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## THE WALL THAT HEALS

### Vietnam Memorial Wall Coming To Baton Rouge For First Time Ever

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For the first time in its 30 year history, the Three Quarter Scale Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to a location in Central on Hooper Road. The 357 long Wall that reaches 7 foot 3 inches at its apex and has all 58,281 names of the US Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War inscribed in the Memorial Wall.

The awesome Memorial to those who gave their all in the jungles of Southeast Asia will grace the front lawn of the Life Tabernacle Church at the corner of Hooper and Blackwater Road beginning on March 20 at 2 PM. It will be open 24/7 for three full days. The adjacent Haven Restaurant on the Life Tabernacle 58-acre campus will be open 24/7 in support of those visiting the Memorial Wall.

“When you really stop to think about it, the Vietnam Memorial Wall is a great sacred moment in our history because we are talking about the life and death of so many precious men,” Jeannie Spell, Chairperson of The Wall that Heals - Baton Rouge project for the Life Tabernacle Church. “Think about the 50,000 plus mothers who lost their young sons. Think about the wives who lost their husband to that awful War; and some children who lost their dad’s”

“The least that we can do is to honor the memory of those 58,281 young men when we have the opportunity. It is a great honor for Life Tabernacle Church to host this Memorial event. We hope that

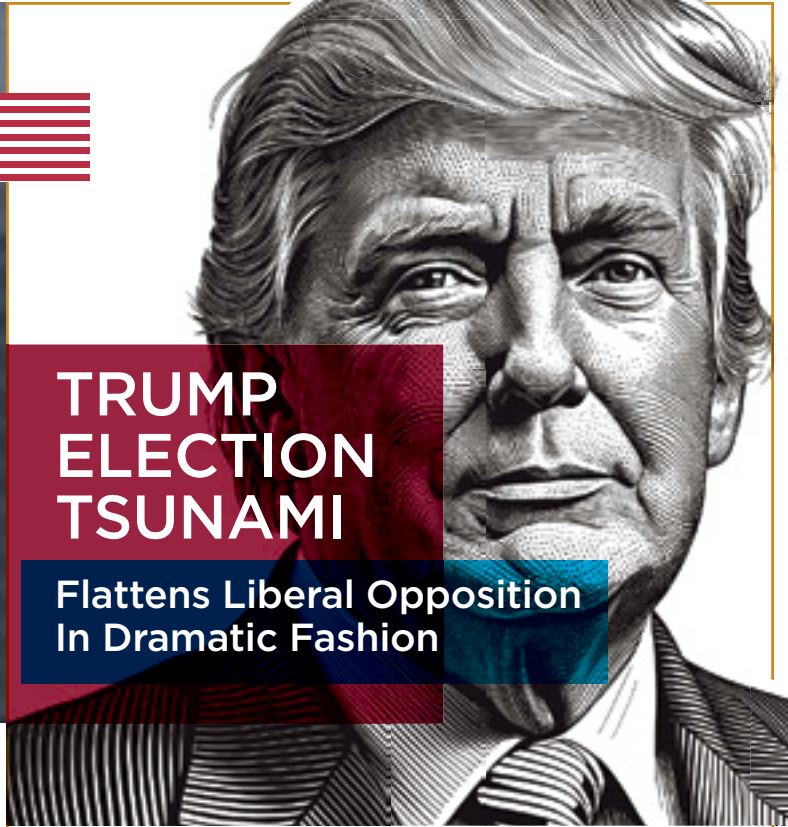
not only will the people of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish come out and support the Wall but hopefully people from all over southeast Louisiana will visit the Wall during the 72 hours that it will be open to the public while on our campus.”

There were 143 applications to host The Wall that Heals in the United States in 2025 but only 31 were accepted. Thanks to a partnership with Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), the trucking industry in general, and Blue Beacon Lines in particular, the huge Vietnam Memorial Wall is able to travel the country. The insurance giant, USAA has returned as the presenting sponsor for the national tour for the 11th year. Over those eleven years, The Wall that Heal has traveled to nearly 300 communities in the USA. In April 1999, “Wall That Heals” toured four Provinces in Ireland and visited Canada in 2005.

On Tuesday, March 18, 2015, a motorcycle brigade of veterans, service personnel, law enforcement and first responders will escort the wall from the staging area at Bass Pro Shops in Denham Springs to its site at Life Tabernacle at the corner of Hooper and Blackwater Road where a ceremony will take place. Then, more than 100 experienced people began erecting the memorial Wall and Educational Exhibit. For the next three days the display will be available around the clock. the exhibit will end Sunday afternoon, March 23rd.

When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center telling the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American

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## TRUMP ELECTION TSUNAMI

Flattens Liberal Opposition  
In Dramatic Fashion

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On November 4, 2024, few if any political polls or experts gave Donald Trump any or much chance of winning the election scheduled for the next day, November 5. But, when the votes were counted, Trump won the popular vote by more than 2 million votes and a stunning electoral vote of 312 to 226.

So, how could the pollsters, experts, and professional politicians be so wrong in their hype and puff information they put out. They apparently believed their own lies and were shocked when the “big-blowout win” predicted for “Kamala The Malla” didn’t materialize. The overwhelming loss by “Kamala the Malla” was apparently like a dagger cutting her so deep that she went into a “deep state of despair” for several days.

So, what really happened? The backers of “Kamala the Malla” certainly put their money where their voices were as in \$20 billion dollars, or more was blown by the “Kamala the Malla Machine.” Rumors are circulating that “Kamala the Malla” will go back to California and become the next Governor of the “lost state of California” replacing “Teflon G” who will be running for president in 2028.

So, what does the “Trump Tsunami” really mean and how did it happen? For us Believers in Jesus Christ, we know that it was simply “Divine Intervention.” God’s hand moved miraculously across this great land called America also known as the United States of America and touched the minds and hearts of many, giving them strength, courage, and a dose of common sense and they marked their ballots for Donald Trump. And Donald Trump won by a landslide.

But what does Trump’s victory and subsequent job as the 47th president mean for us Believers in Jesus Christ? It simply means that WE won a battle in the horrific never-ending Spiritual Warfare that we are engaged in. It was simply Divine Intervention at its best because in the “Wokeism” Phase of the current spiritual Warfare, WE Believers in Jesus Christ were standing on the edge of the Abyss of destruction. So, WE Believers in Jesus Christ have our work cut out for us in the coming days and months.

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# Captain (Champlain) Charles Edward Wolfe Held 64 Of The Funerals of The Memorial Wall Members

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A few years back, I had the privilege of interviewing Captain Charles Edward Wolfe who passed away in 2020 at the age of 89. Captain Wolfe told me many stories of his time in Vietnam which only covered about 12 months of Champlain duty. At the time, the story that stood out so much to me was his visit to a forward operating base that came under the nightly Mortar attack by the Viet Cong.

When he met the Colonel in charge of the forward operating base, he was asked: "What time are you scheduling your services?" "5 pm," was Captain Wolfe's reply." To which the Colonel replied: "That is kind of late in the day, you might miss the last chopper flight out of here." To which Captain Wolfe replied: "I'm not planning on catching a chopper out of here late today. I'm spending the night." To which the Colonel replied: "I've had a dozen Champlains come and go through this base and you are the first one who was brave enough to spend the night. I'm giving you my bunker tonight."

Sure enough, "Charlie" as the Viet Cong were referred to, did attack the forward operating base with their nightly barrage of mortars where Captain Charlie Wolfe was spending the night with "his" troops. Needless to say, Captain Wolfe had a much larger attendance than usual that night at his Bible Services. When the word spread among the young (18-21 years of age) men in uniform that were laying their lives on the line of life and death minute by minute hour by hour in Vietnam that Captain Wolfe was spending the night in the forward operating base, they came out to see "a real Champlain" as they described him.

Captain Charles Wolfe, a Presbyterian minister in civilian life held the initial funeral for 64 of the soldiers whose names are engraved on the Vietnam Memorial Wall. On Friday Feb. 2, 1968, Captain Charles Wolfe led the funeral for 8 fatalities. On January 31st, 1968, the Viet Cong led the infamous coordinated Tet Offensive all over south Vietnam. At the time of the Tet Offensive Captain Wolfe was assigned to the 69th Construction Engineer Battalion which was stationed at Can Tho Airfield in the Mekong River Delta. At 1:30 am in the morning, the Viet Cong struck with fury with thousands of soldiers on the Can Tho Airfield.



The Colonel of the Battalion had received intelligence of the possible attack, and had tripled the guard at the main entrance only 15 minutes before the Viet Cong launched their attack. The Viet Cong had assumed that the Gate Guard group of soldiers would hold out for less than five minutes, but the Gate Guard fought gallantly for 20 minutes giving their garrison time to evacuate their barracks, get their firearms and assume positions in their bunkers.

The beefed-up gatehouse guard unit sold their lives dearly for the sake of the other men in their unit. All of the guards at the gate entrance of Can Tho Airfield were either killed outright or severely wounded. There were 8 fatalities in the 69th Battalion on Feb. 2, 1968, Captain Charles Wolfe led the funeral services for Danny Weber, Robert Pittman, Joe Vogrinec, Sp4 McNally, Sp4 McClintock, Sp4 Abdullah, Sp4 Hovland, and Pfc. Coleman.

A Construction Engineer Battalion is not supposed to be in combat under any circumstances but is assigned to rear areas building bridges, airstrips, roads and etc. The 69th Battalion received the Valorous Unit Citation for their gallant defense of the Airfield. They ultimately routed Viet Cong from the perimeter of the Can Tho Airfield, using their bulldozers blade in an up position as a bullet proof make-shift shield with US Army

snipers stationed on the roof of the dozers successfully eliminating dozens of Viet Cong soldiers.

The soldiers of the Construction Engineer battalion were reminisce of a Supply Battalion caught in a fire fight during the Battle of the Bulge. The Supply Battalion soldiers at the Battle of the Bulge grabbed their rifles and grenades and fought valiantly as did the soldiers in the 68th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam 24 years later.

Charles Wolfe received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his efforts at Can Tho airfield. However, Captain Wolfe, a devout Christian did not totally escape the ravages of the Vietnam conflict. He returned to his south Texas roots but was haunted with restlessness and the horrifying events he witnessed in Vietnam. Ultimately Captain Wolfe migrated to the east coast where he eventually married a Seminar Professor at Princeton University. Captain Wolfe, born in 1931, passed on in 2020 at the age of 89 with many more firsthand memories of the Vietnam War than he would have normally chosen to have.

Captain Wolf was 37 years old at the time of the Tet Offensive; almost twice the age of the average soldier in Vietnam. However, Captain Charles Wolfe, answered the call of duty of not only to his Country, but also to his Lord and Savior.

