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Pastor Joe's Corner

Breaking Free from the Scorecard Mentality



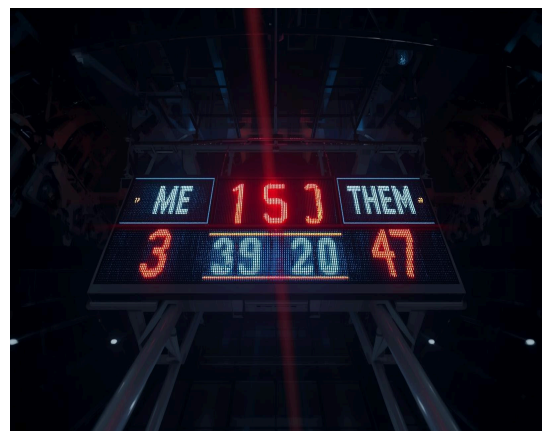
Have you ever found yourself keeping score when it comes to forgiveness, thinking, "I'll forgive them this time, but if they do it again..."? This natural human tendency to put limits on grace reveals a spiritual struggle that can hinder our relationship with God and limit His power in our lives.

In Matthew 18:21, Peter approached Jesus with a seemingly generous question: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Peter thought he was being magnanimous, as Jewish teaching suggested forgiving someone three times was sufficient.

Jesus' response shattered all human calculations: "I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." This wasn't a literal mathematical formula, but rather Jesus' way of saying forgiveness should be limitless.

The Problem with Keeping Score

When we count our acts of forgiveness, we reveal a troubling scorekeeping mentality that extends to our entire relationship with God. Many believers unconsciously put limits on their spiritual growth, setting comfortable boundaries and refusing to step beyond them, even when God is calling them to greater things.





Jesus illustrated this principle with the Parable of the Unpayable Debt. A servant owed his king 10,000 talents—an impossible debt. The king, showing incredible mercy, forgave the entire debt. Yet, this same servant immediately went out and had a fellow servant thrown into prison over a debt of just a few dollars.

What God Doesn't Owe Us

Here is a hard truth: God doesn't owe us anything. Yet, we often operate with an entitled mindset, thinking, "I serve, I go to church—I should get bigger blessings." This misunderstands the nature of grace. We are the ones with the unpayable debt. Every sin, every rebellion—it all adds up to a debt we could never repay. But God, in His incredible mercy, forgave it all through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

The Cost of Unforgiveness

When we refuse to forgive others or ourselves, we pay a steep price:

- **Limited Spiritual Authority:** Unforgiveness limits the power God wants to give us. Anger, jealousy, and bitterness create barriers that prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God.
- **Physical and Spiritual Bondage:** Holding onto hurt can manifest in physical problems and keeps us in spiritual bondage, preventing us from becoming who God created us to be.
- **Stunted Growth:** We cannot move forward if we are anchored to our past hurts and pain.



Sometimes, the hardest person to forgive is ourselves. We replay our failures and mistakes. But the truth is: if God has forgiven us, who are we to withhold forgiveness from ourselves? When Christ died, He said, "It is finished." That includes your past, your mistakes, and your failures.

The Freedom Found in Forgiveness

Remember the freedom you felt when the weight of sin was lifted off your shoulders? That freedom is still available. Christ gave you freedom; do not let people, circumstances, or even your own thoughts put chains back on you.

God has amazing plans for each of us, but until we stop limiting Him with our conditions and comfort zones, we will struggle with the same issues. The question isn't whether God is ready to move in your life. The question is: Are you ready to take that next step? The real cost of spiritual growth is dying to what the flesh wants and moving forward in the Spirit. It's about denying ourselves and following Christ, even when it's uncomfortable.

Examine your heart for areas where you've been keeping score. Choose to release that debt, just as God released yours. Stop putting conditions on your relationship with God and allow Him to take you to the next level of spiritual growth and authority.

