

Take a Risk!

A monthly publication from Risk Takers *for* Christ

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Risk Takers for Christ Keeps Its Platinum Streak Alive

by Rev. Dale M. Glading, President

In 1941, Joltin' Joe DiMaggio set the all-time record for the most consecutive games with at least one hit. From May 15 to July 17, the "Yankee Clipper" banded out 91 hits over 56 games, a record for batting consistency that still stands today, 83 years later.



DiMaggio's hitting streak obliterated the 45-game record set by Wee Willie Keller of the Baltimore Orioles in 1896-1897. The closest anyone has come to breaking DiMaggio's mark since then was in 1978, when Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds collected hits in 44 straight games.

Well, it's not baseball, but Risk Takers for Christ has a streak of its own going on. Now in our 13th year of ministry, we were once again awarded the **Platinum Seal of Transparency** by Candid, the largest evaluator of nonprofit organizations in the world. After achieving Gold status multiple times during our formative years, RTC has now reached the pinnacle of Candid's rating system with our 5th consecutive Platinum designation.

To give you an idea how exclusive Candid's Platinum Club is, of the approximately 10 million nonprofits worldwide, *less than one-half of one percent* achieve this rating. That's something to be humbled by - and very proud of - all to the glory of God!

So, what does that mean to you? RTC's Platinum Seal means that our finances are 100% transparent and that every gift received from our donors is used wisely, ethically, and efficiently.

Honesty... integrity... transparency... and efficiency are just some of the hallmarks of Risk Takers for Christ as we seek to move believers from the sidelines to the front lines while continuing to minister to at-risk youth and the community at-large through sports.

To learn more about RTC and our gospel-centered ministry or to make an online donation, please visit www.risktakersforchrist.org

RTC Makes a Donation

Risk Takers for Christ had some leftover dog pull toys from our recent promotion and so, we decided to donate them to local animal welfare organizations. Pictured below is RTC President Rev. Dale Glading dropping off two baskets of dog toys to the Humane Society of Indian River County. RTC also donated similar baskets to three animal hospitals in Vero Beach.



How He is Humbled

by Alistair Begg

"He humbled himself." - Phillipians 2:8

Jesus is the great teacher of lowliness of heart. Every day we need to learn from Him. Witness the Master taking a towel and washing His disciples' feet! Follower of Christ, will you not humble yourself? Consider Him the Servant of servants, and surely you cannot be proud! This sentence sums up His life: "He humbled Himself." Isn't it true to say that on earth he was always stripping off first one robe of honor and then another until, naked, He was fastened to the cross and emptied Himself, pouring out His lifeblood, giving it up for all of us, until they laid Him penniless in a borrowed grave? Our dear Redeemer was brought low! How then can we be proud?

Stand at the foot of the cross and count the purple drops by which you have been cleansed; see the crown of thorns; mark His scourged shoulders; see hands and feet given up to the rough iron, and His whole self to mockery and scorn; see the bitterness and the pains of inward grief, showing themselves in His outward frame; hear the beleaguered cry, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" And if you do not lie prostrate on the ground before that cross, you have never seen it: If you are not humbled in the presence of Jesus, you do not know Him.

Listening to the Father's Heart

by Os Hillman

Son, I want to let you in on an age old strategy of our enemy. He has no new methods because these three strategies have worked well for him for literally thousands of years since he fell from heaven. He seeks to defeat and control my sons and daughters through: 1) the lust of the flesh, 2) the lust of the eyes, and 3) the pride of life. Whenever one of my sons or daughters falls, it is due to one or more of these sins. Satan will entice you to fulfill your intimacy needs through your sensual soul nature; he will entice you to acquire possessions to fill empty places in your heart; and he will make you feel like you are more important and special than anyone else. Beware of his schemes, my son. Knowing this and being on guard will allow you to withstand his attacks. I have given you my Spirit so you might overcome every assault (1 Cor 10:13).

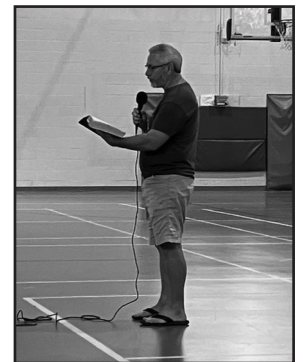
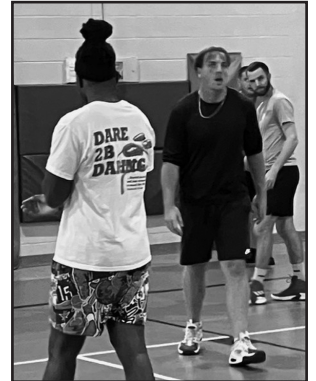
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You were so lost that nothing could save you but the sacrifice of God's only Son. Think of that, and as Jesus stooped for you, bow yourself in lowliness at His feet. A sense of Christ's amazing love for us has a greater tendency to humble us than even an awareness of our own guilt. May the Lord bring our thoughts to Calvary; then our position will no longer be that of the pompous man of pride, but we will take the humble place of one who loves much because he has been forgiven much.