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*The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Louisiana March 20th - March 23rd at Life Tabernacle Church in Baton Rouge. It will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public. Life Tabernacle Church is the third stop on the 2025 year-long tour and the only destination to be selected in Louisiana. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.*

*"On behalf of the Great State of Louisiana, East Baton Rouge Parish, the Cities of Baton Rouge and Central and Life Tabernacle Church, it is an honor to host The Wall That Heals. For the past five years we have made a tireless effort to bring this significant exhibit to our state. We welcome all Louisianans in our 64 parishes and neighbors in Texas, Mississippi and surrounding areas to come and recognize the Gulf South's deep history of service to America. Let it serve as a teaching tool for schools, organizations and for all peoples to learn about the high cost of freedom. We are blessed to be hosting this important event. Baton Rouge, our state and our nation is in need healing. Let it begin here."*

- Pastor Tony Spell

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# SUPERNATURAL VISIONS ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS IN AMERICA

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**O**ur God is a living being, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Whatever supernatural revelations God provided to the prophets of the Bible, He still can, and does, provide today. All spirits of prophecy must be tested, of course (1 John 4:1-3). We always run the risk of being misled by self-serving 'prophets' who tell us what they think we want to hear, rather than what the Lord tells them to tell us. These particular prophetic words come from a godly woman named Ruth Archer, who lives in Lakeway, Texas. On July 3, 2024, she predicted the electoral victory of Donald Trump, at a time when many believed that his re-election was impossible.

She also predicted the unsuccessful first and second assassination attempts on Donald Trump's life (July 13, 2024 at Butler, Pennsylvania, and Sept. 15, 2025 at West Palm Beach, Florida). She gives Jesus Christ all the glory for all these prophecies, and for their fulfillment, and she accepts no credit to herself. She sees the ongoing turmoil and anxiety of the 'political and spiritual reset' that is happening in America, but she derives no pleasure from them. She gives God all the glory for the final triumph of goodness and faith that is on its way. On the following page is a record of these heavenly messages, set out in chronological order.

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**July 2020**

'I was aware of levels of corruption being revealed by the covid epidemic in many of our federal agencies in Washington DC. I prayed to the Lord, 'God please clean them up!' I then heard the Lord break out in laughter, and say 'I have no shortage of cleaning materials!'

**October 2023**

Immediately after the October, 2023, HAMAS invasion of Israel, with the kidnapping, torture, and slaying of many Israelis, I received a vision of the Israeli war cabinet at work. As Benjamin Netanyahu consulted with his senior military officers about what to do, I saw mighty ranks of angels hovering over them, guiding God's Chosen People in exactly how to proceed.' April 8, 2024: 'Today there was a dramatic total eclipse of the sun, across a broad swath of America. As I saw the dark fire-rimmed disc of the sun up in the sky, the Lord said that this was a symbolic 'conception' of the 'New America'. The rebirth will happen in nine months, in January 2025.'

**July 3, 2024**

'I saw what looked like a NASCAR car race going on. Car Number 45 (I understood this to refer to Donald Trump's term as 45th President) was speeding around the track, but unfortunately this car was being sabotaged by the pit crew, etc. of the other car(s) in the race. The judges were called in to referee, and they uncovered the causes, and corrected them, saying, 'Though they plot evil against you, and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed,' (Psalm 21:11).

**August 2024**

'God took me in a vision into the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, and the leader kept saying, 'we cannot keep plugging the dykes forever.' I saw the same ranks of heavenly angels there again, and also in every other federal department in Washington, as the legions of angels lifted off the roof of every building, so they could see what was going on and correct it. They understood that the vast majority of public servants just want to help out the people, but there are also corrupt elite forces, whether Democrat or Republican, who must be either converted, or removed.

**Sept. 12, 2024**

'In a visionary dream, I traveled in the spirit to the Israeli Defense Strategic Command Center. The officials were talking about how to break down Hamas and Hezbollah. They said, 'There are secret believers in Jesus, in Iran, Palestine, and Syria, who are faithful in protecting God's Chosen People. They will give us the 'inside information' we need in order to strike back.'

**Nov. 21, 2024**

'God says, 'Give me your ears, for I the Lord have a word for my Faithful Remnant. I am ready and prepared to move heaven and earth in answer to your prayers and fasting—and for standing for my Covenant with America, which began when I first formed the American nation.' The 'Praying Ekklesia' of faithful Jesus-followers in America will be helped by a 'Special Forces' of my angels, who will protect Donald Trump, his family, and his administration.' All believers are to call on the Ancient of Days, and the Fire Angels, the Warrior Angels, the Justice Angels, the Covenant Angels, and the Miracle Angels. All that has been lost or stolen in the last dark years will be restored seven-fold. 'The Enemy will be identified and judged by me,' says the Lord. 'America will be delivered and restored to my Original Intent' and 'My glory shall invade the earth.' (Psalm 34:7).

**Dec. 31, 2024**

'The new year is 2025, a perfect square of 145x145. The last part is 25, another perfect square of 5x5. These are more signs of the new year as a perfecting time—a time of promise, and the celebration of wonderful new things.'

**Jan. 11, 2025:** 'The Lord showed me in heaven an ancient 'Original Intent Book.' It looked like an antique book, with gilt leather binding and gold leaf on it. Angels brought out the book from the Holy of Holies, from which it was rarely opened. In it, God revealed His original plan for America's blessing and greatness, from the very act of creating the nation. God knew from the beginning that human pride and sin would mar His 'Original Intent,' and keep it from being easily realized. God said, 'Today is a new chapter for America, Israel, and the Sheep Nations' (sheep nations being nations who are following the lead of America and Israel in world affairs). I have called Donald Trump as my Cyrus, and Benjamin Netanyahu as my David. I am about to expose and reverse centuries of old secret societies, and demonic political and economic dynasties. Many global elites will be stripped of everything they have (this was just days before the Los Angeles Palisades Wildfires.) I, the Lord, will also bring swift judgment to those who have done human and sex trafficking, and to those who have plotted against my nation Israel (Psalm 91:1-13). Brace yourself, to be buffeted and rocked by my Truth. It will be like the Titanic hitting the iceberg. Lean on, and Trust, in me alone.'

**Jan. 17, 2025**

'The Lord showed me a holy fire burning around our new incoming president. This interpretation sprang to mind. It was like the three men who were in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3), who were protected by the Fourth Man. The fire then became a kind of 'fire trench,' which protected the president and also his wife (his wife Melania will be a spiritual guide to the president). An avalanche of Truth will then pour from the throne of God, as there breaks out a Third Great Awakening in America.'



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## MAKE AMERICA GODLY AGAIN.

### PART TWO

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**M**any American voters were attracted by the simple but profound campaign slogan of the 2024 Presidential Election. 'Make America Great Again' was emblazoned across caps and T-shirts at rallies and street corners and yard signs across our nation. Surely there is nothing wrong with the hope of America being great again.' That is, as long as America becomes great again in the right sort of way, for the right sort of things. Nearly 200 years ago, a French traveler to America called Alexis de Tocqueville toured the young America of the 1830s, and wrote a very important book about his experiences. He predicted that America would indeed become a great nation. There was a vast expanse of cheap land, and many natural resources. The political system promoted democracy, and protected individual freedoms. However, the thing that Tocqueville noticed most of all was that America's churches were full. Americans took seriously their duty to worship and serve God. That, he felt, was the true secret of America's greatness.

After all, nations come and go on the world stage. Assyria, Persia, Greece, Rome. Spain, France, Germany, Britain. As The Apostle Paul preached to the Athenians: 'From one person He created all the races of people, and made them live throughout the whole earth. He Himself fixed beforehand the times and limits of their habitations.' (Acts 17:26). Since all nations are created by God, and blessed by God as His children, it is not the place of Americans to demand 'preferential treatment' from God. It is not spiritually correct for us to insist that God make America the one supreme power player in world politics. The prophet Isaiah says bluntly 'Surely the nations are as a drop in the bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales,' (Isaiah 40:15, a line powerfully quoted in the movie Chariots of Fire). America's great power—diplomatic, economic, military, and technical—must be used carefully, prayerfully, humbly, and righteously. St. Paul admonishes us further: "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. Whatever we reap, we will also sow,' (Galatians 6:7). America, be warned!

The real prayer for American Christians in the next few years should be: 'Lord, Make America Godly Again. For you alone are 'Great,' O Lord, and holy is Your name. Whatever it takes, in accordance with Your perfect will, to bring America back to the cross and make us a Godly nation again, this is what we ask for, Father. In Jesus name, Amen.' America's greatness is dependent on America's Godliness.

It is certainly true that America is facing many significant problems right now. No one should be an ostrich and 'stick their head in the sand' about this. Denial is not going to help.

America is in trouble, and we should all be looking and praying and working for answers.

However, as we examine these different national problems, we will discover that in every case, America becoming a more Christian, spiritual nation will automatically begin to alleviate these problems. This is not to say that leaders and citizens do not need to 'roll up their sleeves' and 'put on their thinking caps' and

work hard to help solve all these problems. There is no substitute for hard work. Nonetheless, the root cause of the problem is almost always spiritual. Americans who are humble, Biblical, and faithful to God, will constantly, on average, come out better than those who are not. As David said, 'Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,' (Psalm 33:12). We need to come back to the spiritual vision of our 'founding fathers.' We need to become once more the America that Tocqueville saw.

#### So, let's look at our problems:

**1. Greed and materialism.** This is not a surprise to anyone. We like to bash 'Big Pharma' or 'Big Banking' or 'Big Tech' for their greed. Greedy Corporate America: they just keep on raising all the prices all the time. Thieves, con artists, scammers, embezzlers, they're everywhere, it seems. It is very easy to complain about 'them,' but all of us are subject to the disease of 'More!' In our own human nature, we are never satisfied with 'enough.' Our generosity to the needy around us is therefore shot to pieces: 'I've got to take care of me and mine! I got to grab for all I can, or we'll run out, and we'll be living on the street in some homeless shelter.' Jesus, however, puts the desire for 'More!' in perspective. 'Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,' (Matthew 6:20-21), and 'Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be yours as well,' (Matthew 6:33). If we trust our lives to Jesus Christ, we are freed from the tyranny of greed and the yawning lust for 'More!'. We instantly take a more balanced and compassionate approach to our stewardship of money. We rest secure in the knowledge that, as we trust God, we will always have 'enough.'

