



Good News.. Character Flaws!

by Pastor Ken Studer

The last 5 months have been a difficult time for Virginia Tech. On April 16 Seung-Hui Cho killed 27 students and five faculty members before killing himself, making the incident the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

On the same day (August 19) that a memorial was dedicated honoring those who lost their lives, five students living in the Collegiate Suites apartment complex were hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Now, Michael Vick, the Hokie hometown hero that turned Virginia Tech from just another football team into a national contender looks like he is headed off to jail for gambling and being the ring leader for dog fighting and cruelty to animals.

After just two years of college football he headed off to the National Football League (NFL) where he earned \$60 million in salary and endorsements. He did this after twice promising his teammates and coach that he would return for his junior year. Character flaw anyone?

In the NFL he was an instant success, living up to all the hype.

Then there were the DUI charges... Character flaw anyone?

Vick is now pleading guilty to charges surrounding dog fighting and gambling. Outside the court house animal rights advocates protested. Vick reportedly executed dogs who underperformed. Character flaw anyone?

It is likely that Vick will do some jail time and be suspended from the NFL for at least a year or two, if not indefinitely.

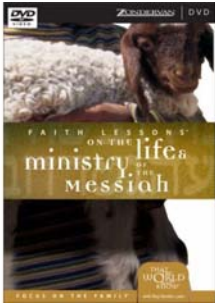
When I first heard the Vick story I was horrified (I love dogs!). I immediately hoped that he would get the maximum sentence. "What a jerk," I thought, "He is wasting his talents, money and future."

Upon further reflection though, I'm realizing that Vick is just another Prodigal who hasn't found his way home yet.

The Good News is that if Vick uses this experience to turn around his life, his future is brighter than ever. Jesus Christ covers character flaws.

Viewpoints

VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10 AM



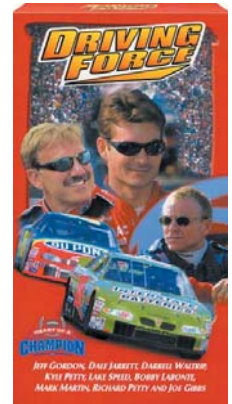
MORE “FAITH LESSONS”: LIFE & MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH

Filmed on location in Israel, “Faith Lessons” focuses on the birth of Jesus, his life, and his short but powerful ministry—a ministry that has shaped empires and changed the course of history. From this cultural perspective, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan challenges long-held Western assumptions about even the most well known Scripture passages.

SEPPHORIS: LANGUAGE OF CULTURE **SEPTEMBER 1**
BELVOIR: MISGUIDED FAITH **SEPTEMBER 8**
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DRIVING FORCE: INTEGRATING GOD AND WORK

What lessons can we learn from a NASCAR driver on spirituality? Come find out. The video “Driving Force” features race highlights and candid interviews with the likes of Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett and Darrell Waltrip, and reveals their keys to success both on and off the track. **SEPTEMBER 22 & 29**



Worship Schedule

- September 1 The Real Lord's Prayer, Part 3, The Hour of Salvation
- September 8 Guest Speaker: Pastor Dan Snider
- September 15 The Real Lord's Prayer, Part 4, God's Own People
- September 22 The Real Lord's Prayer, Part 5, The Name of God
- September 29 The Real Lord's Prayer, Part 6, True Joy

September Birthdays

Ching, Jason	September 2	Riffel, Valentina	September 17
Weathers, Bill	September 2	Spruill, John	September 17
Lagos, Miguel	September 4	Degennaro, Romeo	September 18
Thompson, Ronnie	September 4	Dupée, Karyl	September 18
Joya, Alex	September 5	Lang, Scott	September 20
Smith, Bonnie	September 5	Rivera, Ruby Anne	September 20
Smith, Yvonne	September 5	Hasso, Ron	September 21
Long, Jerrad	September 7	Omidi, Monavar	September 21
Suarez, Sarah	September 8	Byfield, Parker	September 22
Frey, Elliot	September 9	Dunn, Laila	September 22
Frey, Niklas	September 9	Pangalila, Jenny	September 22
Carlson, Rozalyn	September 10	Buhrke, Torsten	September 23
Jones, Stephanie	September 10	Cowan, Amber	September 23
Stogner, Stephanie	September 10	Martin, Allan	September 24
Daniel, Daniel	September 12	Conrad, Laura Anne	September 25
Marinotti, Eva	September 12	Chang, K.C.	September 26
Wood, Alyssa	September 12	Jabonillo, Maribeth	September 26
Coye, R. Bruce	September 13	Aguilar, Salina	September 27
Brownell, Ety	September 15	Wood, Wendy	September 27
Buhrke, Shawna	September 15	Chrispens, John	September 28
Gunawan, Lindy	September 15	Tooma, Kyle	September 28
Jones, Andrew	September 15	Warankiran, Sauw	September 28
Bermejo, Hana	September 16	Kon, Jason	September 29
Chang, Andrew	September 16	Haley, Mark	September 30
Fisher, Edward	September 16	Testman, Thomas	September 30
Escalante, Kelsy	September 17	Warankiran, Steffanie	September 30

Yellowstone

Recovery Center

Save the date: Annual Gala and Fundraiser will be on Sunday, November 4 at 5 PM at the OC Pavilion Performing Arts Center, 801 N. Main St., Santa Ana.

