

Kingdom Chronicle

Coming Up @ Your City Council Meeting:

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The next City Council meeting will take place on August 15th and has some important topics on the agenda. Here's what to expect:

1.09% Special Sales Tax for School District revisited

During the July 18 meeting, after lots of input from citizens, the City Council decided to abolish a resolution that would have repealed the 1.09% sales tax that the city collects for the Woodland Park School District. Surprisingly, the issue is back on the agenda for this week's meeting. The City Council is considering putting the question on the November ballot for citizens to decide. If the ordinance on initial posting is approved, a public hearing will be set for September 5th.

Fire Arms on City Property

At their June 27 meeting, the City Council passed an emergency ordinance allowing the legal carrying of firearms in city buildings, City Hall, and the Ute Pass Cultural Center. The emergency ordinance became necessary to beat Senate Bill 24-131 that bans all firearms in "sensitive spaces" and became law on July 1st. The council is now considering a permanent ordinance. In past meetings discussions arose surrounding the question of concealed carrying. If the ordinance on initial posting passes, a public hearing will be set for September 5th.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing will be held on two items this August 15. First is the transfer of the liquor license from Good Thai Eats to Jess Place. Second is the approval of an ordinance revising the city municipal code to regulate noise within the city.

As a community member, we encourage you to attend these public meetings where citizens can voice their concerns during public comment. Also, please email your

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What is Happening in Our Public Library

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A troubling shift is unfolding in our community, right in the heart of what should be a safe and neutral space—our public library. This institution, once a sanctuary of knowledge and growth, is now at risk of becoming a gateway to something far darker: the rise of witchcraft and occult practices. This is not just a subtle change; it's a spiritual invasion that demands our urgent attention.

Recently, our local library has taken an alarming step by hosting a tarot club, openly inviting community members, specifically teens and adults, to explore the world of tarot cards. For those unfamiliar, tarot is not merely a game or a harmless pastime; it is deeply rooted in occult practices and serves as a gateway to spiritual influences that are far from benign. What may seem like an innocent exploration of self-discovery or mysticism is, in reality, an invitation to engage with spiritual forces that can have dangerous consequences.



Lance Wallnau, a powerful voice in the Christian community, has spoken about the spiritual shaking taking place as Heaven moves closer to Earth. This is more than just a metaphor; it's a reality that we can see manifesting in our world today. As Hebrews 12:26-27 (NLT) warns us, "When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: 'Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also.'" This

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council-members to make sure your voice is heard. Even a few emails have a tremendous impact on the council-member preparing for these meetings.



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means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.” We are in the midst of this great shaking, where the spiritual forces of darkness are being stirred up as never before.

And where are these forces showing up? Our public library, a place designed to foster learning and community, is now becoming an arena for spiritual warfare. With the introduction of a tarot club, witchcraft is not just slipping into this space—it’s being openly welcomed. This is not merely a cultural trend or a harmless exploration; it’s a direct affront to the spiritual safety of our community.

This is not just a coincidence. As Heaven draws closer, the second heaven—the spiritual realm where the battle between good and evil rages—is being shaken, and the effects are spilling over into our world. We are witnessing a surge in spiritual activity, and it’s not just the light of God that’s growing stronger. The forces of darkness are also intensifying their efforts to deceive and destroy.

Church, this is our call to arms. We cannot afford to be passive or indifferent in the face of this spiritual invasion. Ephesians 6:12 reminds us, “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Our struggle is not with people or institutions, but with the spiritual forces that seek to corrupt and consume.

This is a time for us to rise with wisdom and discernment. We must be vigilant in protecting our families, our children, and our communities from the subtle influences of witchcraft. We must educate ourselves and others about the dangers that come with dabbling in the occult, even in seemingly harmless forms. And above all, we must stand firm in our faith, knowing that only what is of God will remain unshaken in these turbulent times.

Our libraries should be places of light, not shadows. As the Church, we are called to be the beacon that drives out darkness, the voice that speaks truth in love, and the hands that protect and guide. We must not allow our public spaces to be overtaken by spiritual forces

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that seek to harm and deceive. This is our moment to stand firm, to pray, and to act with courage and conviction.