Pride cannot live beneath the cross. Let us sit there and learn our lesson, and then rise and carry it into practice.

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Living H2O Photos



Traitors to the Cause

by Rev. Dale M. Glading, President

When you think of infamous American traitors, the names Benedict Arnold and Julius and Ethel Rosenberg come readily to mind. Think a little harder and you may come up with the names of Aldrich Ames, a KGB double agent who infiltrated the CIA, and Robert Hanssen, an FBI agent who spied for the Soviet Union and Russia for 22 years before being caught. Then there is John Walker, who turned over settings for the KL-47 cipher machine that decoded sensitive U.S. Navy communications, allowing the Soviet Union to track the movements of every American ship and submarine throughout the Cold War.

Well, I have a few new names to add to that notorious list: Claude Alexander, Dwight McKissic, Jerushah Duford, Derek Minor, and Ekemini Uwan. Never heard of them? Me neither, which shows just how little influence they really have.

The aforementioned people claim to be some of the 200,000 self-proclaimed Evangelical Christians who are supporting Kamala Harris for President. In fact, they have formed a group called “Evangelicals for Harris”,

that hosted a recent Zoom call that supposedly attracted 40,000 participants.

Before wringing your hands, let’s take a closer look at who these imposters really are.

Uwan, who hosted the call despite acknowledging that she doesn’t identify as an Evangelical because “it’s tightly bound to whiteness”, is on record as saying that “Whiteness is wicked. It is wicked. It’s rooted in violence. It’s rooted in theft. It’s rooted in plunder. It’s rooted in power, in privilege.” She has also called for defunding the police, reparations, a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, and an end to the Electoral College.

Not exactly the second coming of Ruth Bell Graham, Billy’s wife, soulmate, and ministry partner for 64 years.

Speaking of the Graham family, one of Billy’s granddaughters, Jerushah Duford, also signed the group’s pledge to support Harris. The only problem with that is, once again, Duford isn’t a true Evangelical nor is she a person of influence. Instead, she describes herself as an “LGBTQ+ friendly” therapist.

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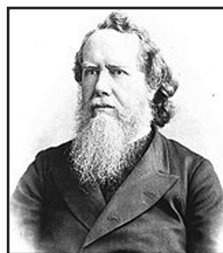
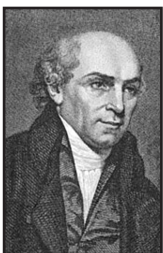
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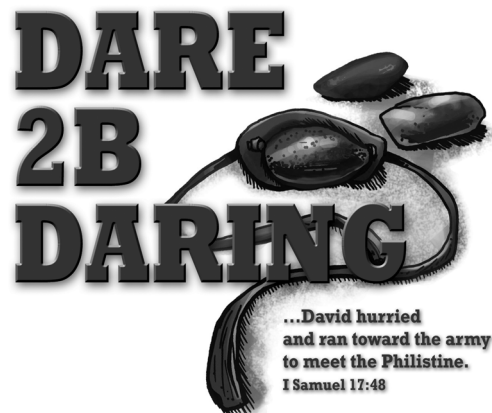
All welcome... Free pizza!



COMING THIS FALL!!!

Dare 2B Daring Men’s Conference
& Sports Memorabilia Show

Details to follow...



Traitors to the Cause

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The same goes for Claude Alexander, chairman of the board of Christianity Today, a publication started by Billy Graham in 1956 that has veered so far from its evangelical roots as to be unrecognizable today... and Dwight McKessic, a well-known activist for women pastors within the Southern Baptist Convention... and Derek Minor, a self-proclaimed Christian rapper whose up-and-down faith journey “doesn’t fit the mold anymore.”

Again, we’re not exactly talking Michael W. Smith or Steven Curtis Chapman here.

Other “faith leaders” who were on the Zoom call included Rev. Jacqui Lewis, of Middle Collegiate Church in New York City, and the Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., head of the nonprofit Hip Hop Caucus; environmentalist Bill McKibben and LGBTQ+ rights advocate Charlotte

Clymer; commentators such as CNN’s Van Jones; and politicians, including New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and Texas State Rep. James Talarico.

Not a true Evangelical in the entire mix; just a bunch of political posers whose hypocrisy Jesus would denounce the way He did the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23. Regardless, these self-righteous fence-straddlers have

somehow convinced themselves that embracing the candidacy of the most radically pro-abortion candidate in American political history is what Jesus would have them do. By doing so, they demonstrate a complete lack of understanding of both the Bible, which repeatedly prohibits child sacrifice, and the true biblical Jesus, who commanded in Matthew 19:14, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus also said in Matthew 18:6, “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”

I guess we should look for lots of delegates at the DNC this week wearing millstones.

Living H2O Initiative



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