**2. Crime.** Crime seems to be out of control, most notably in our big city centers, but also at our borders, in our small towns, everywhere. Here is one of the easiest and clearest connections between the problem and the solution. If our people are godlier, then they will take the Ten Commandments seriously as their daily standard of behavior. It says 'do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness.' Very clear. If you love and serve God, you want to do what God commands us all to do. Moreover, Jesus instructs us to 'love one another,' and to 'do unto others what we would have them do unto you.' Anything that hurts another person, and disregards their rights and needs, is wrong, period. In looking at the crime thing, it is important to note, however, that merely tightening up the criminal code and sending more people to jail is not really the answer. Prison does not turn bad people into good people. Only Jesus can do that. Often, prison time just embitters the incarcerated, and schools them into more cunning criminality. Stiffer punishments are a human solution to a spiritual problem. Yes, we need effective law enforcement, and we need a judicial system that

works. However, the most permanent and effective solution is a changed heart, whenever a person gives themselves to Jesus Christ at the cross.

**3. Drug and Alcohol Abuse.** Substance abuse is bad, and cause traffic fatalities, addiction-induced crimes (prostitution, theft), mental illness, homelessness, and many other ills in our society. The Fentanyl epidemic is all over the news. Most people who abuse drugs and alcohol aren't doing it simply because it's pleasurable to them. Most of them are doing it to escape from pain and despair in their lives. When your life feels empty, and you have nothing to live for, it is tempting to fill that void with chemicals. Yet, with Christ at the center of our lives, we have the love of Jesus around us, the power of the Holy Spirit within us, and the hope of eternity in heaven before us (John 1:12 and John 3:16). This is why the most successful addiction program in the world, Alcoholics Anonymous, makes submission to the 'Higher Power' the keystone to recovery. It is tempting to think that border enforcement, counseling, legal sanctions (like DUI laws), and other human efforts alone will solve the addiction epidemic in our country. However, the truth is, Jesus is the real answer.

**4. Inflation and the Economy.** Prices are going up, and the working and middle classes and retirees are getting mercilessly squeezed. Once again, it is tempting to think that changing financial and economic policies alone will bring down prices, lower interest rates on mortgages and loans, and reduce the incredible credit card indebtedness of the American people (30% of Americans are maxed out on their cards, and cannot make required monthly payments). While reducing crippling government regulations, increasing cheap energy, and certain other fiscal moves may help, it is difficult to see how they will create lasting solutions for the average American household. Jesus can certainly help, however. For instance, a basic 'work ethic,' in which people are content to financially 'live within their limits' and not compulsively overspend, would certainly help. The Apostle Paul is a blunt advocate of the 'work ethic': 'We gave you this rule: if a man will not work, he will not eat...we hear that some among you are idle. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.' (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12). With the work ethic comes the idea of 'deferred gratification,' that it is a positive thing to avoid irresponsible spending, and to save up for the future. In the Old Testament, God tells Moses about the sabbath, prefacing it with 'Six days you shall labor and do all your work..' (Exodus 20:9). The day of rest, the sabbath, puts God first and allows time for worship, but the commandment certainly assumes that 6 of every 7 days are working days. Jesus says even heals on the sabbath, declaring in John 5:17 'My Father is working still, and I am working.' Work is therefore in the image of God. Applying principles of thrift, hard work, and living within your means, are all helpful

**But seek ye first  
the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness;  
and all these things  
shall be added  
unto you.**

**Matthew 6:33**

for individuals and families and America, but they are also good policies for our government. When the government overspends, this causes ballooning federal debt, which is another inflation accelerator. Christians should know better than to do that.

**5. Divisions and Namecalling.** In a tense and conflictual social environment, people say things that can generate great anxiety in others. Although many people seem to have the ability to 'take it all in stride,' there are some people who respond by acting out in antisocial behaviors, sometimes even violently. The rise of social media outlets has greatly accelerated the problem of such verbal 'meanness,' especially as culprits can hide behind the screen of anonymity. Perhaps the rise of cyber-bullying, with the resulting spike in teen suicides, is one of the clearest examples. Many people are suffering different forms of depression or mental illness because of these attacks and 'namecalling.' Once again, legislation and regulation are only part of the answer. Of course there needs to be regulation of the internet to protect minors. Of course actual threats of violence must be dealt with by law enforcement. However, short of massive censorship or shutdowns, the problem in the public media can only be met with a spiritual solution. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is very clear: 'You have heard it was said, 'Do not murder.' But I say to you, anyone who says to his brother 'Raca' is answerable to the council. And anyone who says 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fires of hell.' (Matthew 5:21-22). If there is a massive widespread Christian revival in America, people will begin to monitor their words more carefully, and will refrain from harmful verbiage. They will seek to build up, and not tear down (I Thessalonians 5:11).

**6. International Tensions.** It is a dangerous world in which we live. With the ongoing war in Ukraine, the simmering violence in Israel and the Middle East, the worrying tensions with China, and instability in many other places (such as the ongoing gang violence in Haiti), it is hard to know what to do. The Christian, however, can make a strong Biblical case for 'Peace through Strength,' which also seems to be the most effective foreign policy for our nation today. Achieving the proper balance between compassion

and assertiveness is what Jesus commanded us when he said, 'Be as wise as serpents, and innocent as doves.' (Matthew 10:16). In the book of Revelation, believers are compelled to acknowledge the existence of a fierce, ruthless evil in the world, as the church struggles against Anitchrists, Seven-headed dragons, and Gog and Magog. Yet, Revelation ends with a final victory over evil, in a heavenly paradise in which death, suffering, disease, fear, and hunger no longer exist. Revelation is thus a roadmap for the Christian: facing evil head-on, not with hate, but with hope, and love. In the Old Testament, this balance is perhaps best exemplified in the reign of King David and his son, King Solomon. King David was a consummate warrior, shrewd and courageous (and violent, when need be). His military prowess is what laid the foundation for the peaceful and prosperous reign of his son Solomon. David fought, and Solomon built. Just as in our own American history of the 20th century in WW2, Patton fought, and then George C. Marshall (author of the 'Marshall Plan') built. With international issues, much of the power is not directly in America's hands, since the other nations, with all their internal needs and problems, heavily determine the outcomes. American Christians are an inherently generous people, and the investment of funds and expertise that is necessary to bring about peace in the world--well, if it does not come from America, where will it come from?

**7. Marriage, the Family, and Demographic Collapse.** Here, we address the 'elephant in the room'--the collapse of the family, and all the many problems that come with it. The divorce rate is sky-high, with young couples delaying or avoiding marriage, or choosing childlessness. Divorce creates troubled single-parent families, where children are victims of an emotional tug-of-war, and must live in reduced financial circumstances. The problem is aggravated by all the 'sexual confusion' in our society today of homosexuality, rape, sex trafficking, and transgenderism. All these issues seem to converge in a plummeting birth rate in America. This falling birth rate can cause severe labor shortages in the future, with an eroding tax base, and a lack of younger people available to take care of the older generations. This

labor shortage also means more wage-inflation, of course, and the deterioration of public services and infrastructure. Perhaps this all sounds overly alarmist, like Chicken Little crying 'The sky is falling.' However, nations like China and Japan are already struggling with this 'demographic time bomb,' and we need to address it as well. As far as marriage and the family is concerned, the Bible is very straightforward on the matter. God's plan for heterosexual man-woman marriage is clear from the creation story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 2. God also tenderly intervenes (in a miraculous way) to uphold human procreation. God gives Sarah and Abraham a miracle-heir in their old age (Genesis 18 and 21). God gives barren Hannah the child she desires (Samuel the prophet, in I Samuel 1). God gives Manoah and his wife the son they long for (Samson the hero, Judges 13). God gives Zechariah and Elizabeth the child of their old age (John the Baptist, Luke 1). Solomon, in the book of Psalms, particularly exalts parenthood: 'Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them' (Psalm 127:3-5). As for divorce, Jesus clearly frowns on it, condemning it except in the most extreme circumstances (Matthew 5:31-32). St. Paul also adds, 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... Each one of you must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband' (Ephesians 5:24, 33). If marriages and families remain intact, there are fewer troubled children acting out to become the criminals, prostitutes, and drug and alcohol abusers of the future. If the American people will just turn their lives over to Jesus, and support Godly marriages and families, all kinds of social problems in our country will be alleviated.

Well, there it is, dear friends. America is in trouble, but with every problem, there is also an answer. And it is the same answer every time. Jesus Christ is the answer! Pray for revival and renewal in America, friends. Everything depends on it.

**Make America Godly Again.**

# 92-Year-Old Phillip Hebert Says That Too Much Prosperity Too Fast Added Woes To America

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“I’ll be the first to admit that I lived in the “sweet spot” of American history; the time of our greatest prosperity,” Phillip Hebert explained. “I was born in 1932 during the heart of the worst depression in American history. Then I lived for over four years in the grips of World War II.”

“Within a couple of years after World War II, prosperity begin with a rush. Suddenly, after the years of doing without during the Depression and rationing during World War II, you could have almost anything you wanted including a good job. In addition, we begin to have indoor plumbing and by the 1960’s, most houses had air conditioning. There is nothing wrong with that, having prosperity; except that prosperity came to only one generation in America, the one after World War II.”

“After that one generation earning “prosperity” in one fell swoop, the proceeding generations didn’t earn their own prosperity, but it was handed down to them,” Hebert pointed out. “They didn’t have to put in the hard work although many did but many became riffraff and druggies and drug dealers. When all the governments in the 1960’s begin handing out money in the sack, this brought in generations of one parent families and problems galore.”

“On the other hand, there was a large percentage of the Americans who took advantage of the good jobs and accumulated much money and wealth. This brought on “wealth management experts” but on the downward slide, our prosperity brought on the avalanche of storage building. People had accumulated so much “extra stuff” that they couldn’t store it in their houses and onsite storage buildings, so they had to rent storage units.”

“The storage shed business started in the 1970’s and by the 1990’s we were offered for a premium price, climate-controlled storage unit. By the year 2000, most cities and towns had multiple storage complexes and the even smallest villages had at least one storage complex,” Phillip said in explaining his thoughts. “Most stuff in storage Units could rightly be called junk because most of it will never be used again.”

“I understand how families who are moving use storage Units as temporary places, but the majority of people place their “stuff” in storage Units and never really use them again. By the time, a person adds the cost of two or three years of storage fees, they have some very expensive “stuff” in their storage units.”

Phillip Hebert, raised on a 160-acre farm near Baghdad in rural Grant Parish near Colfax, spent the majority of his career with the US Forest Service working on the Kisatchie National forest that spans large portions of Grant, Winn and Natchitoches parishes.

“Most of my early career on the Kisatchie was spent marking timber,” Hebert explained. “There is nothing like the tranquility of working out in the wood’s day after day, seeing deer and all type of wildlife. The timber on the Kisatchie we

marked was in turned were sold to logging contractors and timber company to make wood chips for paper mills, lumber and plywood.”

“Later, I was promoted to a management position and worked with logging contractors who bought Kisatchie timber sales. So, I saw how the timber sales starting with the marking of the timber to the harvesting of the timber to the trip to the mills.”

