

AMBER WARNERS**JAN 8***THE FIERCE HUMILITY OF WINNING*

Amber Warners is in her 18th year as head coach of the Calvin volleyball program. Under Warners, the Knights have won three national championships. Dr. Warners has created a technology to help players develop their game. The device captures a player's thoughts out loud and receive feedback during practice. Warners has traveled around the country to work with players on their home courts; she continues to research what makes a volleyball player—and people—tick.

JONATHAN HAIDT**JAN 13***THE CODDLING OF THE AMERICAN MIND: HOW GOOD INTENTIONS AND BAD IDEAS ARE SETTING UP A GENERATION FOR FAILURE*

Jonathan Haidt is a social psychologist at New York University's Stern School of Business. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. Haidt's research examines the intuitive foundations of morality and how morality varies across cultures—including the cultures of American progressive, conservatives and libertarians.

THE 5 BROWNS IN CONCERT**JAN 16**

The 5 Browns—Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deondra and Desirae—all attended New York's Juilliard School. In fact, they became the first family of five siblings ever accepted simultaneously. The piano playing quintet enjoyed their first wave of critical attention in February 2002, when People magazine dubbed them the "Fab Five" at about the same time they were featured on Oprah and 60 Minutes. The New York Post has proclaimed: "One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years."

TODD CHARLES WOOD & DARREL R. FALK**JAN 9***MOVING BEYOND LABELS TO A CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE ABOUT CREATION & EVOLUTION*

A deeply personal story of two respected scientists who hold opposing views on the topic of origins, share a common faith in Jesus Christ and began a sometimes painful journey to explore how they can remain in Christian fellowship. They provide a model for how Christians can hold opposing views yet grow deeper in their relationship with each other and to God.

CATHY O'NEIL**JAN 14***WEAPONS OF MATH DESTRUCTION: HOW BIG DATA INCREASES INEQUALITY & THREATENS DEMOCRACY*

Cathy O'Neil earned a Ph.D. in math from Harvard, was a postdoctoral fellow in the MIT math department and a professor at Barnard College. After working in the private sector for several years, she started working as a data scientist in the New York start-up scene, building models that predicted people's purchases and clicks.

BOB FU**JAN 17***WHEN CAESAR DEMANDS TO BE GOD: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA*

Bob Fu is one of the leading voices for persecuted faith communities in China. Fu was born and raised in mainland China and was a student leader during the Tiananmen Square demonstrations. A former dissident and pastor of an illegal underground church in Beijing, Bob founded ChinaAid to bring international attention to China's gross human rights violations and to promote religious freedom and rule of law in China.

SANDRA POSTEL**JAN 10***REPLENISH: THE VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF WATER AND PROSPERITY*

A leading authority and prolific author on global water issues, Sandra Postel promotes the preservation & sustainable use of fresh water. She directs the independent Global Water Policy Project and is co-creator of Change the Course, a national water stewardship initiative which brings together the public, the business community and on-the-ground conservation organizations to transform the way society uses, manages and values freshwater.

DEBORAH & JAMES FALLOWS**JAN 15***OUR TOWNS: A 100,000 MILE JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF AMERICA*

Deborah & James Fallows spent five years visiting small towns and cities in America, flying a modest propeller airplane, to capture firsthand a surprising portrait of the civic and economic reinvention happening across the country, outside the spotlight of national media. The result was *Our Towns*, the bestselling book Publishers Weekly called "an eye-opening, keenly optimistic reminder of the strength of America's vital center."

ALICE MARIE JOHNSON**JAN 20***AFTER LIFE: MY JOURNEY FROM INCARCERATION TO FREEDOM*

Alice Johnson was sentenced to a mandatory life sentence, plus 25-years without parole, for her role in a nonviolent federal drug case. This was her first and only conviction ever. After she served twenty-one years, her life sentence was commuted in 2018 by President Donald Trump. An ordained minister, Johnson shares her story of hope, mercy & gratitude and the importance of making second chances count.

MITCH ALBOM

JAN 21

FINDING CHICKA: A LITTLE GIRL, AN EARTHQUAKE, AND THE MAKING OF A FAMILY

Author, columnist, radio host and philanthropist, Mitch Albom is an inspiration around the world. In his talks and presentations, he brings the same inspiring message of community building, giving and purpose. His latest book, *Finding Chicka*, is about a young Haitian orphan whose short life would forever change his heart. It is a book about the making of a family and our responsibility to abandoned children worldwide.

ANN COMPTON

JAN 22

UP CLOSE AND VERY PERSONAL: MY 41 YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS

Ann Compton is a distinguished and highly respected veteran of the White House press corps. She was the first woman assigned to cover the White House by a television network. She covered seven presidents, as well as innumerable life-changing and globe-altering events. Ann is well equipped to provide audiences an historical perspective of the presidency and insights into today's global events and daily headlines.

JEREMY EVERETT

JAN 23

SOLVING AMERICA'S HUNGER CRISIS

Jeremy Everett is the founder and executive director of the Texas Hunger Initiative. A noted advocate for the hungry, he served on the National Commission on Hunger, has spent over two decades ministering to the poor and frequently speaks on poverty, hunger, community development, and social entrepreneurship. Everett regularly writes for HuffPost and has been featured in PBS documentaries, in newspapers, such as the Dallas Morning News, and on talk shows.

JOHAN NORBERG

JAN 24

PROGRESS: 10 REASONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

Johan Norberg lectures about entrepreneurship, global trends and globalization around the world. According to the daily news, our world seems to be collapsing: divisive politics, racism, poverty, war, inequality, hunger. While others talk about the damage done, Johan Norberg offers an illuminating and heartening analysis of just how far we have come in tackling the greatest problems facing humanity.

KAREN GONZALEZ

JAN 27

THE GOD WHO SEES: IMMIGRANTS, THE BIBLE AND THE JOURNEY TO BELONG

Karen Gonzalez - an immigrant from Guatemala—enjoys writing, cooking Latin food, traveling and watching baseball (in that order). For the last 10 years, she has been a non-profit professional, currently working for World Relief serving immigrants and refugees. Her book, *The God Who Sees*, is the story of her own immigration story intertwined with the stories of many of the immigrants found in the Bible.

NAJLA KASSAB

JAN 28

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE EAST: HOPES AND CHALLENGES

Najla Kassab Abousawan is the president of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. In 1993, she received the first preaching license offered to a woman by the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL). She has worked for two and a half decades with NESSL's women and children's ministries, including as Director of Christian Education.

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