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May: *Vision In Focus Email*

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Christian Band Reaches Millions



Switchfoot's lead singer, Jon Foreman performs in St. Louis.

One year ago Switchfoot was a small unknown band from San Diego with 3 independent album releases and lackluster sales. Within a year's time, the rock band has seen doors open and had opportunities to impact culture through their message of music.

With their new album, *The Beautiful Letdown*, released on Columbia Records, the band has sold over 1 million CD's and currently has a hit with the single, "Meant to Live". The song paints an introspective view of life from a spiritual perspective with the lyric "We were meant to live for something more."

Some of the lyrics in "Meant to Live" ring with Christian insight.

"We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

And everything inside screams for second life"

The Beautiful Letdown has sold over 1 million copies to predominantly secular audiences, and as a result Switchfoot has been selling out shows all across the country.

On April 3, the band traveled to St. Louis, MO to play at The Paegant nightclub. The normally beer smelling, smoky atmosphere was transformed into a stage where kids could have fun and hear Godly truths through the night's entertainment. The band sang songs about growing up, redemption, salvation, and the constant fight between light and darkness in the world. Their CD is a great blend of rock melodies and is written from an insightful Christian perspective. The CD is available at both Christian and mainstream music stores.

Johann Sebastian Bach — The American Minute with Bill Federer

March 21, 1685, Johann Sebastian Bach was born. By the age of ten, both his parents had died. At eighteen he was appointed organist at a church, followed by positions in royal courts.

Once he was imprisoned because the duke he worked for did not want him seeking employment elsewhere. Widowed with seven children, he remarried and had thirteen more.

Bach composed hundreds of pieces, sometimes at the rate of one per week and influenced composers such as Mozart and Beethoven.

Johann Sebastian Bach stated: The aim...of all music should be none other than the

glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."

In his Bible Reading Proclamation (1990), President George Bush stated:

"The Bible has had a critical impact upon the development of Western civilization.. Western literature, art, and music are filled with images and ideas that can be traced to its pages."

Justice Robert Jackson concurred in *McCullum v. Board of Education* (1948): "It would not seem practical to teach either practice or appreciation of the arts if we are to forbid exposure of youth to any religious influences. Music without sacred music would be incomplete, even from a secular point of view."

Funny Church Signs