In conclusion, we are living in a time of great spiritual significance. The shaking that Lance Wallnau speaks of is real, and it's happening now. With the introduction of a tarot club in our public library, the battle

is being brought to our very doorsteps. We must be aware of the spiritual battle taking place, even in the most unexpected places like our public libraries. Let us heed the warning of Hebrews 12:26-27 and ensure that our communities remain grounded in the unshakable truth of God's Word. The Church must rise, for the battle is here, and the stakes are higher than ever.



Pray For	Pray Against
The families of Woodland Park to not be led astray by any witchcraft present in public areas, such as libraries.	The plans of the enemy to bring witchcraft to Woodland Park.
Those who are going through a shaking to remain strong in the faith.	The plans of the enemy in the spiritual battle that has been brought to our doorsteps.
Those who are stirred by reading this article to become engaged in standing up against this spiritual wickedness that is showing itself openly.	The complacency that can creep in to do 'nothing', while unsuspecting Woodland Park residents can be led astray into the witchcraft on open display at our public library.
Wisdom to be applied in what is allowed in our public libraries and what is not.	The retaking of ground that we, in the past, have prayed and seen be taken from the enemy in Woodland Park.

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New High School Opens at CSCS Woodland Park with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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On Monday, August 12th, Colorado Springs Christian Schools (CSCS) in Woodland Park celebrated the opening of its new high school with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held from 3 to 5 PM. The event took place just one day before the start of the new school year, marking a significant milestone for the school and the community.

The ceremony was attended by students, parents, and guests, who gathered to witness the ribbon-cutting by the incoming 9th-grade class – the first group to begin their high school journey at the newly established institution. The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) added to the festive atmosphere by serving cake and cider to all attendees.



As part of the celebration, participants were invited to write prayers and blessings on Post-it notes, which were then placed on the walls of the new high school classroom. This symbolic act infused the new space with positive intentions and hopes for the future.

After the ribbon was cut, students of all grades eagerly explored their classrooms, met with teachers, dropped off supplies, signed up for electives, and



decorated their lockers. The day concluded with a sense of excitement and anticipation as students left prepared and motivated for the new school year.



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The Ugly Pot of Life

BY JOY OTI

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Ari was returning from a liquor store with bottles of hard liquor and some pills. He was going to end it all. He had tried everything to make life count, but nothing seemed to have worked. Some few yards from his house, he walked past a pot sitting by the side of the road. But something about the pot made him turn back. He walked back to the pot, looked at it and saw that even though it looked worn out and dirty, it had beautiful, distinctive features that were hidden by ashes from fires. It was a clay pot, decorated with blue, red, yellow and green colors. The artistic design on it was reminiscent of ancient Egyptian art. Ari looked around to see if anyone was watching as he thought about taking the pot. Then he wondered why he should care if anyone was watching him. After all, the pot was abandoned by the road side and he was about to take his own life. Throwing caution to the wind, he picked it up and walked away, caring less if anyone saw him.

When he got home, the pot was the first thing he wanted to deal with. He brought it out of the bag and placed it on the counter. Seeing the potential it had as a beautiful pot, Ari decided to clean it up and leave it as a gift for his grandmother after he passes. But just then, there was a knock at his door. He wondered who it was, because he wasn't expecting anyone. He got to the door and it was his eighty years old neighbor, Zephania.

"Hi Zeph, what's up?" Ari asked, standing by the door.

"Will you at least let me in?" Zeph asked, politely.

"Oh, I'm so sorry. Please come in." Zeph thanked Ari and walked into the house.

"I saw you with a dirty old pot. I was curious to know why you took it." said Zeph.

Ari looked down in shame and said, "Oh my! You saw me! I wonder who else did. But come, look the pot isn't as bad as it looks." Ari said, taking Zeph to the kitchen counter where he kept the pot.

"Noooo! That's an ugly pot, Ari. It's useless! Throw it away!" Zeph countered.

Ari heaved a deep sigh and said, "Listen Zeph, it's obvious you don't see what I see. You see an ugly, dirty pot. But I see a beautiful pot that has been through many fires, and then dumped just because of the dirt on it. Even though it is dirty, it is still a very beautiful pot. Look inside it, it is clean. I'll just clean up the exterior and its

beauty will be revealed again. I can give life to this pot."

