



### Birthdays In May

Stephanie Causey	May 8
Sylvia Newport	May 10
Kenneth Morrow	May 12
Zena Trotman	May 14
Ruby Bellinger	May 22
Maureen Holt	May 23
Lesli Morrow	May 23
Pat Patterson	May 23
Jessica Bailey	May 27



### Anniversaries In May

Bernard & Michelle Bailey	May 24
Daryl & Dawn White	May 24
David & Thelma Hottel	May 28

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- Everyone who attended the April Sunday School Fellowship.
- Garry Scutt, all the musicians, soloist and the choir for the Easter Cantata performed on Palm Sunday.
- Heather Dotson & Sylvia Moore for coordinating the Easter breakfast and everyone who brought food. Shanna James for coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt and all the children who participated.
- Shanna James and the RedInk youth group for participating in the 2009 World Vision 30-hr famine. A total of \$1,000 was collected. To all who donated monetarily and assisted in this worthy cause.
- HBC family for providing a potluck lunch in support of youth breaking the 30-hr famine.

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### HEALTHY FAMILY LIVING

Dr. Curtis Nigh, an Oklahoma City psychologist and pastor, tells about a man who had wasted much of his life but who, upon opening his life to Christ, began to make radical changes within and without. Unfortunately, he tried to alter his family so quickly and radically that trouble began to brew in the home. The children were bewildered by the new rules he made.

One night his youngest son came to the table without washing his hands. When the father authoritatively ordered him to go wash them, the child rebelled. The father barked angrily, "Go wash those hands! There are germs on them." Slowly the boy left the table and as he walked to the bathroom he muttered, "Germs and Jesus, germs and Jesus, that's all you hear in this house, and you can't see either one of them."

Dr. Nigh suggested that the lad might have cooperated more readily if the boy could have seen God working in the father slowly, kindly and with sensitivity.

Christian parents obviously must have standards in the home and expect the children to obey them. But how parents speak to one another and to their children can make a great difference in the total climate of the home. Recall the words of St. Paul: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Remember also: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

—Dr. Nigh's story in Thrust



## Many beliefs, many paths to heaven?

Article by Cathy Lynn Grossman, USA TODAY

Most American religious believers, including most Christians, say eternal life is not exclusively for those who accept Christ as their savior, a new survey finds.

Of the 65% of people who held this open view of heaven's gates, 80% named at least one non-Christian group — Jews, Muslims, Hindus, atheists or people with no religion at all — who may also be saved, according to a new survey released today by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

This means 52% of Christians do not agree with the doctrines many religions teach, particularly conservative denominations.

Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, calls the findings "a theological crisis for American evangelicals. They represent at best a misunderstanding of the Gospel and at worst a repudiation of the Gospel."

This survey on salvation is a follow-up to a highly controversial finding in Pew's Religious Landscape survey, released earlier this year. It detailed the religious demographics, beliefs and behavior of 35,000 U.S. adults surveyed in 2007.

Pastors, theologians and Christian commentators complained that the Landscape Survey question on access to eternal life — which 70% said was open to many faiths — was too vague. "Did people mean only other religions that are similar to their own, like Baptists grudgingly admitting Lutherans might go to heaven?" said Pew research fellow Greg Smith.

So Pew revisited the topic in a new survey of 2,905 adults, conducted July 31-Aug. 10, with more specific questions. Smith says the new findings reinforce the original finding that "Americans really are thinking quite broadly."

Christian believers who named at least one non-Christian faith that could lead to salvation included 34% of white evangelicals, even though evangelical doctrine stresses that salvation is possible only through Jesus.

Higher levels of church attendance made some difference, particularly among white evangelical protestants. But an overall majority (54%) of people who identified with a religion and who said they attend church weekly also said many religions can lead to eternal life. This majority included 37% of white evangelicals, 75% of mainline Protestants and 85% of non-Hispanic white Catholics.

Pew's new survey also found that many Christians (29%) say they are saved by their good actions; 30% say salvation is through belief in Jesus, God or a higher power alone, which is the core teaching of evangelical Protestantism; and 10% say salvation is found through a combination of behavior and belief, a view closer to Catholic teachings.

The number of those who said actions determine who attains heaven, was lowest (11%) for white evangelicals, highest for white Catholics (47%).

The number of people saying theirs is the only faith that can lead to eternal life increased slightly, from 24% to 29%, between 2007 and 2008. The biggest increase was among white evangelical Protestants — up from 37% to 49%.

Overall, the new findings are "an indictment of evangelicalism and evangelical preaching," said Mohler. "The clear Biblical teaching is that Jesus Christ proclaimed himself to be the only way to salvation."

Mohler sees behind the statistics the impact of pluralism and secularism in U.S. society and the challenge of facing family and friends with "an uncomfortable truth."

"We are in an age when we want to tell everyone they are doing just fine. It's extremely uncomfortable to turn to someone and say, 'You will go to hell unless you come to a saving knowledge of Jesus,'" Mohler says.