Remember, God's grace toward you was extravagant and limitless. Now it's time to extend that same grace to others and to yourself, breaking free from the bondage of unforgiveness and stepping into the fullness of what God has planned for your life.



THE LIFE OF A PASTOR IN UGANDA (RURAL AREA)

BY PASTOR MATOVU JAMES

After being a deacon for two years in one of the city churches in Jinja, I moved to a rural area and began my own ministry called Magamaga Christian Centre in Jinja district.

It's now been 8 years since. In this article, I will share with you the experience of being a pastor in Uganda especially in rural areas.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE PASTORS WORK TO THE COMMUNITY

A pastor's work in a rural Ugandan community is super impactful. He is often at the heart of the community, providing:-

- ☐ Spiritual guidance: counseling, preaching and leading prayers
- ☐ Emotional support : listening, comforting and encouraging
- ☐ Social services: organizing community projects and educational programmes
- ☐ Meditational : resolving conflicts and promoting peace



The above photo shows Pastor James resolving family conflicts

In rural areas, pastor might also:-

- ☐ Conduct weddings and funerals
- ☐ Visit the sick and elderly
- ☐ Support local schools through giving scholastic materials

Here, Pastor James is meeting with an elderly, sick woman. (pictured)



THE PASTORS REWARDS/OPPORTUNITIES

Rural areas in Uganda have amazing opportunities for growth and development such as:-

- ☐ Agriculture: the land is available for cultivation
- ☐ Providence: people from the church always bring from what they got in their gardens
- ☐ Social capital, pastor in rural area gets many friends
- ☐ Education : promoting literacy programme
- ☐ Entrepreneurship : supporting small business ,innovation and job creation
- ☐ Community development : partner with local organization to improve infrastructure and education
- ☐ Discipleship and mentorship : guide young people, lead bible studies, and develop future leaders
- ☐ Social services : provide support for vulnerable groups, like widows and elderly
- ☐ Evangelism and outreach : share God's word ,conduct crusades, and spread hope to those indeed



Pastor James and his son are cultivating maize for home consumption in the above photos.

In this photo is a crusade.





This photo shows the church of Pastor James constructed by wooden pillars which can be eaten by termites; due to limited resources it's difficult to construct a permanent structure.

CHALLENGES

As pastor in rural area, you likely face challenges like:-

- ☐ Limited resources: funding, infrastructure and access to materials
- ☐ Geographical barriers : remote locations, poor roads, and limited transportation
- ☐ Cultural and traditional practices : balancing biblical teachings with local customs
- ☐ High expectations : congregants needs, community pressure and spiritual warfare

CONCLUSION

These challenges can be tough, but your dedication and passion make a difference

This photo shows pastor James when he visited a witch doctor to preach to him and bring him to Christ.





Caya Recovery : Will You Accept a Christmas Miracle

By Bradley Sansoucie

December has been a notoriously hard month for alcoholics and addicts alike. During our addiction, many of us have lost so much, stolen from us, or traded for a moment of numbness and escape with hopes that our sickness would be fed for just another day. We traded precious moments with family and friends, because we suffered from a problem that is not fully understood by most people, but God understands. When we are early in recovery, we realize and learn we have been disconnected from God, who is our source of everything good, so given this truth we begin to see the why of it. The definition

of the term malady is disconnection, so when we hear that the addict suffers from a spiritual malady as referenced from the A.A. Big Book, that's where we understand we have disconnected ourselves from the source! Biblically, hell can accurately be described as eternal separation from God, sounds kind of similar if you ask me. From my perspective addiction was an absolute living hell. I had absolutely no control over my life and my decisions, as if I was being driven by a force that was not myself. I remember the struggle and constant battle of truly wanting to stop, to change, to live again, only to day in and day out relive the same cold hard truth, I didn't know if that was truthfully possible anymore. I was defeated in a way that I had never known before. It was in that defeated state that I surrendered. I have always accepted Jesus, but I had never allowed Him to save me. I was always thinking about life on my terms, effectively rechainning myself to every bond, He was willing to break. There is a line in the Life Recovery Meeting opening comments that says: We believe that addiction and other problematic behaviors are symptoms of our human behavior- attempting to live life apart from God's plan. I love that line because for me it's as true as it gets, and I am sure I'm not the only one. So I invite you this Holiday season, to try something different. I invite you to learn the steps that can give you a working relationship with God, one that through Jesus, has the power to transform your life and perspective completely. So I ask, will you accept the Christmas Miracle???