“Prosperity is very good for a country but when it comes to a country so fast as it did the USA in just one generation, it creates very big underlying problems,” Phillip Hebert pointed out. “It seems that after “prosperity” came to America like a Tsunami in the late 1950’s and 1960’s, so many people lost their work ethic. The Viet Nam War certainly didn’t help.”

“However, the biggest thing that has happened in the USA has been the great falling away from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as predict in the Bible,” Phillip Hebert asserted. “The scriptures predicted a great falling away would happen at some point and I think that we have seen it.”

“Even those who didn’t express any belief in the Lord Jesus Christ before the 1970’s, at least had respect for a Higher Power, but not anymore. It seems that the attitude of so many is: “in your face disbelief, evil, and corruption. I can’t think of any form of evil and corruption that we don’t have in the USA including pornography, prostitution, human sex trafficking, and ever form of gambling that can be imagined. Plus, all citizens of the USA are saddled with a portion of the \$35 trillion-dollar national debt which is so mindboggling, you can’t even think about it.”

“Personally, I can’t thank our great God enough for directing the footsteps of two missionaries that he sent to the Rock Hill community in rural Grant Parish in 1943 who presented the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to my mother,” Phillip Hebert stated. “I was eleven years old at the time and didn’t realize how precious the gospel of Jesus Christ was. But as I grew a little older, I came to appreciate greatly what was brought to us.”

“That has been the central focus of my life ever since. Wednesday night Bible Study and Sunday morning meeting to give our testimony of what scriptures have spoken to us during the week. We have a statewide convention each year which is just spiritual bliss at its best,” Phillip Hebert concluded.



## How God Prepares Hearts For The Gospel:

## THE NATIVE AMERICANS OF LOUISIANA



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It is God's unshakable will for all of His children to come to a saving personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To do this, God is preparing the hearts of people everywhere to embrace the gospel. This has been happening steadily throughout all of history, in surprising and mysterious ways. Here, we will look at the way God prepared the hearts of Native Americans in Louisiana for Jesus to come to them. The great Christian teachers call this the 'Preparatio Evangelia,' God's 'advance preparations' for the gospel.

Scholars tell us that, about 900-1150 A.D., a 'Cross Cult' developed among the Native Americans of the American Deep South. People started using the equal-sided cross all the time in their art and ceremonial objects. Native Americans began to tattoo a small black cross on the palms of their hands. At dawn each day, they held up their palms toward the morning sun. The life-giving power of the sun was said to be entering their bodies at the 'entry point' of the cross (their cross symbolized the rays of the sun, and thus was the sign of the sun-deity). The Native Americans clearly understood that the sun was essential to all life, since in the dark cold of winter, when there was little sunshine, no life-giving crops would grow. Their most important ritual of the year was their 'Posketa' or Green Corn Festival. It took place in August, when the first ears of corn were harvested. They gave thanks to the sun for his life-giving rays in the form of edible food. To do this, they made an equal-sided cross out of two logs, set down on the dirt in the middle of their village dance plaza. They looked for fire-blackened trees to make this cross out of, since they believed that lightning also came down from the sun, and therefore a lightning-struck tree was holy. The cross was thus thoroughly embedded in their entire culture. When the missionaries came with their many crucifixes and crosses, they recognized the fulfillment of their ancient prophetic rituals about the life-giving cross.

These American Indians also believed that there was an 'Overworld' (the starry heavens), a 'Middleworld' (inhabited by us humans), and an Underworld (deep under the earth). The cedar tree connected all three worlds. When the missionaries told them that Christ died on the tree, to unite heaven and earth, this also made perfect sense to them.

The Posketa or 'Green Corn Festival' was a time of confession and repentance. People went around to any neighbors that they had wronged in the past year and apologized to make amends. They symbolized this 'new life' in a dramatic way. They took the leaves of a little native plant (called yaupon, or *ilex vomitoria*) and brewed a strong 'black tea' called 'asi.' They put this black tea in a conch shell they had collected on the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico (the conch shell, unlike their pots or skin bags, had not been made by any sort of human artifice, but was a gift from heaven). The black 'asi' tea was extremely high in caffeine and, consumed in large quantities along with other bitter herbs, acted like an emetic. Soon the worshippers threw up (hence

the species name of the plant, *vomitoria*). This was a symbolic cleansing of the interior being, and betokened repentance and new life. When the missionaries came and preached that the Native Americans must repent and be born again, the tribes knew exactly what they were talking about.

Another part of the ritual was that men and boys went to a sacred water hole, along with the chief or the 'medicine man' of the village. Facing the rising sun, they removed their clothes and plunged into the water, and washed themselves. When the missionary told them they must be baptized with water for the cleansing of sin, once again, the Native Americans knew exactly what he was talking about.

The Chitimacha people told in their rituals a story about a huge evil serpent, ten miles long. This terrible serpent afflicted the people, causing great suffering. Finally, they were able to slay the serpent, who wallowed in his death throes and thus hollowed out Bayou Teche, Louisiana. When the missionary came and told them there was such a thing as Satan, the Great Serpent and the Enemy of humankind, they knew exactly what he was talking about.

The Chitimachas also had a powerful legend about the 'sacred fish.' The sacred fish was the flounder, which the people described as 'only half a fish.' The Great Spirit commanded that his sacred Half-fish was never to be killed or eaten by the people, and must be released from their cages and nets. Then, the missionaries told them the story of how Jesus had fed the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. 'The two fish in the missionary's story must be the two half-fishes of our sacred flounder,' their tribal elders said. 'The two Half-fishes go together to make one whole fish, and now they are able to feed all the people.' When the missionary told how Jesus had fed the Five Thousand, and was the 'Bread of Life' for all humanity, they knew exactly what he was talking about.

God is always preparing the way for the Good News. He did it for the Native Americans of Louisiana and the South, with the Cross Cult, and He is doing it for all peoples still today. As Jesus says, 'The fields are white unto harvest. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out more workers into His harvest' (Luke 10:2). The Holy Spirit is doing the preparing, and we must step up to help with the harvesting. It is our time to pray, to give, and to act. We must partner with God, in the great End-time work of world evangelization that He is accomplishing in our lifetime. Don't ever let yourself be discouraged. You must not think 'Well, this person doesn't know anything about God, or anything about the cross. I would just be wasting my time talking to them.' No, the Holy Spirit is always 'leading and preceding.' The Spirit has already prepared that person's heart to hear about Jesus. They may not accept the gospel right now, but every sharing of the Good News brings them one step closer to that one crucial moment of decision. In the case of the Native Americans of the Deep South, God's preparation of the gospel took at least 700 years. But God's love is inevitable! And we can help make it a reality.



## In Memoriam:

# Kathleen Shasby Glover

## 1925-2025

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This tribute is in memory of the British mother-in-law of Inspire contributor Hawley L. Wolfe. Kathleen died on Jan. 7, 2025 in Knott-End-on-Sea, Lancashire, England, at the advanced age of 99. She lived through the reigns of five separate British monarchs, from the time of horse-drawn carts to the age of Starlink satellites. Her story highlights the special connection between America and the 'Mother Country.'

Kathleen Glover was the middle daughter of a coal merchant in northwest England, by the name of Walter Shasby. Her father Walter served in Britain's Royal Garrison Artillery in France during World War I, and received a piece of German shrapnel in the face (Battle of Passchendaele or "Third Ypres", 1917). He carried this 'souvenir' around, embedded in his cheek, for the rest of his life. He sometimes said to Kathleen, 'Come up, Tillie Floss' (his pet nickname for Kathleen) and feel this piece of metal up here.'

Walter Shasby operated a coal haulage business out of Ramsbottom, England. He used huge Belgian draft horses to go around to the coal mines, and pick up 'slack' grade coal, delivering it around to fuel the many steam-powered textile mills of northern England. The family's favorite horse was a beautiful beast named 'Violet.' Kathleen and her sisters would sometimes braid Violet's mane and tail, and festoon her with ribbons, and hang gleaming 'horse brass' medallions all over. Violet would go around to village festivals and parades, often winning 'best of show,' and being selected to pull the float with the 'Mayday Queen.'

'When I was eleven years old, my father hired me to keep the books for the company for the lordly sum of 5 shillings. However, he stipulated that I must give the whole 5 shillings toward the purchase of a savings certificate. He wanted to teach his girls about thrift very early. I would rather have had the shillings in my hand, of course, to buy some sweet treacle or toffee or something, but he was very firm on this point. It worked, because ever after I was a saver.'

In 1940, when she was 15, World War II erupted, and Britain became the target of a long-running German aerial bombardment called "The Battle of Britain" or more simply "The Blitz." "There was a big Leyland Truck Factory in nearby Manchester that they targeted, and so we became part of 'Bomb Alley.' The planes came over every night at 10:00. The sirens would go off, and we all went rushing out to the door to the top of the street, to find shelter in the cellar of the Royal Oak Pub on Bridge Street. My mother would grab the insurance policies, while my job was to take care of my little sister Pat, who was 5. The wives and children all clattered down the stairs into the cellar, while the 'big brave men' stayed upstairs drinking a pint of beer. They called us 'softies.' Then, one day, we heard the distinctive whine of an incoming 'doodlebug' bomb right overhead. You should have seen all those big men suddenly tumbling over each other, scrambling to get down the stairs!' Look at all the brave lads now,' my Mum laughed. Down in the shelter, it got pretty boring after a while, so I would try to entertain everybody. Our dad had just taken us to a show at the nearby beach resort of Blackpool, and we had seen an act called 'The Sand Dancers.' King Tut's tomb had recently been discovered by Lord Carnarvon, and everything Egyptian was in vogue. I strutted back and forth with my arms at right angles like you see carved on those pyramids. No doubt about it, 'The Sand Dancers' was my most popular act. The Blitz was anything but a joke, of course. The bombs hit a nearby village

called Tottington. I remember seeing all the children's toys lying scattered in the street, along with those little torn bodies. Terrible. Our local midwife lost her life in that attack.'

'I fell in love with a handsome fitter's apprentice named John Glover. He had a tandem bicycle (a 'bicycle built for two') and we went on trips down to the seashore: on one trip we even won a china teapot in a raffle! We were married in St. Paul's Church in 1947 after the War, but there was still rationing and shortages. The British government was desperate to restart the economy and reduce the balance-of-trade deficit. Therefore, they outlawed the nation's textile mills from selling locally. They had to sell abroad. Well, my older sister had in-laws whose mill had just completed a big order to Australia, and they had leftover white cloth sitting around as throwaways. I rushed over and grabbed all the bolt-ends, and got a friend to stitch the cloth together to make me a wedding dress. Our reception at the Derby Hotel could only have a maximum of 100 guests, also because of rationing. For our honeymoon, we went up to Scotland and had fun turning over stones looking for crabs and cockle shells. If you find some of your own food, it saves on eating out.'

