitement growing as the ladies began to search through the maze of tables for the hostess that they had chosen to be the guest of for the day. Each hostess had decorated her own table with a theme. The variety of themes that were created included, My Grandmother's Table, The Loaves and Fishes, The Golden Treasure, The Garden of Eden, A Visit to Ireland, and The Vineyard. It was such a pleasurable day as we shared lunch and fellowship together in such a beautiful atmosphere.

# Barna Survey Examines World-view Among Christians

If Jesus were to ask, "Who do you say I am," the question He famously asked his disciple Peter, He would be disappointed by some of the answers He'd receive from contemporary Americans. A new nationwide survey conducted by The Barna Group among a representative sample of adults explored how many have what might be considered a "biblical worldview." The report from Barna compared current results to the outcomes from a similar survey the company conducted in 1995, 2000 and 2005.

#### Defining Terms

For the purposes of the survey, a "biblical worldview" was defined as believing that absolute moral truth exists; the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches; Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or do good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today. In the research, anyone who held all of those beliefs was said to have a biblical worldview.

Varying numbers of Americans embrace the different aspects of biblical worldview thinking. The survey found that:

One-third of all adults (34%) believe that moral truth is absolute and unaffected by the circumstances. Slightly less than half of the born again adults (46%) believe in absolute moral truth.

Half of all adults firmly believe that the Bible is accurate in all the principles it teaches. That proportion includes the four-fifths of born again adults (79%) who concur.

Just one-quarter of adults (27%) are convinced that Satan is a real force. Even a minority of born again adults (40%) adopt that perspective.



Similarly, only one-quarter of adults (28%) believe that it is impossible for someone to earn their way into Heaven through good behavior. Not quite half of all born again Christians (47%) strongly reject the notion of earning salvation through their deeds.

A minority of American adults (40%) are persuaded that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life while He was on earth. Slightly less than two-thirds of the born again segment (62%) strongly believes that He was sinless. Seven out of ten adults (70%) say that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing creator of the universe who still rules it today. That includes the 93% of born again adults who hold that conviction.

#### Differences among Demographic Segments

The research data showed that one pattern emerged loud and clear: young adults rarely possess a biblical worldview. The current study found that less than one-half of one percent of adults in the Mosaic generation – i.e., those aged 18 to 23 – have a biblical worldview, compared to about one out of every nine older adults.

Other groups that possess a below average likelihood of having a biblical worldview included people who describe themselves as liberal on social and political matters (also less than one-half of one percent); Catholics (2%);

## 5 Principles for a Better Prayer Life

### Get Sin Out of the Way

Listen to the psalmist: "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. (Psalms 66:18) The truth is there's not a one of us who hasn't turned to the Lord from time to time and failed to realize just how much unconfessed sin can distance us from God. Prayer can only work when we are honest with God.

### Ask Sincerely

It goes without saying that we should be sincere when we pray, but there are times when we aren't sincere. Remember what the Word of God says: "Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart." (Hebrews 10:22)

### Seek God's Will

James says that we should never ask with the wrong motives. "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." (James 4:3) Keep in mind that when Jesus said "Your will be done," He was talking about the will of God and not the will of man.

Democrats (4%) and residents of the Northeast (4%).

#### Why It Matters

Ongoing research by The Barna Group on these matters consistently demonstrates the powerful impact a person's worldview has on their life. A worldview serves as a person's decision-making filter, enabling them to make sense of the complex and huge amount of information, experiences, relationships and opportunities they face in life. By helping to clarify what a person believes to be important, true and desirable, a worldview has a dramatic influence on a person's choices in any given situation.

Barna's research has discovered that there are unusually large differences in behavior related to matters such as media use, profanity, gambling, alcohol use, honesty, civility, and sexual choices.

The firm's studies have also pointed out that a person's worldview is primarily shaped and is firmly in place by the time someone reaches the age of 13; it is refined through experience during the teen and early adult years; and then it is passed on to others during their adult life. Such studies underscore the necessity of parents and other influencers being intentional in how they help develop the worldview of children.

## It's a Kingdom Thing!

# Ladies and Gentlemen, please brace yourself for a life changing experience that you don't want to miss....

You will see an incredible amount of passion and energy that will inspire you to be the soul winner you never thought you could be. You will receive practical and effective tools that will propel your ministry to a new dimension. You will see lives transformed by miracles, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and water baptism. You can expect that soul winners boot camp will be an experience beyond climbing to the top of the world's largest mountains.

The name alone; Soul Winners Boot Camp really explains why no one should miss this experience.

This is a conference that focuses every session of training, prayer, and preaching on soul winning. Many saints of God get excited when talking about soul winning, but there is power in hands-on training.

There is something special about going out into the streets and actually doing it. An artist can have some of the greatest training in the world but nothing will come of that training until they actually put the brush in motion.

The overall vision of boot camp is to inspire and train in the areas of soul winning and discipleship. There isn't a more effective way to inspire than to serve, bless, and impact our community. In today's society we sometimes put impacting our community in a box, and think the only way we can bless

is by giving material things. But by showing compassion to kids with cancer, single mothers, juvenile youth, and people without hope is really what serving our community is all about. Through our compassion for the surrounding communities, we hope to create bible study and soul winning opportunities.

Beyond the overall purpose of boot camp, each city will have its own unique vision. The large metro city of Columbus, Ohio is a university town that holds many lost and hungry souls. With such a large university, we have a great opportunity to impact the youth of Columbus and the surrounding areas. The second vision for boot camp in Columbus, Ohio is that people catch fire and receive a revelation for soul winning and discipleship.

Through boot camp God has promoted many lives, churches, and communities to unthinkable places. Bro. Nicholas church in Louisville, Kentucky hosted a boot camp that tripled the weekly attendance in their church. From this boot camp God birthed a new church into ministry; it now stands in the place where their first block party was held.

Soul winners boot camp is more than just another conference; it is a biblical meeting that will transform

**"Something will break in the spirit world... the glory and favor of God will be released"**  
-Matt Maddix

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