Editorial Opinion

By Nicodemus Seiber

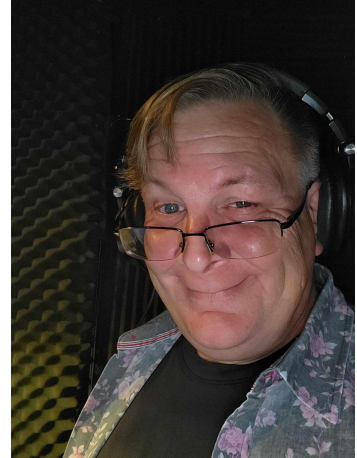
As 2025 comes to a close and 2026 draws near, many of us will make new years resolutions. I've never been one for this sort of thing, but in the 23/24 season I did.

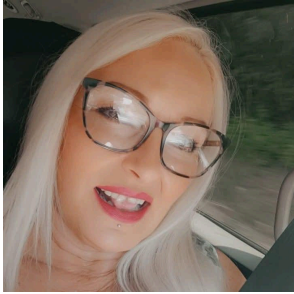
I had spent 2023 focused solely on saving the money I needed to get into the studio to record the album I had been called to make some 9 years prior. I did not attend church even once in 2023. I had to earn money. I had to save money. I spent most of that year in the semi working and saving. By the last weeks of 2023, I was unhealthy, had no savings, and was spiritually empty. I was in the midst of a 3 week fight against relapse. I had to make changes, so I made some new years resolutions. The first resolution was to attend church; No working on Sunday, unless it was after church and absolutely necessary. The second was to put some focus on living a healthier lifestyle. The third was to pay off my credit card debt. Lastly, the album would be completed in 2024. Amazingly, I accomplished all of these things. I had fulfilled my call.

I won't be making any resolutions this year. I'll just try to improve in all areas of my life and continue to serve God as He directs me.

I'll leave you with this tidbit to take into 2026.

Paraphrasing President Kennedy: Ask not what your Saviour can do for you, ask what you can do for His Kingdom.





First Lady's Funnies

Selected by Stada Inman

LAZARUS... needs a mint



Jesus calls out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" This moment signifies His authority over death, as Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, comes back to life.

John 11:43

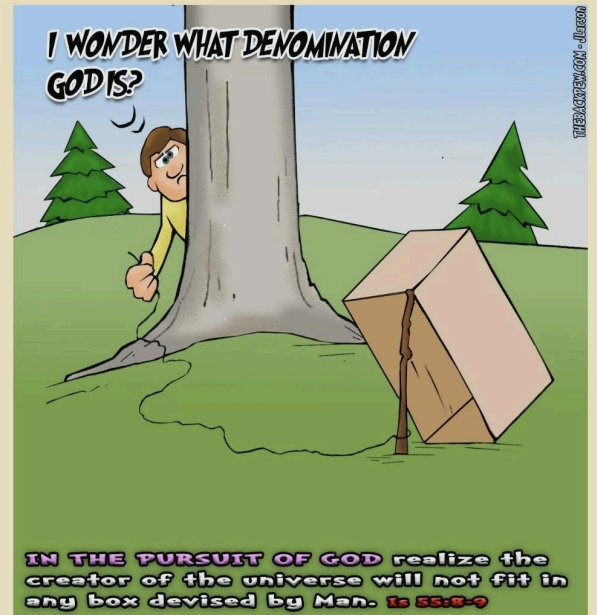
MORNING BREATH x 10!

