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tem. His concern was that he and his students each make presumptions about life based on vastly different experiences of the world.

In other words, though he lives not far from his students and in the same city, he and they represent totally different cultures.

Every time the school bell rings, it signals the opening of another encounter between the two worlds - each bewildering the other.

One writer in Baltimore said

about the drug culture that children growing up in drug-infested neighborhoods may as well be living on another planet than children growing up in the suburbs.

What my son was longing for was some way to bridge the chasm between two worlds to understand that other world in order to influence those who dwell in it.

The Rev. Ronald Byars is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

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those incarcerated at the federal level did not receive a life sentence and will be released into society at some point in time.

"Prison has become a revolving door for hundreds of thousands of men and women, and it's up to the religious community, private organizations and individuals to help these people make the transformation to productive crime-free lives after their release," said Ray.

For more information on Core Ministries call 1-800-967-0732.

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■ UPCOMING ENCOUNTERS
Wordwide Marriage Encounter, a Roman Catholic, non-profit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment, will host a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend June 26-28 and July 17-19. The weekend experience is for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other.

The upcoming weekend will be hosted at the St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information call Bill & Carol at (248) 628-2512 or Dan & Debbie at (810) 266-5624. Or www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

■ SPECIAL BLESSINGS
First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham will include a "blessings of the Fathers" in all three of its services on Sunday, June 21, Fathers Day. The service times are as follows:

8:30, 9:40 and 11 a.m.

■ GOSPEL SONGSTRESS
The Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Board of Ushers presents "A Father's Day Afternoon of Praise," featuring Jacqueline Turner-Robinson, noted gospel songstress and recording artist on Sunday, June 21 at 6 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of Tabernacle Missionary Church at 6126 Beechwood Street in Detroit with Pastor Dr. Frederick G. Sampson II. There is no admission to the event. For more information call (313) 868-6060.

■ A CELEBRATION
The West Bloomfield United Methodist Church will celebrate its 30th anniversary on June 23. Pastor Ray Anderson said members of the congregation look back with personal and collective gratification at three decades of dedicated service to the church and the greater West Bloomfield community. He offers special thanks to several ministers and their families whose leadership helped make the dream a reality. In order of service the church extends deepest gratitude to the Revs. Galen Wightman, Leland (Lee) Penzien, Tom Hart, Jerry Smith and Brent

Webster.

■ "LIGHTHOUSE ADVENTURE"
Vacation Bible School will be offered at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills from 9 a.m. to noon the week of June 16 through June 19. The theme will be "Lighthouse Adventure." Classes are available for children from three years up through the sixth grade. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is located at 35300 West Eight Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburg Roads. For registration information, please call the church office at (248) 478-0520.

■ DAY CAMP
The Evanswood Church of God, in Troy, is offering two different day camps for children from June 22 to June 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Summer Outdoor Day camp for Little Kids is for children four through six. Outdoor Camp for Big Kids will accommodate seven-year-olds through fifth grade. The cost of the Little Kids is \$20 per child for the 5-day session and \$25 per child for Big Kids Camp which includes an overnight stay on Thursday, June 25. To register call the church at (248) 879-9240.

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