



Standing Together

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“Uniting Christians for Greater Spiritual Impact”

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guest speaker at National Evangelical Free Youth Conference in SLC
- Joined with Dr. Craig Hazen of Biola University to discuss current events in Utah to a Park City group
- ST hosts two historic gatherings of evangelical pastors at Calvary Chapel SLC regarding possibility of bringing a Franklin Graham Festival to Utah
- Two additional Mormon/ Evangelical Conversations presented in Ogden, UT and Pittsburgh
- Two additional *Prayer and Praise in the Park* events held in Layton and Provo, UT
- Preaching opportunities at Maranatha Baptist, Grace Presbyterian, Wasatch EV Free, The Rock, and S.E. Christian Church
- ST assists in planning meeting with pastors and gubernatorial candidate John Huntsman Jr.

Ravi Zacharias Outreach Only Two Months Away!

As Fall begins, the staff of Standing Together is filled with excitement as we prepare for our upcoming outreach with Dr. Ravi Zacharias. Ravi first came to Utah ten years ago in November 1994, at the invitation of evangelical churches from northern Utah. He presented four lectures in Ogden and made history by giving two important addresses at BYU. Since then, no one would deny that amazing doors of dialogue and interaction have opened between evangelicals and Latter-day Saints here in Utah. I am totally convinced that God used Ravi's ministry in Utah ten years ago in a dramatic way, and I am equally convinced that He intends to do something very special this time around. We are thrilled and amazed that God has seen fit to open the historic Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square as the centerpiece of Ravi's speaking ministry this November. It is no small thing that the LDS Church's First Presidency itself approved this request and has agreed to meet with Ravi and me during his time here in Utah. So many have asked us how this opportunity was secured and what we hope will result from it. Obviously, we cannot know what fruit God intends to bring through Ravi's ministry here in Utah, but we are absolutely confident that He will exceed abundantly beyond all that we can ask or even imagine!

Coming November 13-15: **Dr. Ravi Zacharias Utah Lectureship**

So, mark your calendars now, reserve your tickets today, and consider yourself invited to...

In The Pursuit of Truth...

A Three Part Lectureship given by Dr. Ravi Zacharias, world renown Christian Philosopher, Author, and Speaker, referred to as the C.S. Lewis of our time. The public is invited to attend each of the three lectures to be given November 13, 14, and 15, 2004.

Saturday, November 13th:

*The Basis For Truth, Defending the
Notion of Absolute Truth*
University of Utah
Kingsbury Hall, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, November 14th:

*Who is the Truth? Defending Jesus
Christ as the Way,
the Truth, and the Life*
The Historic LDS Tabernacle on
Temple Square, 6-8 p.m.

Monday, November 15th:

*The Loss of Truth, The Crumbling
Moral Foundation*
Weber State University
Ball Room, 7-9 p.m.

For more information on how to obtain free tickets to each of the three lectures, please call 801-474-1363 or e-mail Kim at kim@standingtogether.org



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Mission Lovingkindess II Set for October 2nd and 3rd

In light of the amazing response we received from the Mormon community, the media, and from our own outreach volunteers last April, we have decided to once again express love and kindness to LDS people as they attend their upcoming General Conference in October. The idea is rather simple, all we will do is take the concept of a local church greeting ministry to the streets of North Temple during the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd. While on other fronts, we continue to engage with Mormonism theologically, this event allows evangelical Christians from various local churches to gather once again to simply love our Mormon neighbors. We desire that they might know us not as their enemies but as their friends. Let me make it perfectly clear that we do not intend to endorse Mormonism or contend against any other demonstrators by participating in this event. Mission Lovingkindess II simply seeks to express to Latter-day Saint people that evangelical Christians love Mormons, period. Standing Together believes that when we are able to offer a tangible demonstration of love in the context of relationship, the truth of God will be better understood and more genuinely embraced. Standing Together would invite fellow evangelical Christians who would like to participate in this exciting outreach to simply e-mail our Director, Greg Johnson at greg@standingtogether.org for more information. There are a set of expectations that each participant must agree to follow and a pastoral recommendation that must be confirmed in order to be credentialed for this wonderful ministry opportunity. So, come on out and join us, I think you'll really be blessed if you do!

Utah Unity Continues to Grow

Since our last newsletter, we organized two additional *Prayer and Praise in the Park* events in Layton and Provo, Utah. Seeing the body of Christ gather in the open air to praise the name of Jesus together truly blesses the Lord as well as those in attendance. The pursuit of Christian unity has also been advanced recently as large numbers of senior pastors have gathered to consider the possibility of bringing a Franklin Graham Festival to Utah sometime in 2006 or 2007. At present there is not a clear sense that Utah pastors feel an invitation to Graham is the right "tool" to reach the culture of Utah. However, I rejoiced just seeing for the first time ever an open, candid conversation between many pastors on the topic of Utah evangelism. I really believe that the Lord is calling pastors and churches in Utah to look up and pray together for God's direction and leading as to how we might impact Utah like never before for the sake of the Gospel!

Prayer Needs and Upcoming Calendar Items

1. Pray that God would dramatically use the Ravi Zacharias outreach and that He would bless our meeting with the First Presidency on November 12th at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pray for the impact of Mission Lovingkindess to be a great and powerful expression to the LDS community.
3. Pray for our Christian college summit, where student leaders will gather in preparation for mission trips.
4. Pray for ministry travel to Sacramento, Boston, Grand Rapids, Colorado Springs, San Antonio, and Dillon, CO.
5. Pray for the TV Show *Meet the Pastor* and its audience.
6. Pray for the taping of new PAX TV show, *Religion Under Fire* with host *Lee Strobel*, on the topic of Mormonism which will be aired later this Fall.
7. Pray for our family, our staff and our financial needs!