Wise Men from the East

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

² saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

God in a box?



8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9





2nd Annual *CAYA Fellowship* New Year's Service

Wednesday, December 31st



7:00 PM



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Pray in the New Year



Music



Tag team Preaching



1st Communion of 2026



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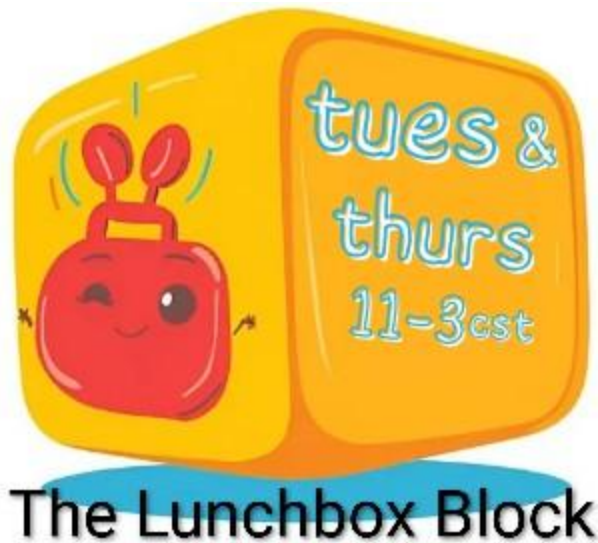
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Bryan Kieth, Stada Iman, J Jo Fox,
Shela Bazar & Nic Seiber (MNINI)

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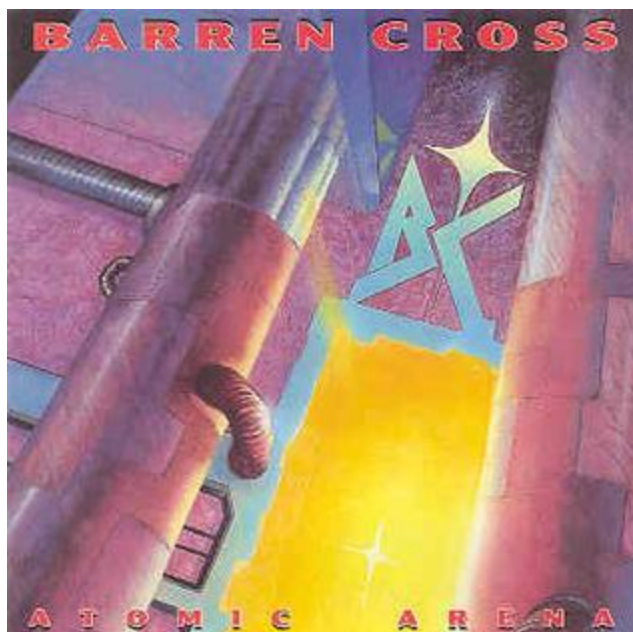




Album of the Month

By Intern Brando

Atomic Arena was the second Studio album released by Christian Metal Band Barren Cross. Released in 1988 and published by Enigma Records, this album had a lot going for it. Consisting of 10 tracks produced with the help of the Elefante brothers from Kansas and tackling social issues that the world still deals with today such as the evils of abortion, suicide, temptations of the world and the false doctrine of cults all while using Christ's Love as the answer to these problems. One of my biggest issues with the Christian music



Industry is when they never bring up Jesus's name or address God in their music but Barren Cross Delivers in this album. I think that every track in this album is solid but the ones I like most would be in no particular order "Living Dead", "In the eye of the Fire" and "Close to the Edge". Overall a very Solid Album and would very much recommend giving a listen but what is your favorite track? Let me Know on The KMTM Lunchbox Block!