'My husband was sent by his company in the 1960s to install a new paper plant north of Calcutta, India. Not wanting to disrupt my children's schooling, I stayed behind in England. I did go out for a month to visit, though. We went to Kathmandu, Nepal, to visit the temple of the monkey-god, with its 365 steps. If you ever go there to visit, I would recommend you not carry any food on you, because the monkeys are very aggressive on that point: I guess they just don't feed them enough. Back at Trapani near Calcutta, in the European compound where we were staying, I decided one day to bake a cake. The servants of all the other homes in the compound gathered together in our kitchen to watch the performance, murmuring excitedly 'Mem sahib says she is going to bake a cake!' Suddenly I felt nervous, as if the whole honor of the British Empire was hanging in the balance. Our head servant Nemaji carefully laid out all the ingredients on the counter. As I used each spoon or whisk, Nemaji instantly pounced on it, furiously washing it till it gleamed, and setting it gently back on the counter like a surgeon's scalpel. Finally came the moment of truth. I knew that the oven had to be exactly 325 degrees Fahrenheit, or the cake might 'fall' (which would be a disaster of international proportions). I asked Nemaji, 'Is the oven exactly 325 degrees now, or not?' Nemaji did not know how to use a thermometer, unfortunately, so he just opened the oven door, passed his hand back and forth a couple of times, and solemnly announced to the room, 'Yes, mem sahib, it is 325 degrees!' We all loved Nemaji. Nemaji picked a large white gardenia from the garden, and placed it on my breakfast plate on the day I flew home. When my husband John finished his time in India, he was a bit spoiled by being waited on all the time by the servants. Finally I just had to say to him one day, 'John, you're back in England now. Nobody is going to take the rubbish out to the curb for you!'

'When we lived down at Buckden, Cambridgeshire, I took a job as accountant-secretary for the Thalidomide Trust. Thalidomide at that time had been a widely used 'morning sickness' drug for women, but it had not been tested thoroughly, and some 400 children in Britain were born with terrible birth defects (mostly, with no arms and legs). It was our job to support these disabled teens and young adults. The Foundation had a special handicap-accessible beach resort down in the isle of Wight, where they could be among themselves and not be stared at all the time. I was very proud when my daughter Anne Wolfe spent two summers on staff at this camp. I feel we were able to do a lot of good.'

'I have one story about my American son-in-law. I used to sing in a madrigal chorus called the 'Aragon Singers'. Their home base was in an old medieval castle called 'Buckden Towers.' One day they had a 'Medieval Banquet,' and invited everyone to attend in medieval attire. Hawley hadn't brought over anything like that, of course, so I set about trying to find him a costume. Finally I found a piece of turquoise velour with an elastic band inside it. I put it on his head with an amethyst brooch, so it looked like a troubadour's hat. However I could not stop laughing. Finally, Hawley barked 'Mum, what is so bloody funny?' I gasped out, 'Well, it is just that I've never seen a toilet seat cover look that good on someone before!'

'Funny things do happen, don't they? One time I had a valuable gold and diamond ring which I lost. I filed for compensation with the insurance company, and after some delays, the company reimbursed us the full 5,000 lbs. Sterling. Then, some time later, I found the ring. What should I do? I decided to send the whole check back. I had some friends that were pretty surprised that I would just give up all that money. 'Why don't you keep it?' They'll never know.' But I told them, 'But I would know. If you do something like that, then you have to live with knowing that you have become the sort of person who would do something like that.'

'A couple of years ago, my 17-year-old grandson Malachy was killed in a tragic bicycle racing accident. It was a terrible loss for us all. Things like that happen. We don't know why, at least at first. We need to just have faith and keep on going. I lost my husband too: he died 23 years ago. I expect that John and Malachy and I will all be having a good time together in heaven when I get there.'

God bless you all!



# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS DEBACLE

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It would seem to a keen observer that the efforts by Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry concerning the Ten Commandments should be titled the “Ninth Commandment” amendment since the mainstream Christian Churches totally repudiate the fourth Commandment which reads in essence: “Observe the Sabbath and Keep it Holy.”

To a keen observer, it would also seem that we have a similar situation to the Jewish Leaders of Biblical times who called on the Roman leader Pilate to settle a “Jewish” Religious question. If the displaying of the Ten Commandments were to become a legislative law (and it has) and if ultimately approved by the court, it would mandate displaying false mainstream religious dogma since no mainstream religious groups on the spectrum observe the SABBATH as the Fourth Commandment clearly states.

So, what are the legal options. Change the Biblical terms of the fourth commandment by through Legislative/Court action to have the Fourth Commandment read: “YOU ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO OBSERVE THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.” If the fourth commandment is eliminated from the Ten Commandments, then it is reasonable to assume that the other Nine Commandments could be changed by Legislative or Court action. It would seem that such a legal legislative action would be at least a small revision to the Holy Christian Scriptures. Revising Holy Scriptures might be a nonstarter.

In our previous issue we examined the life of the “Kingpin of Christian Emperors,” Constantine. One of the Edicts or Canon Law that Constantine pushed through the world-renowned Council of Laodicea was Canon 29: “Outlawing the keeping of the Sabbath (Saturday) and Encouraging rest on Sunday.”

Even in the first Century AD with Jesus Christ having only gone to the cross less than 200 years previously there was much dissension in the so-called Christian churches led by a man named Marcion. Marcion completely repudiated the Old Testament and wanted it removed from the scrolls that then made up the Holy scriptures. The saddest part of the Marcion heretical teachings was that Marcion had a fairly large following and his theology is still alive in some minuscule settings in the world.

Is the effort to display the Ten Commandments in Louisiana schools “all about nothing” as Shakespeare wrote so many decades ago? Surely some sharp minded fourth grader would be quick to make the observation that their church does not keep the Sabbath Day. Who is going to explain that anomaly to the student? It would seem that the government and church bureaucracy should get on the same page with the Fourth Commandment issue.

A search of the Scriptures reveals no specific or clear-cut explanation or even mentions that the Fourth of the Ten Commandments is no longer in

force. Christian theologians put forth the theory that some of the mysterious scriptures intimate that the Fourth Commandment is no longer in effect. It seems that some of the theological arguments for the abolition of the Fourth Commandment center around the interpretation of Jesus’ words on the cross: “It is finished.”

Other scriptures point to the rendering or ripping of the veil curtain in the temple as proof that the Fourth Commandment was torn out of the Ten Commandment. Some people counter that argument over the theology that Jesus stated: “I did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it.” Other theologians talk about the “Spirit of the Sabbath.” The stretched meaning of the term “Sabbath” has even crept into academic administration with the term “sabbatical leave.”

Jesus often used the phrase, “It is written.” Where did “the written” come from? Surely not from Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John or even Paul’s writings as they were not written until decades after Jesus had gone to the cross for the redemption of all sins. So, what was the source of these writings? They were scrolls containing writings from the Torah, The Prophets, The Writings, The Psalms, and the Tanakh (Old Testament).

A good case in point is the Lord’s Prayer, which most of us are very familiar with. There are eight parts or phrases to the Lord’s Prayer, all of which originate in the Old Testament. For instances: “Our Father in heaven” (Isaiah 64:8; “Hallowed be your name” (Leviticus 22:23); “Your Kingdom come,” (Daniel 2:44); “Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven,” (Isaiah 46:10); “Give us this day our daily bread,” (Proverbs 30:8); “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” (2 Samuel 22:6); “And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,” (Psalms 121:7-8); “For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen” (1 Chronicles 29:11).

So how can there be so much confusion in the so-called Christian groups of Church’s over the Fourth Commandment in the group of Ten Commandments? These church networks reach around the globe from Rome to Europe to North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim? Not withstanding what seems to be an obvious oversight in trying to tout the Ten Commandments for the good of both the Believers and Non-Believers; there seems to be only Nine Commandments in modern day Christian theology and practice.

In the 4th Chapter of Mathew, beginning in the fourth verse, Jesus himself when being tempted by Satan himself; uses the phrase: “It is written” four times in seven verses. It would seem that if a theological change in the fourth Commandment has been made, it would be clearly written somewhere in the books of the Bible that were written after Jesus went to the cross and was resurrected. But all we have that is written about the Fourth Commandment was written under the command of the Emperor Constantine which said: “Christian’s no longer have to keep the Sabbath.”

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY.**

# The Dangers of ISOLATIONISM for American Christians

## National Security Policy Considerations

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With a new president being sworn in on January 20, there has been much discussion about the future direction of American foreign policy, and national security policy. Before looking at some examples, let's first examine how national strategies are formulated.

First there is the 'National Purpose,' which is the country's enduring beliefs, ethics and values, i.e., the legal, philosophical and moral basis for the continuation of the American system. The Preamble of the US Constitution states this purpose: "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The Declaration of Independence also states these ideas of equality, protection of fundamental rights, and a government subordinate to the will of the people, as well as the *divine basis for these concepts*. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." This Declaration stresses the divine nature of these rights, with the founders "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions," and stating the aim "to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them."

We Americans have always believed in a higher purpose for our nation. America is called be "a city on a hill" [Matthew 5:14] as Puritan preacher John Winthrop proclaimed in 1630—a nation in pursuit of a divine mission to create a society based on Christian principles (as President Ronald Reagan reminded the country later). Even if we have not always lived up to these ideas, the principles and rights set out in the Declaration and the Constitution inspire not only Americans, but people around the world, with many countries modeling their constitutions after ours.

From the national *purpose* we get our core national interests:

**1. Preserve American security:** Being surrounded by oceans on two sides, and peaceful neighbors north and south, certainly does minimize the risk of direct attack across our borders, but the US is still vulnerable to a number of threats. After all, the 9/11 terrorists planned their attacks in the caves of Afghanistan halfway across the world. A rogue state like North Korea now has the means to make a nuclear strike on American territory. Illegal drugs that ravage our society and kill our citizens are smuggled in from abroad, many across our southern border. Gangs and terrorists sneak into our lands, mixed in with 'regular folks.'

**2. Bolster economic prosperity:** Trade has always been important to America's wellbeing. The US is the world's biggest importer (\$3.2 trillion in 2022) and the world's second biggest exporter (\$2.1 trillion in 2022, only after China). Those exports support about 10.2 million jobs, or 6.7% of total US employment.

**3. Promote American values** (e.g., democratic freedoms and human rights). Countries around the world that observe democratic norms are more likely to observe basic human rights, and less likely abuse minorities and attack their neighbors. American democracy is a great idea, and we should encourage other nations to imitate it.

Based on these 'national interests,' any U.S. government adopts a strategic vision or 'Grand Strategy.' The 'Grand Strategy' of the U.S. has always oscillated between the extremes of isolationism (a retreat from the world); and American primacy (dictating terms to everyone else, a form of domination). In fact, the US has never totally been to one extreme or the other, and has tried to have a middle ground of global engagement. Engagement means working with other countries and international institutions much of the time, while sometimes doing things more on our own.