Then Zeph said to him, "when you walked out of that liquor store, I was at the gas station buying gas. I saw you drop a sheet of paper and I called out to you, but you didn't hear me. I picked it up and was going to bring it to you. I looked at it and saw you had a wonderful recipe written on it; 'the perfect suicide cocktail.' I was afraid and didn't know what to do. So, I prayed and followed you slowly behind. But I'm wondering how you can see beauty in a dirty, old, worn-out pot sitting by the road side, yet think less of your life."

Ari looked down in despair and started to cry, and then he said, "You don't understand Zeph, I'm useless. But worse still, this world is impossible. I give so much and get little or nothing. What's the point?" said Ari.

Putting his hand on Ari's shoulder, Zeph said, "Well son, I said the pot was useless, but you saw something else. You saw beauty covered by ashes from fires of everyday use. But I'll tell you the real beauty of that pot that you didn't see; it's the life it has given to everyone who used it. From the day it was bought to the day it was dumped, every time it was placed on fire or heat, it produced healthy, nutritious food and drinks. You never ate food from it, yet you found it worthy to be saved. For as long as we are in this world, fires and heat will beat us up. But unlike the people who cooked with that pot, no matter how burnt and ugly we look, God will never dump us. He will always see the beauty in us, and with the heat and fire, He will bring the best out of us and we'll shine for Him. Will

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you give God the chance to do for you, what you planned to do for the pot?”

Ari nodded his head and said, “Yes Zeph, I will. What you said has changed my perspective of life and suffering. If that pot is worth something, then my life is worth so much more.”

Zeph hugged him and then prayed for him. As Zeph was leaving, Ari said to him, “Really Zeph, what do you think of the pot?”

Zeph smirked and said, “Well, since you asked, I’ll tell you. My mother brought that pot with her from Colombia. She’s had it for ten years, and thought she could use it here. I told her to throw it away. But she told me she would keep it somewhere, because it could be useful to someone else. With everything that has happened with you, I call it the ugly pot of life.”

CALL TO ACTION.

We cannot say too much of the horrors in the world today. Things get worse with every passing day. Yet in John 16:33, Jesus said “in this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world.” When someone says “take heart,” it means be courageous or be strong. In other words, Jesus wants us to be strong or courageous in the face of troubles, because He has stripped satan of the power to destroy us. Choosing to end your life or throw in the towel is a cowardly way of saying, ‘God you are not up to it.’ We are not cowards. We are God’s battle axe – (Jeremiah 51:20). Let’s choose the path of courage, for our God is able to save.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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Raise Your Voice! BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI Kingdom Chronicle Staff

Upcoming Community Dates:

- ◆ 08/15/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 08/20/2024, 5.30 p.m.: Chambers Business After Hours (for members) hosted by Coldwell Banker 1st Choice Realty.
- ◆ 09/05/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 09/10/2024, TBD: Teller County Republicans (GOP) monthly meeting followed by Presidential Debate watch-party at the Gold Hill Theatre.
- ◆ 09/11/2024, 6 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting at the District Office, large conference room.
- ◆ 09/11/2024, 6 p.m.: Community Engagement Forum with the Woodland Park Police Department at the police station.
- ◆ 09/17/2024, 5.30 p.m.: Chambers Business After Hours (for members) hosted by the Community Partnership Family Resource Center.
- ◆ 09/19/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 09/29/2024, TBD: Teller County Young Republicans official launch party at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.

Freedom Church BY KYLE GONZALEZ Kingdom Chronicle Editor-in-Chief

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 08/25/2024: Freedom Summer Bash at Memorial Park. Looking for some wholesome family fun? Join us for food and games for the whole family.
- ◆ 09/28/2024: Jerry Garcia is coming to Freedom Church for a lively Saturday Night Service.
- ◆ 10/09/2024: Richard Harris is coming to Freedom Church for our Saturday Night Service from the front-lines of what God is doing in the political realm.



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What Does Jesus Mean to You? - A Devotional

BY GABRIELLA BUCCI
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What does Jesus mean to you?