A New Experience

By Joel Shell

Back in November, I had the chance to do something I've never done. I was able to fly in an airplane. This was an exciting and wonderful experience. I felt a sense of freedom and exhilaration when I was flying in the air at a high rate of speed.

You may ask, what is the significance of this? When I listen to music, I get the same feeling. Music is like flying for me. When I listen to artists we play at MTM Broadcasting, I feel a rush of excitement. I can hear the passion and excitement of, for example, Resurrection Band when they're singing songs like Where Roses Grow or Rain Dance. I can also hear the passion in Mac Powell's voice when he sings Third Day songs, such as I've Always Loved You, Blackbird, or Your Love, O Lord.

This leads me to a question. What will it be like when we're in Heaven praising and worshipping our Heavenly Father? I believe I'll have the same feeling of excitement, perhaps even more so when I'm in front of Him. It will be great to see Him face to face, just to worship Him in all His majesty and glory.



The Morning Horizon Show

With Dennon and Joe
Monday through Friday
7:30 to 10:00 CST on KMTM

Editorial Note:

Our host Dennon needs a job, volunteerism at the station just doesn't pay the bills. Give this young man a chance to bring his light to your business.





A Cup of Joe

With Cup of Joe and Greg Marlow

Finally, after a year of emails, text messages, Facebook Messenger, and phone interviews, I was going to meet another great Outlaw Country artist, Greg Marlow. I first heard of Greg when I found some of his music on social media. I watched the video for "2nd Chances" over a year ago when we started the radio station KTFR. I contacted Greg, and our relationship began.

This morning, as I drove to one of my favorite Ma & Pa restaurants to meet with Greg, I already had an image of him from his videos: long gray hair, overalls, and a ballcap. Well, I had the hair and ballcap correct and was a little bit in shock that he was wearing blue jeans! This is why we never look at the outside of someone, and I was about to get to experience what was in the man. I am so glad I was able to have a Cup of Joe with Greg Marlow.

Greg and I sat at that restaurant for nearly two hours, having breakfast, drinking coffee, and laughing. Greg, who is an amazing Outlaw artist, started out in Bluegrass. I promise not to hold that against him, since he has some of his classic Bluegrass being converted to the Outlaw sound—I hope in the near future!

If there is one thing I found out this morning, it is the heart of this Outlaw. Greg's song "2nd Chances" is a testimony song. I don't have the space to put everything, but I will say that as we sat there and Greg shared his heart, I knew I was in the presence of someone who had one goal in life, and that is to hear Jesus say: "Well done, good and faithful Servant." Greg has a heart to share the gospel and use the talents that God has placed in him,



allowing those that God has put in his path, such as the original Godfather of Outlaw Gospel, Cody McCarver, to guide him. Greg gave a lot of credit to Cody on how he had directed him and been upfront in Greg's music and videos, providing great support and help. Don't we all need a guy like that in our corner?

Greg had to get back to West Plains, but wanted me to hear a song or two that he had talked about, and of course, the DJ in me loves to hear the song before it is finalized or released. It makes the story behind the song even better when you get to hear the story in progress. I jumped in this Outlaw's traveling Jukebox and enjoyed the music and the stories, especially Greg's Godly passion talking about the upcoming songs and videos.

If you have not heard of this guy, Greg Marlow, you need to tune into KTFR to listen, and ROKU on CAYA-MTM to watch his videos. I'm going to part with something Greg shared with me (and this is not a direct quote): A friend of Greg's had passed away, and he listened to Greg's song "2nd Chances" every night before he died. Greg will be singing that song at this man's funeral. Singing in the circle at the Grand Ole Opry was a huge honor for Greg, explained to me, and I can understand that—I had the honor to stand there as well. But Greg continued, "it is nothing like the honor of singing his song



'2nd Chances' at his friend's funeral, because his friend got the message."

Calling gospel singers/artist, Is your music on our station? Want to share your story?

We're inviting inspiring musicians for a relaxed **"Cup of Joe with Cup of Joe"** coffee interview.