### US Relations with the World throughout History

The United States has never been able to live unaffected by the rest of the world.

Isolation is impossible, it turns out.

- Our independence was secured only with the vital

support of French troops, ships, arms, and money, as well as assistance from Spain and the Netherlands.

- After disbanding the Navy in 1783, Congress had to reestablish the Navy in 1794 to protect US shipping and sailors, first from depredations of Revolutionary France and then from the Barbary pirates of North Africa, in the very first war ever fought by the US 'overseas' (in the Mediterranean, 1801-05, inspiring the line in the Marines' Hymn "to the shores of Tripoli").

- We fought the War of 1812 with the UK, in part over trade restrictions and impressment of American sailors, and this war involved fighting along the border with British Canada.

- The Monroe Doctrine was announced in 1823, warning European powers against any further colonization or interference in the Americas.

- We fought a War with Mexico (1846-48) that enlarged the country, and settled the southern boundary more conclusively.

- Commodore Perry sailed a fleet into Tokyo harbor in 1853, and opened up trade with Japan.

- During our country's bloodiest war, the Civil War (1861-65), the disruption of the vital Southern cotton trade to Europe risked the active intervention of France or Britain.

- Austrian Archduke Maximilian's reign as Emperor of Mexico (1864-67), with French support, was opposed by the US as a violation of the Monroe Doctrine, and once the Civil War ended, the US provided covert aid and diplomatic aid to the Mexican resistance.

- The 1898 War with Spain saw the US acquire overseas possessions in the Philippines (which led to a long counter-insurgency war), as well as Puerto Rico and Guam.

- In 1903, the US facilitated the independence of Panama from Colombia to begin construction of the Panama Canal.

- The late 19th century and early 20th century saw numerous US interventions around the world (gunboat diplomacy) to protect US citizens and property, with lengthy US occupations of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua.

When World War I began in Europe in 1914, the US was neutral, but sympathetic to the Western Allies, supplying Britain and France with arms, food, and financing. American public opinion was divided, but generally supported staying neutral. A series of problems,

including the sinking of US merchant ships by German ships, along with the release of a German telegram to the Mexican Government urging Mexico to enter the war against the US in exchange for returned territory (the Zimmerman Telegram), led the US to declare war on Germany on April 6, 1917. The US mobilized 4.7 million troops, and suffered over 116,000 deaths, in order to tip the balance against Germany in favor of our democratic allies.

After World War I, popular sentiment in America again turned isolationist, as many parts of the world sank into chaos, dictatorship, war, and economic depression. The US Senate, for instance, refused to ratify the entry of the country into the League of Nations. This greatly weakened that international body. The US Congress then passed a series of Neutrality Acts in the 1930s, desperately trying to keep the US out world conflicts. Sensing the need to get the US prepared, should war come (but careful not to get too far ahead of public opinion), President Franklin Roosevelt got Congressional support to increase our Navy, reinstitute the draft, and build up air and ground forces.

America also began to help out Britain and other allies with the 'Lend/Lease' program. In the end, Japan attacked us anyway at Pearl Harbor, and then Germany quickly also declared war on us. This allowed the American people "in their righteous might" (per FDR's war speech after Pearl Harbor) to "win through to absolute victory" and "gain the inevitable triumph – so help us God."

World War II left the US and the Soviet Union as the world's two standing superpowers, ushering in a 'Cold War' between the democratic West, and the communist East. This conflict, always under the shadow of all-out nuclear war, also saw a few 'hot' wars emerge (Korea, Vietnam, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and some other places around the world too), as part of a global competition between the two great blocs. Ultimately, the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, unable to meet the rising expectations of its people, and the crushing burden of its military spending. The world then entered into what we might call a 'disorderly period,' including the rise of destructive non-state actors, including terrorists like Al-Qaeda and ISIS.

Ever since the end of WWII, the US has been 'globally engaged' as the 'indispensable actor' on the international stage. It is not a role we may like, but there is really no one else to do it. Nonetheless, even a superpower like America doesn't have the strength to 'go it alone.' We have always needed allies and partners. This 'burden-sharing' is an issue, of course, and we have succeeded in getting a number of our NATO allies to boost their military spending. Much has been said about our assistance to Ukraine, as it fights for its very life against a brutal invasion by Russia. In fact, the majority of assistance to Ukraine, \$158 billion, has been provided by our European and other allies, while the US has provided less than half, or \$102 billion.

### Christian Impact on US Strategy

For Christians, our first calling is to love God with our whole heart. However, the next important Biblical command (in fact, the second half of the 'Great Commandment') is to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 22:39). The Old Testament tells of the relationships of God's people with various other peoples and nations (for better or for worse). The New Testament is set in a time of Roman occupation of the Holy Land, so war was all around them. Christianity, beginning with St. Augustine in the early 400s A.D., developed the 'Just War Doctrine' of acceptable military action. **War is acceptable for Christians IF:** 1. There are good intentions, represented by a just cause; 2. The use of force is proportional to the situation, and carefully discriminates between military and civilian targets; and 3. Good consequences will result if the war is carried out well (meaning "Is there is a high probability of success?"). These ideas of a 'Christian Just

War Doctrine' are actually enshrined in international humanitarian law (the Geneva Conventions), and are the core principles of the US military. All American military are prohibited from following unlawful orders, and cannot use the 'I was just following orders' defense. "Target lists' are always very carefully reviewed, in order to minimize civilian casualties and destruction.

These moral Christian principles, and the command to "love your neighbor," means that US humanitarian aid for disaster relief, refugees, education, health programs, environmental protection, and many other programs are centered on helping our fellow human beings in need around the world. There are also many private humanitarian groups, of course, including US churches, that are active in engaging with people abroad in alleviating suffering. US government officials, and the US military, are instructed to protect these church and non-profit workers.

### National Strategies

In the case of each foreign country, a 'risk assessment' needs to be made. Should the US be involved? How should we be involved? Let's take three examples: **1. China**, an economically (and militarily) powerful adversary; **2. Israel**, an ally dependent on US support, (and one to which American Christians feel spiritually and Biblically bound), but which is fully capable of defending itself; and **3. Haiti**, a geographically close, but woefully underdeveloped country, with chronic security, economic, and social problems.

### CHINA

China is a well-armed nuclear power, with an aggressive authoritarian regime. The world's most populous country, It has the second largest economy in the world, and is a both an adversary and a partner. How should we relate to them?

- **Security:** While our top goal is to avoid a shooting war with China, the US also needs to contain China's moves to control the South China Sea and to dominate its neighbors. U.S. alliances with important friends like Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Australia, and others, need to be nurtured and strengthened. We must also protect ourselves and our allies against cyber threats from Chinese 'spyware.' The biggest flashpoint is Taiwan, to which we have an ongoing defense commitment, and which is important to us economically as well. We must signal to China that any attempt to invade Taiwan would be met with force. This is a classic case of maintaining 'peace through strength.'

- **Economic:** China and the US have a robust trade relationship, and any disruption of trade and investment would have bad economic consequences for both countries (and the rest of the world). China also has significant holdings of US Treasury bonds, and any economic difficulties suffered by the US would hurt China as well. This makes the 'tough negotiations' a bit easier. We will continue to push back on unfair Chinese trade practices.

- **Values:** We will continue to call out human rights abuses in China, including persecution of the growing Christian church there, as well persecution of minorities such as the Uighurs, and the suppression of protests in Hong Kong.

### ISRAEL

Israel is an island of democracy surrounded by authoritarian Arab regimes, some of which are hostile to the US, the West, Christianity, and other religions, and have little respect for democratic norms, human rights, and protection of minorities.

- **Security:** A small nation surrounded by hostile nations bent on its destruction, Israel has shown itself capable of defending itself against its more numerous neighbors (as long as it has military, economic, and diplomatic support from the US). It has survived major wars in 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 2023, and smaller

wars since then. Created in the aftermath of the Nazi 'Holocaust,' American Christians feel a moral and Biblical imperative to support Israel. However, that support is not unconditional. In accordance with the Just War Doctrine, we can (and should) expect Israeli responses to terrorist attacks to be just and proportional. There is no easy solution to decades of resentment and hatred in the Middle East, as shown by the recent conflict in Gaza. It appears that new generations of Arab neighbors may even be calling for the destruction of Israel. The creation of two states might eventually provide a solution, but it seems unlikely to happen in the near future.

- **Economic:** The US-Israel trade relation is solid. Threats existed earlier of Arab oil boycotts due to Israel, but those are less important, given increased US energy independence today.

- **Values:** We will continue to call out any abuses we believe Israel has committed, just as we have with Israel's adversaries, some of which have been designated as terrorists. Morally, there is a distinction between accidental collateral damage, versus the deliberate massacre of civilians, and the cynical use of protected buildings like hospitals, mosques, and schools to shield military personnel and equipment.

### HAITI

Haiti, the second country in the Americas (after the US) to gain independence from a colonial power, is impoverished, environmentally devastated, chronically unstable, and wracked by gang violence.

- **Security:** Without basic security, no economic, social, or political programs and reforms can move forward. Violent street gangs currently control 85% of the capital of Port-au-Prince, and much of the rest of the country also. A small UN police force, led by Kenya (bravo for them), was deployed to Haiti in 2024, and more countries have promised to send police as well. The US is supporting this mission, in an effort to help the government regain control in the capital. We will continue to support a number of policing and judicial reforms, as well as to urge the Haitian people to make needed political changes. Chaos has increased the number of Haitians fleeing their country, many heading for the US (often along dangerous routes.) If we want to stem the tide of illegal Haitian immigrants into the US, we must help them 'fix' their country.

- **Economic:** Tourism (beaches and cruise ships) and light industry were important sectors providing jobs and tax revenue, but those have suffered greatly with the insecurity, which includes kidnapping (a killer of tourism, if there ever was one.) Once the security situation is improved, economic reactivation can begin.

- **Values:** We will continue to support Haiti's efforts to install a functioning democratic system that offers justice and security, protects basic human rights, and meets fundamental needs like food and water, shelter, power, education, and medical care.

As American Christians, we have a great opportunity in 2025 to make a positive difference in today's world. Because of America's huge economic, political, and military might, we can, and must, be an international force for good. Isolationism is impossible in today's highly interconnected world. Throughout our American history, we have been compelled to be 'globally engaged' with other nations (the two World Wars prove that). In such diverse places as China, Israel, and Haiti, we must somehow forge a way forward: sometimes as adversary, sometimes as friend ('one size does not fit all.') America's 'global engagement' is just a fact of life—we might term this the 'uncomfortable responsibility of a superpower.' Thankfully, we have some wonderful like-minded allies to help us out. Moreover, we also have the powerful example and teachings of Jesus Christ, to help us (prayerfully) figure out what is the right thing to do.