I asked this question or something similar to hundreds of people in Europe. My team and I were evangelizing daily and were always going up to people to have deep conversations about spirituality and God. Depending on what city you are in, people will say they are already Christian. When I hear that, this question is next. Why are you Christian? Why is that the first thing that comes out? It was very hard for me to meet these cultural Christians who said they were but in reality had not the slightest clue how deep it really is.

We would ask these people how they view God or what their ideas of God are and they were never accurate. It made me wonder how many of these shallow Christians we have in America. The Word 'Christian' has sadly been tainted by believers who don't live like Christ. The lost people will meet these shallow Christians and then attach that wrong image to who God is. Because of the lack of true disciples in America and many lukewarm Christians, a Christian today no longer represents Christ. The name implies that you and I are little Christs walking around, but I bet most Christians in America could not call themselves a little version of Christ based on their lifestyle. It's honestly sad. My heart breaks because both the lukewarm Christians of America and cultural

Christians of Europe alike have no revelation of who Jesus is or what He did for them. Jesus is more than a historical figure who died and rose again, He IS God. Jesus worked miracles, healed others, and did the unthinkable time after time. The time He went to the house of a tax collector and had dinner, the time He protected the one who committed adultery, the many times He offended religious leaders, the time He felt one woman touch him in a crowd and made a deal of it, the time He calmed the storm by speaking, and you cannot forget when He raised Lazarus from the dead four days late. He clearly operated in compassion. He clearly was more than man.

You and I both may know these things but if you do, what does Jesus mean to you? Many people I met in Europe would say they believed yet when we asked what their hope was in, they had no answer. Of the people I talked to, most of them said their hope in life came from family, money or they admitted they had no hope. That's sad. If you personally knew the Jesus I just described, you would undoubtedly say that Jesus is your hope. However, there is a reason that anyone without that relationship doesn't have sound hope in life. You may not be the kind of Christian I am describing, but you need to

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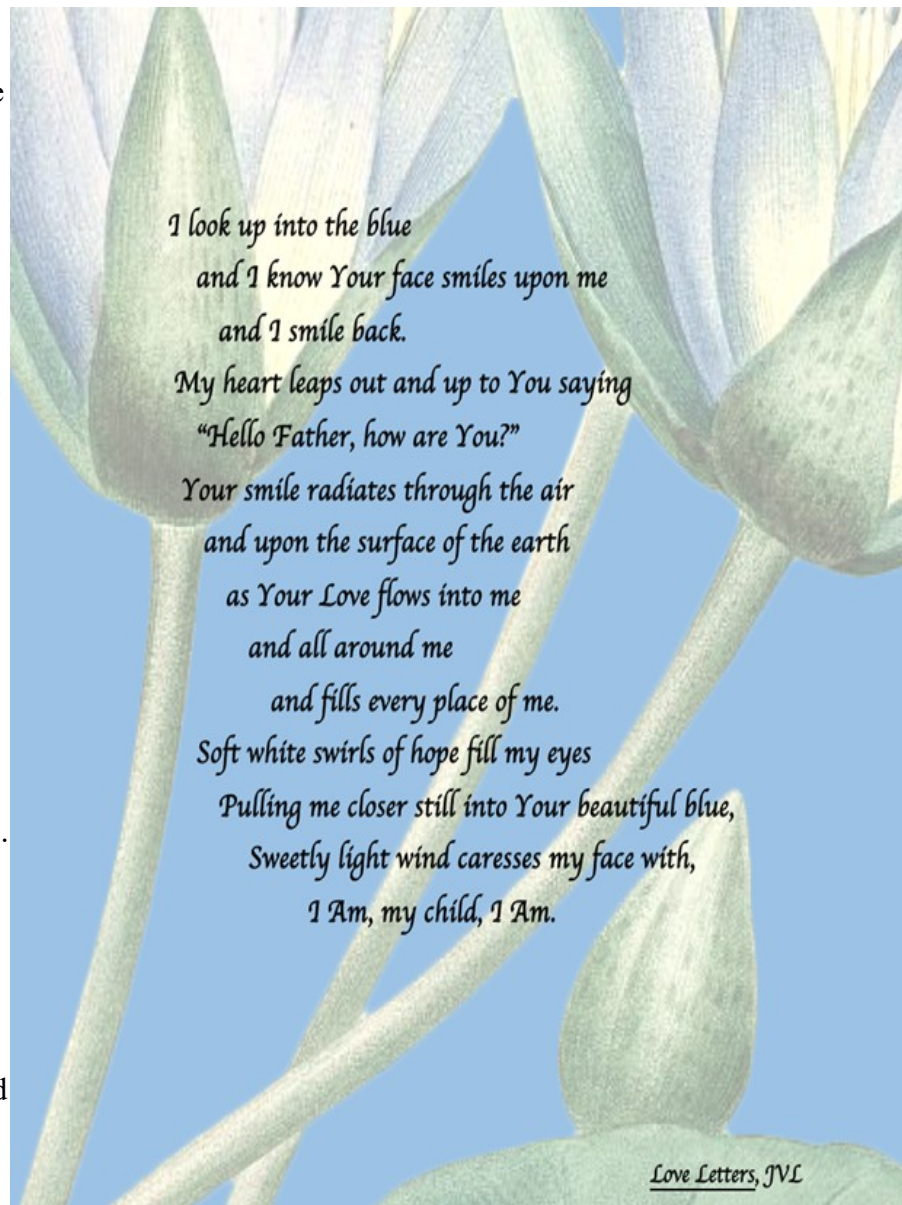
BY JULIA LEE
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One of my favorite times to draw near to God is when I go for a walk. It is just me and Him. I love to set out on a walk, feel a light breeze around me and the sun on my face. On one beautiful day the Lord began to write a love letter in my heart as I walked and talked with Him. It is always a heart conversation. What is interesting is that the Lord started writing the Love Letter “Into the Blue” long before I wrote it down. It would be years later that He reminded me that His face had been shining down on me for a long time. As a teenager I belonged to a youth group at my church. At the end of every meeting, we would all stand in a circle and hold hands and say “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. (Number 6:24-26.) I always loved it when we prayed this prayer together but at that time, I did not know that someday it would become a Love Letter to me.