It's a quick chat to promote your work. Interested? Contact Joe Inman at **ktfr@usa.com** for details!

Send us your mp3 if you're new to KTFR. Be sure to have meta data filled out.



History of The Name

By Mark Aldred

I have had many ask, "Why the name 'Rockin for the Rock?'" Around 1980, I was introduced to faith based rock 'n' roll at a bible study. I heard the Resurrection Band Colours album & Jerusalem's Warrior album and thought, "I didn't know Christians could rock." In

Springfield, Missouri KWFC 89.1 FM played Southern Gospel and would not play anything else. Anything other than Southern Gospel Music was SIN. KLFJ 1550 AM did play some contemporary Christian music, but not much. If they played a little Christian Rock, like Petra's Stand Up, religious people would complain and pull their sponsorship in protest. It didn't matter how bold and filled with faith based lyrics the music was. To me it was stupid that they wouldn't play this style of music.

I went to Masterpiece Book & Record Store and bought 20 demo albums for \$2.00 each. YES, I judged the groups by the look of the album covers. If it looked like they rocked I bought it. Then I found CCM Magazine and had friends from Church who attended CBC & Evangel colleges who told me about other CCM groups that did get some air time in their cities. My big question was why don't these 2 stations in Springfield play it?

Back when I cruised Kearney street or worked in an arcade I started to make mix tapes. If someone liked AC/DC, I played X-Sinner and other groups of the same style of faith based Rock. On the PTL Network, they showed Christian rock concerts at Six Flags in Texas sponsored by different Baptist churches. I wondered why the Baptists in Springfield wouldn't play these groups? I asked a guy I worked with that attended Baptist Bible College why? He just told me there were different types of Baptist, Southern, Fundamental, Freewill etc. Each believes a little differently. Musically his



church doesn't believe in anything but Southern Gospel. Even though we did believe a lot in the same things, he said I would not go to Heaven listening to faith based Rock 'n' Roll.

Fast forward to 1986, Bloodgood wanted to play as they passed through Springfield. The Regency Showcase, a bar on the square, invited them to play, all ages were welcome and no alcohol was served. After the concert I was talking to Les Carlsen, the lead vocalist. As we talked, I made the comment, "I'm Glad you all are Rockin For The Rock." The name was born. After that I had a dream of being a DJ that would play faith based Rock'n' Roll.

I Look Forward to my 2nd Season in 2026. Thank you to all that have supported my dream of 'Rockin For The Rock'! Without you, there would be no dream. You all are as much a part of the station as I am, and we are Rockin Together!

Rockin' for the Rock

Fridays 7pm to 9pm Central



God is the Author of Love

By Author Erin Mifflin-Shell

It's the day after Christmas and —bam!— ready or not, Valentine's Day takes over all the stores. Christmas trees and white lights are still up at home, but in the store all is red, pink, hearts, and chalky candy.

I don't know about you, but sometimes Valentine's Day makes me roll my eyes. There's just a lot of pressure to get the right card and gift for your love, and heaven forbid

you are actually single on Valentine's Day! I've spent a lot of unattached Valentine's Days in my life, and often "celebrated" by babysitting for couples at church so they could go on a date.

There's a truth that we shouldn't forget in the commercialism. In I John 4:8b, the Bible states simply: "God is love." It tells us that He loved us before we were even capable of knowing what love is (I John 4:19). When He created man, He said it was not good that man should be alone, and He gave Adam a wife: a helper, a companion, a lover.

Love absolutely should be celebrated, as it comes from God. When we love others, we glorify Him. This includes romantic love, which is the closest glimpse we have on earth to what our relationship will be like in Heaven with Jesus someday.

While the fuss and frills of February 14th might seem a little silly on its own, I love reading books that include a good romance. When I interviewed author Pepper Basham on The Well-Read Llama, we also talked about how reading a romance can bring hope to the reader. And when that romance also points to the Great Love of our souls, all the better.