Professional  
Musician

*Wesley Daniels Arceneaux*

Plays on  
an Ancient  
Instrument

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Throughout Biblical times, the Harp and Harpist are mentioned many times in the Bible including in the Psalms. In fact, the best-known Biblical harpist was none other than King David who when pushed out into the middle of the wilderness during a revolution, saved his Harp and composed a song that became a rallying song for his men. We know it as the 23rd Psalms.

Wesley Daniels Arceneaux first encountered a Harp around 12 years of age. "When Wesley first told my husband and I that she wanted a harp to play, we were flabbergasted. We hardly knew what a harp was and when we looked at the price of a good harp, we did a double take," Stacey Daniels, Wesley's mother told INSPIRE. "But we had utmost confidence in Wesley that she knew what she was talking about even at age 12 so we made the investment and here we are 15 years later with a professional harpist very enthused about her career with a great future."

A professional Harpist is what Wesley is with a long list of accomplishments behind her, including earning a Bachelor of Music Degree from Loyola University in New Orleans where she met her husband, the father of her three children. Her husband was also studying music at Loyola so it was an easy mix. She started her music career opportunity, Harpist for All Occasions, during her Junior year at Loyola in 2008.

Although, a classically trained Harpist, Wesley, now barely 27 years old, crosses all genre of music to provide wonderfully smooth exciting sounds from her harp as she explained to INSPIRE: "There were several factors that contributed to my decision to go down the road of, as I call it, the Road of Musical Opportunity is my belief that music can touch anyone's heart and mind and give them real enjoyment."

"Music is very personal and has a way of bringing people together and making great memories. The Harp

is particularly unique in that it inspires spiritual meaning with its calm cool soothing sounds," Wesley continued. "At the time I was looking around the classical music scene, there were no openings for a Harpist in the orchestra and I realized that I wanted to do more than the same old thing in playing music. I wanted to teach and work with the youth and be in a position to be creative with my music. And I loved music history and theory. I wanted to share that with others, especially the younger generation."

"I stay very busy as you can imagine with three little ones, but I also teach music, theory, and history and give Harp lesson. I'm very blessed in what I do, and I get to play my harp that I truly love on many gigs around south Louisiana," Wesley explained. "I do lots of weddings and receptions, get to gather of all kind playing a wide sector of music. I can handle rock, jazz, spiritual music and all kinds in between."

"Although the majority of music for the Harp was composed many years ago, there are still a few composers who are writing and arranging music for the Harp. I've

done such a wide variety of Music including, rap, rock and music from Darth Vader. I'm involved in a music studio on the north shore, but I still go to peoples house's to give lessons. Whatever is most practical."

"And, most important of all is that I practice playing the Harp at least two hours a day. The harp is a touch instrument and the more you touch it, the more in tune you are with it," Wesley pointed out. "While at Loyola, I was able to study under Laura Bryne, and did many classical performance and worked with several Jazz Ensembles."

Wesley, who was named after her grandfather as a tribute is very immersed in the Middle C Music school on the Northshore which provides in home student teaching of all genres of music. Coupled with their art Studios for performance, Wesley also participates in administration duties and Marketing as a Sales associate with Middle C Music school.

"The Harp is such a personal instrument, that it is a joy to behold the soft positive sounds that emanate from the Harp," Wesley admitted. "I just love what I'm doing and feel so blessed at such a young age career wise to do what I love to do."

I first met Wesley at wedding she played at Baton Rouge Art Gallery. When the event was over and it came time for the musicians to stow their instruments, I observed the little Lady with the great big Harp. My thought was that she needs some help which I offered. She told me, "Its easy to load and unload, just watch;" which I did. She amazingly loaded her big Harp on a carry all and easily rolled it out to her SUV where a ramp came down and the Harp was quickly loaded into the SUV.

My thoughts were: "Here is a real professional that has all the issues figured out about her art form. Secondly, I realized that she had a sweet spirit that could have only manifest itself through her believe in Jesus Christ."



# Can a Bible Preaching Minister Survive Without a Denomination in the Devil's World?

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Pastor Turner and his wife Gloria

**W**e are commanded in John 4 verse 24 to worship God in spirit and truth," Past Apostle Millicent Doyle Turner told Inspire Louisiana America. "To me as a pastor teacher that means that I should preach among other things the tools of sanctification since sanctification in the Lord's world is a journey, not a destination."

"This past Friday night Bible Study was our last Bible Study of the year," Pastor Turner explained. "During the past year we have explored in detail the different facets of life related to sanctifying our spiritual well-being. We have studied in detail the power of the tongue, prayer and fasting, praise and worship and the power that each gives us in our spiritual life."

"One thing that the tongue is known for is its power of loose lips to sink ships; such as friendship, relationship, fellowship, and worship. The first chapter of James verse 26 reads: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is in vain."

"Another couple verses that are dear to my heart and fit right in with my teaching of sanctification of our spirit is Hebrews 3:12 which reads: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Pastor Turner pointed out the appropriate scriptures; "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Pastor Turner is not a Seminary trained preacher. In fact, it seems that Pastor Turner has a real affinity for those who are struggling in life because much of his life was a struggle in terms of human behavior.

"I came from a long line of Educators and my parents to a degree expected me to follow in their footsteps in some category," Pastor Turner explained. "I did attend

Southern University on an Engineering scholarship for two years but that wasn't for me I decided. I got into the food industry first as a cook and then into managing restaurants."

"But all I was doing was running from God. I had a praying Mother who I believe prayed me through with God's grace out of some horrible experiences. I got

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heavily involved in drugs and most people thought of me as being bad-to-the bone. But they didn't know that my "bone" was Jesus Christ who I was running from. I spent three years with Teen Challenge to overcome my drug abuse. When I walked out of Teen Challenge, I thought my problems were over, but they were just continuing."

"As I walked out of the Teen Challenge facility in Missouri, I walked right into the hands of law enforcement officers from Texas with a warrant for my arrest for parole violation back in Houston, Texas," Pastor Turner recalled. "For the next three years I was a ward of the Texas prison system. I vividly remember when I finally quit running for God. I was sitting on a

toilet in a Houston prison facility."

"I totally surrendered to God at that point and my life has never been the same since," Pastor Turner said in expressing his life changing moment. "I was filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit with a burning desire to preach the unadulterated Word of God. I was directed to come to Morningside Apartments that were specifically designed for Senior Citizens in Denham Springs to hold a Bible Study on Friday night and a Sunday morning Services at 11 am in the Library Room."

"My wonderful Mother, who spent a lifetime teaching in the classrooms of public schools and teaching Sunday School while praying for me, lived to see me preach the Gospel and live on the right-side of Spiritual Warfare after years of living on the wrong side of Spiritual Warfare. My gracious Mother who only passed on to heaven two years ago, lived to see me right one wrong that I had committed as I remarried my wonderful first wife Gloria after two marriages in between for me."

"The Devil is alive and well everywhere, especially in our Christian churches," Pastor Turner pointed out. "Our churches have become corrupt by becoming great bureaucracies just like the government instead of teaching sanctification and discipleship they teach prosperity doctrine and feel-good theology. I feel directed to teach and preach the Word of God so that people who attend our services are prepared to stand firm and not be swayed by the Evil One when their faith is attacked."

The Biblical definition of sanctification is the process of being set apart for God's special use and purpose, or to be made holy. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 says sanctification is "God's will for us. In John 17 verses 16 and 17 read in Jesus own words: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by truth, your word is truth."

"Two years ago, when we started our Friday night Bible study, we only had one person in attendance," Pastor Turner recalled. "Now we average around 12 on Friday night and our Sunday services has seen over 20 people a few times. We also use modern technology by having a free conference line to call on to listen and participate. I'm a strong believer in hearing testimonies from those in attendance and those on the conference line."

One thing Pastor Turner is known for is his original morning devotionals. Take for instance his devotionals for Monday, December 30, 2024. It reads: "Good morning. Praise the Lord for this marvelous Monday Anointing. The Word of Encouragement today comes from James 1:12-22. The spiritual emphasis being on verses 12, 17, 19, and 22 which read: Blessed is the man who Endures Temptation for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of Life which the Lord has Promised to those who Love Him."

"Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and come down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning to then my beloved Brethren, let every man be Swift to Hear, Slow to Speak, Slow to Wrath, but be Doers of the Word and not Hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Be blessed and encouraged to remain faithful no matter what. Jesus will give you all the Grace you need to face any temptation you will encounter today, as we approach the Beginning of the 2025."

"Our first lesson in 2025 will be: "Let Go! Let God do it!" Pastor Turner concluded.

The free conference line number is 605.313.5914 and the code number is 121-8730. Friday night at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 11:00 am.



# The Wall that Heals - Baton Rouge

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

*Motorcycle Escort to Revolution Square on the campus of Life Tabernacle Church at the corner of Hooper and Blackwater Roads in Central, LA*

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

*The Wall is constructed with a force of 30-40 volunteers.*

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

*The Wall That Heals is open to the public. The site will be manned 24/7 for three days to welcome all.*

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

*Closing ceremonies. Event closes at 2 p.m. on Sunday.*

## BECOME A ESCORT RIDER OR VOLUNTEER

visit: [thewallthathealsbr.org/volunteer](http://thewallthathealsbr.org/volunteer)

## EDUCATIONAL TOURS

*Tours are available to schools, churches and groups throughout the event. Contact Emily Mayfield to reserve a time: 225-315-8206 or [emily.mayfield14@yahoo.com](mailto:emily.mayfield14@yahoo.com)*

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history. The mobile Educational center exhibit includes digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes;" service members whose names on the Wall that list their home of record within the area of visit; digital photo of displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's In Memory program honors; veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died; and video displays that teach about the history and impact of the Wall."

Also, educational exhibits tell a story through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica of the In-Memory plaque; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put Americans experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

A Milwaukee based major corporation has come on board for the 2025 season, the WIPTFLI, LLP to support the Vietnam Memorial Wall. This organization has 3,300 associates who deliver digital, people, strategy, risk, financial and outsourcing solutions to nearly 56,000 clients.

"I'm very excited to be part of the Vietnam Memorial Wall," Jeannie Spell reiterated to the Inspire Louisiana America. "The impact of those who survive a war is for a lifetime. My father, who served in the Korean War and was a POW for three years, was greatly impacted

by the his service in the War, so I can understand fully the far reaching impact on families with family members serving during war time."

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will reach the Baton Rouge area first at the Bass Pro complex in Denham Springs where it will be met by a convoy of law enforcement on motorcycles, military veterans, first responders and supporters. The VN Memorial Wall Convoy will travel from the staging area at Bass Pro up Hwy 16 north by the Denham Springs High School to Magnolia Bridge Road. The Convoy will then travel west on Magnolia Bridge Road to Central passing by Central High School and the Intermediate School before reaching its three-day destination of Life Tabernacle Church Campus at the corner of Hooper and Blackwater.