Jesus tells us seven times in the Gospel of John “I Am” as He tells us who He is. Jesus says “I am the Bread of Life, the Light of World, the Door, the Good Shepard, the Resurrection and the Life, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and I am the Vine. All these names reveal so much about our Lord and Savior. Jesus tells us He is our spiritual life sustaining nourishment and our guide as Light in a dark world. He is also telling us He is the entrance and our way from death to life eternal. He shows us that He is Truth, our protector, that He cares for us and wants us to abide in Him. In the Old Testament God tells His name to Moses, “I Am Who I Am.” Is it not wonderful that God tells us His names. God has many beautiful and powerful names, and they all help us to know Him more deeply. God wants us to know Him because He loves us so very much. What amazes me is that we can go on a walk with our God and He will speak into our hearts and when we ask, “How are You today, Father?” He will lovingly answer, “I Am.” God’s love for us is far, deep and wide in His beautiful names.

On that beautiful day I was just on an ordinary walk. I did look up into the blue and what I heard in my heart I wrote. I felt so loved by God in that moment. I truly experienced His face shining upon me, and His love flowed into every place of me. I highly recommend going on walks with God because He loves you, longs to talk with you, for you to know Him and for you to feel His face shining upon you.

Additional Scriptural References: Exodus 3:14; John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:7; John 10:11; John 11:25; John 14:6; John 15:1.



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be an example to those that are and to the lost. As a disciple of Jesus, you are called to be an example. In Matthew 25, Jesus says "for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." (verses 35-36). He is saying this to his sheep (33) or the righteous. Jesus says this later,

'And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (verse 40).

Verse 35 and 36 really strike me because this is how Jesus lived. He said this about His own sheep because that's how the righteous act. We act like our Father and our Father IS love. He talks about His sheep in this passage as ones who live by example, who embody Him and are a spitting image of Jesus.

If you can't answer the question 'what does Jesus mean to you?', the good news is Jesus is ready to reveal more of Himself to you. Wherever you are in your walk with Christ, I challenge you to live by example. Let His overwhelming Love flow out of you and into other peoples lives. People NEED to taste and see Jesus.

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