Calendar

Sept 1	Saturday Lunch After Church
Sept 7 & 8	Women of Faith Conference
Sept 9	20/30's San Diego Museums
Sept 14	Youth <i>InTouch</i> at Beach
Sept 15	Fellowship Dinner
Sept 16	Progressive Dinner
Sept 18	Finance Committee
Sept 18	Church Board
Sept 22	Youth Getty/Hollywood Trip
Sept 23	Susan G. Komen Race for Cure
Sept 23	Small Group Fall Launch
Sept 29	20/30's Luncheon
Oct 19-22	Nat. Youth Workers Convention
Nov 4	Yellowstone Fund Raiser



Saturday, September 1

Lunch After Church

At

Panera Bread

3988 Barranca Parkway, Irvine

Orange Coast Church Office
17842 Irvine Blvd., #120
Tustin, CA 92780
(714) 508-6784
www.orangecoastchurch.org

O.C.C. YOUTH EVENTS

(Another) Youth Hollywood Trip



Saturday, September 22
\$20/person, leaving from church (Includes supper.)



We'll stop at the Getty Museum for an afternoon of inspiration then on to the Hollywood & Highland Complex. After dinner, we will see a special screening of the movie "The Game Plan" at the famous El Capitan Theatre. Sign up now, tickets are limited.

Youth In Touch

a monthly connecting point

Special Beach Worship
Friday, September 14, 7PM
Balboa Pier, Newport Beach

See Patrick for more information and transportation.

Sign up for...

Membership 101:
Youth Edition
(AKA Baptismal class)

Time and place
To be arranged.

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, September 16

5:30 PM

Last year's Progressive Dinner in Old Towne Orange was such a hit that it will be repeated again this month.

Orange, CA is rich in history. It was

founded in 1871. Some of Orange County's finest restaurants are located in Old Towne and our Progressive Dinner will visit three of them.

We will meet at P. J.'s Abbey for appetizers at 5 PM. Appetizers include fruit, cheese and punch. P.J.'s Abbey, formerly a Baptist church (pictured at right), is located at 182 S. Orange St.

Next we will visit Aldo's Ristorante for salad and cheese ravioli. Dessert will be authentic Italian gelato at Café Lucca.

Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up at the information table in the church lobby or call the church office (714) 508-6784.



Fall Launch Small Groups Ministry

Sunday, September 23, 2 PM

Jan & Roger Lang's Home

8851 Monterey Circle

Westminster



This event kicks off our Fall program of small groups. It is for anyone who has been or desires to be in a small group. Bring cold foods, fruit salad, desserts, breads, etc. for potluck lunch. Sign up in the church lobby or see Jan Lang.

20/30's ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Young Adult Praise Team *Fall Schedule*

Sept. 6*, 7** & 8

Oct. 11*, 12** & 13

Nov. 8*, 9** & 10

Dec. 20*, 21** & 22

*Thursdays at the Iserio Home

**Fridays at the GSLC Sanctuary

Luncheon for 20/30's...

- **Saturday, Sept. 29**
- **1 PM**
- **Patrick's place**
- **Food provided**
- **RSVP at information table**



20/30's to Visit San Diego Museums

Sunday, September 9, 7:50 AM

Leaving from the Irvine Amtrak Station

See the Museum of Contemporary Art featuring exhibits on urban imagery and the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum. Enjoy lunch at a French Bistro.

Cost is \$27/person and includes transportation, lunch and admission to both museums. Returns around 6 PM. Sign up at the information table or contact Patrick at 714-508-6784.



Join the Race to Save Lives

Raising money for breast cancer research and awareness

Sunday, September 23, 7am, Fashion Island

Join OCC member and team leader Bonnie Smith for a walk/run for a great cause. Information and entry forms at the information table.



Featured Speakers



From left to right: Shelia Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Nicole Johnson, Anita Renfore, Luci Swindoll and Sandi Patti.

Women of Faith Conference

Friday & Saturday

September 7 & 8

Honda Center

Anaheim

At the Women of Faith Conference you'll connect with God and each other. The goals of the conference are:

1. To Renew your spirit with messages of hope and humor from the Women of Faith speaker team.
2. To Recharge your spiritual batteries with drama that tickles your funny bone and touches your heart (at the same time!).
3. To Rejoice with music from top Christian music artists.
4. To Reconnect with God and each other as the WOF worship team leads an arena full of women in praise to God.
5. To Revitalize your life with resources that will help keep the conference experience alive all year.
6. To Relax in the comforting knowledge that God loves you – right where you are.

Cost for the 2-day conference is \$45.00. Please contact Megumi Bermejo or the church office if you wish to attend. More info at: www.womenoffaith.com.