The 357 foot long Memorial Wall with an Apex of 7'3" with all 58,281 names of Military Personnel who lost their lives in the southeast Asian nation during the 1960's and early 1970's will be on display open to the Public 24/7 for 72 hours. Several ceremonies and special events will take place during the 72 hours on display at Life Tabernacle. The adjacent HAVEN Restaurant will also be open 24/7 during this time frame to accommodate visitors.

For more information please visit:

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## WE must MAKE AMERICA GODLY AGAIN.

After this term in office, there will no longer be Donald Trump in USA politics due to constitutional term limits on holding the office and of course, age. Yes, Donald Trump will become an Octogenarian in less than 19 months. So, as We Believers in Jesus Christ have our work cut out for us to change the rolling tide of evil and Make America GODLY Again!!

We have a leg up at the moment in this never-ending battle in Spiritual Warfare; but the Devil and his influenced/possessed human minions will never slow down or cease to try destroy President Trump and Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We must Stand Firmly in our Faith on the Forward Line of Godly Troops and resist.

I was very pleased to watch the inauguration of President Trump. Everything was fitting for the successful transfer of power from corrupt "sleepy Joe" Biden to a man who had been through the mill of pulverization in the last five years. However, his press conference in the Oval Office during his signing of the numerous Executive Actions was awesome. It will go down in the annals of American History as perhaps the greatest event to ever take place in the White House.

I think in all fairness, President Trump can use an adjective that he often uses to fittingly describe his first news conference of his new term in office and signing of Executive Action as "A BEAUTIFUL THING!"





## “Hey Coach- PUT ME IN- I’m Ready To Light It Up!”

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The message on the Instagram Account simply read: “Are you ready to come play quarterback for me, Tiger?” The sender was Coach Marvin Jones, Head Coach of the Tulsa Oilers in the Arena League Football world and former 12-season Defensive Back with the New York Jets.

The recipient was 25 years old Andre Sales, former Tennessee Tech QB, and LSU walk-on Quarterback, Scout team QB during the glorious 2019 season and official backup to the legendary Joe Burrow. At the time of the receipt of the message Andre Sales was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico working in medical equipment sales making \$140,000 a year and playing football on the weekends. He was also recuperating from a severe rib injury that had prevented him from throwing a football for weeks.

“I was shocked to receive the Instagram Message from Coach Jones who I vaguely knew although I had played against teams coached by him,” Andre Sales told INSPIRE LOUISIANA AMERICA. “I knew what a return to Arena League football would mean for me personally, so I did the only thing I could do; I got down on my knees and prayed about it.”

“The pay for Arena League football with the Tulsa Oilers was five hundred dollars a game,” Sales recalled. “But the fire was still there to be on the field as the QB so I packed my car and headed to Tulsa and rented me an apartment for a month although I only signed a one game contract.”

“I got in three practices with my new Tulsa teammates but that Saturday, I was able to throw six touchdown passes as we put up 55 points in an overtime game that we lost as time expired when our kicker missed a 3-yard field goal. After the game, Coach Jones offered me a contract for the remainder of the season at \$1,500 a game.”

Andre Sales has put up excellent QB numbers everywhere he has taken snaps beginning with his high school days at a Catholic High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. From high school in Little Rock Andre Sales spent his college days as a starting QB for Tennessee Tech before transferring after graduating to LSU as a walk-on QB who led the LSU Scout team during the National Championship season.

“Going against the first team LSU defense each week certainly helped my quarterback play,” Sales confirmed. “Knowing that Devin White was just across the line of scrimmage ready to put a hit on me inspired my footwork. I had the privilege of throwing to J’Marr Chase and working closely with the mastermind QB, Joe Burrow.”

“My football goal is to play QB in the NFL,” Andre stated. “My life goal is to be the best person I can be to all those around me and provide leadership in all I do. I sincerely believe that my past football experiences and my real life experiences give me the leadership skills I need to be successful at the NFL level.”

“I really like the Offense that Coach McDaniel runs

in Miami,” Andre explained. “It’s fast paced and quick. I have the reputation in Arenas League Football of having the fastest release in the league. Not only do I have a fast release of the football, but I can drop it in a bucket at forty yards 30 times a game.”

“Not only do I have the football skills which I have been developing all my life to be successful but also the mental fortitude to be the team leader. I have a relaxed mental attitude which enables me to concentrate on the task at hand on the field which is scoring touchdowns. I don’t worry about the last play; I just concentrate on the next play to do my very best.”

“I have an unshakeable spiritual faith in a higher power,” Andre added. “I don’t worry about tomorrow because I know who holds tomorrow. This faith in a higher power gives me the ability to be laser focused on the football field and do my job correctly. I don’t get sidetracked with off the field issues.”

“I have gained a high football IQ based on my experiences playing in different systems, my coaches, and teammates,” Andre explained. “I stay in football shape by working out regularly with an elite athletes training program that the Oschner foundation in South Louisiana operates. I’m prepared for a life in professional football as I am in the prime of my football life.”

“All I need is a call like I got from Coach Marvin Jones with the Tulsa Oilers; Hey, Andre come play for me,” Andre asserted. “Like I said, I can drop that football in a bucket at forty yards 25-30 times a game if necessary.”

## The Word of God

### HEBREWS 4:12

For the Word of God is alive and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a critic of thoughts and intents of the heart.



## Isaiah

### Chapter 54:17

17. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

### Chapter 55

1. Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4. Behold, thou I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation thou knowest not, and nations that they knew not thee run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways higher than your way, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.

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

10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth no thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12. For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for ever lasting sign that shall not be cut off.

### Chapter 56:7

Even them will I bring in my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

## James 2

1. My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
2. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
3. And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
4. Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
5. Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
6. But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
7. Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?
8. If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
9. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
11. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
12. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
13. For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.
14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
21. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
23. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
24. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
25. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
26. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

**1 John 4:16-17**



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It's impossible..... **All things are possible**..... Luke 18:27

I'm not able..... **I am able**..... II Corinthians 9:8

I can't figure it out ..... **I will direct your steps**..... Proverbs 3:5-6

I can't do it..... **You can do all things**..... Philippians 4:13

I can't manage..... **I will supply all you needs** ..... Philippians 4:19

I'm too tired..... **I will give you rest**..... Matthew 11:28-30

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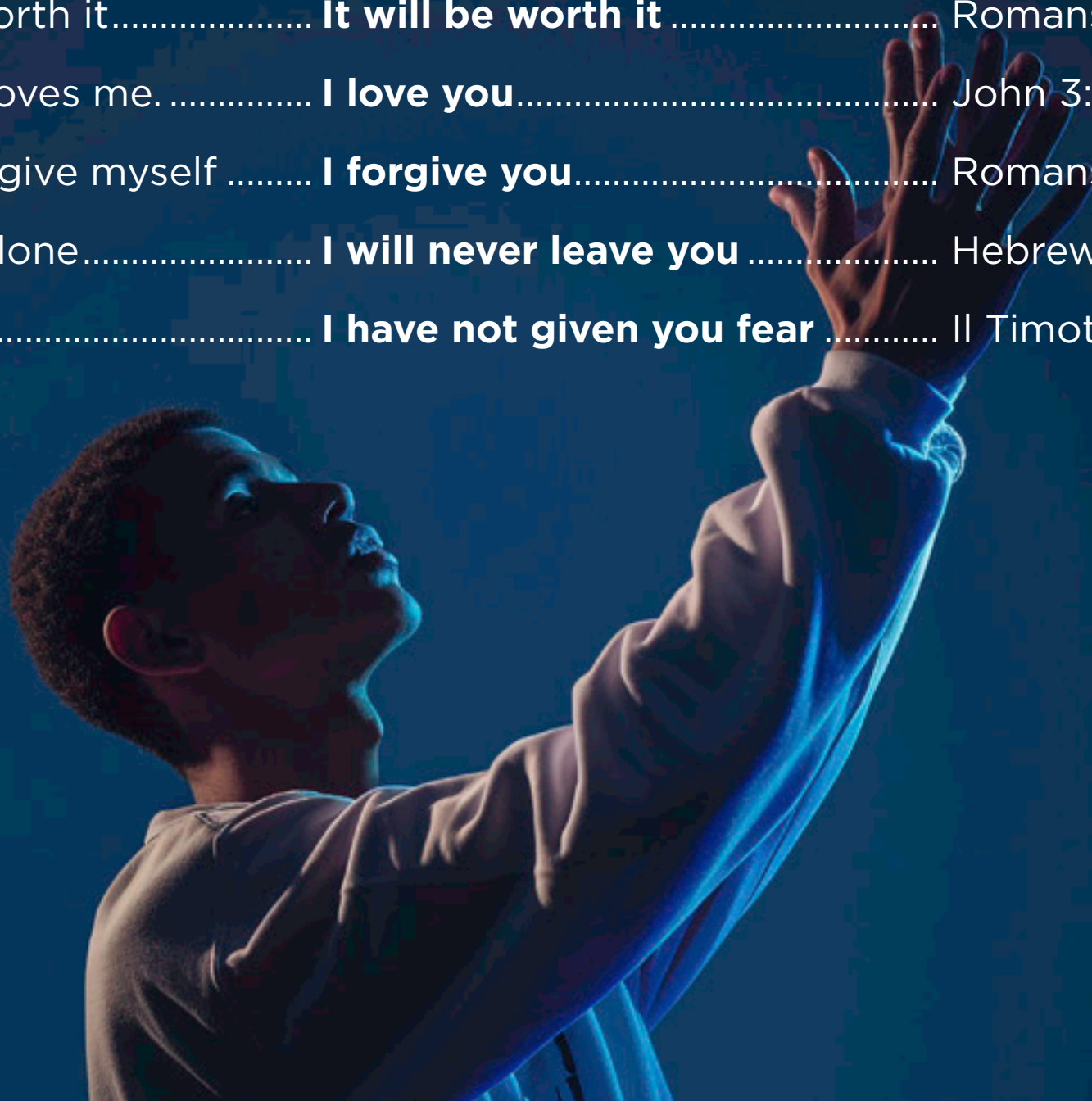
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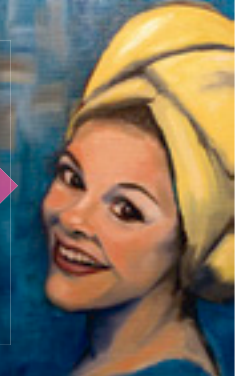
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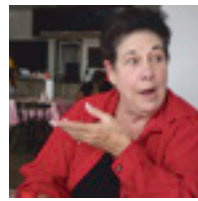
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