You can find my interview with Pepper on my Author Erin Mifflin YouTube channel, and also tune in to MTM Broadcasting on Mondays when I talk with other Christian authors about their stories, many of which include romance. In the meantime, here are some reading recommendations for this season.

Authentically, Izzy by Pepper Basham. A bookish girl and Hobbit-loving guy meet online in a story told mostly through emails and text messages.

Love Overboard by Shannon Sue Dunlap. A group of retirees decide to live on a cruise ship, and take up matchmaking the guests and crew.

To Love A Beast by Karen Witemeyer. This novel takes the classic Beauty and the Beast story and sets in Texas in the 1880s, bringing a fun western twist.

Love In Tandem by Becca Kinzer. An outdoorsy guy and not-outdoorsy girl pose as a couple while on a 500-mile tandem bicycle ride for charity.

With Every Letter by Sarah Sundin. A WWII novel meets You've Got Mail, as a nurse and a soldier fall in love through writing anonymous letters to each other.

Of Love and Treason by Jamie Ogle. A fictional look at the real Valentine, set in Rome A.D. 270.





Movies That Matter – A Second Chance

By Deborah J. Watson

What if life gave you a second chance? Would you take it? In 2018 a movie was screened here in Branson, Missouri at the Branson International Film Festival by that title.

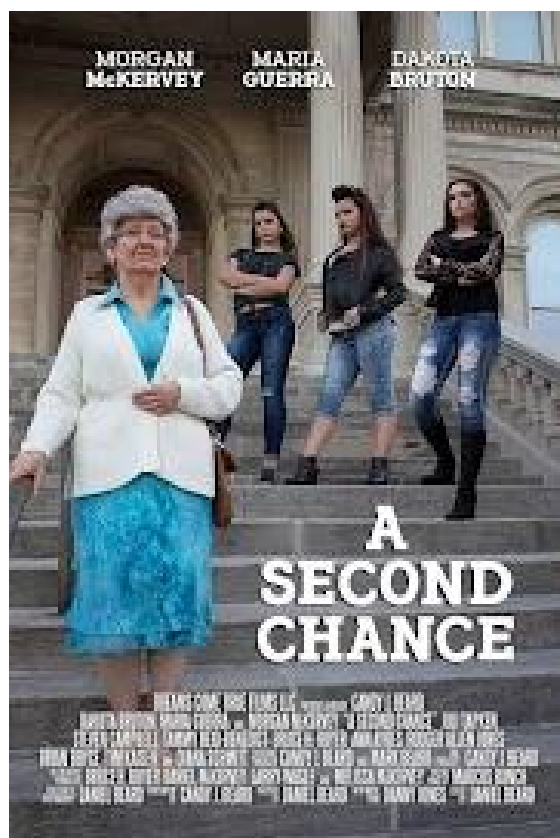
You can learn more here –

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Watch this exceptional movie for free on Tubi

Want to meet the creator? Join Club 2.22 and come to a private zoom meeting with her in January.

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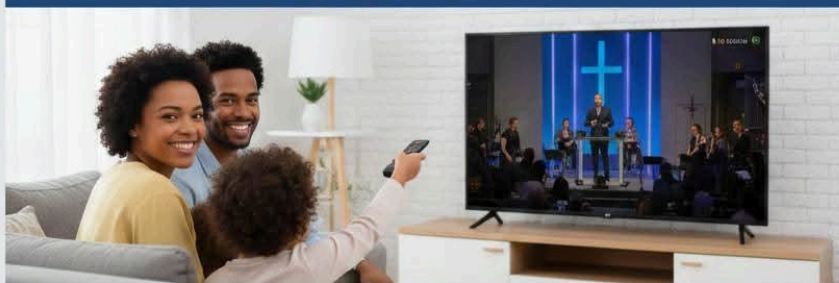
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