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AMERICA HAS FORGOTTEN & FORSAKEN ITS ROOTS!

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Though you would never know it today, when serious efforts have been made to turn this land into a multicultural, non-Christian morass, America was founded upon the principles of the Bible and Christianity. Here are a few reminders of how it all started and how it continued until recent times.

Patrick Henry, one of the most famous founding fathers said, "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left to us. But we shall not fight our battle alone... Is life so dear as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death." "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often, that this country was not founded by religionists but by Christians."

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Continental Congress of 1777 voted to spend \$300,000 for Bibles to be distributed throughout the thirteen original colonies.

John Quincy Adams said, "The Bible is the Book of all others, to be read at all ages... Search the Scriptures! The Bible contains the only authentic introduction to the history of the world."

John Adams, second President of the United States: "I have examined all, as well as my narrow sphere, means and my busy life would allow; the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world."

Andrew Jackson: "That Book, sir, is the rock upon which our republic stands."

Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this Book."

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President: "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

Douglas MacArthur: "Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed."

Without exaggeration, multiplied hundreds of such statements could be brought forth. But America has gotten off course and is headed for disaster! One of the results of our turning away from the Bible and the beliefs of founding fathers is the gross immorality in our land today. Those who truly know how to pray had better get busy. While there is much religion (mostly watered down, perverse Christianity), there is little practical belief in God and His Holy Word today. Read Psalm 106 where God records all that He had done for Israel, but "**they forgot God.**" America, as Israel of old, has forgotten God and the Bible - and God is not happy!

CORNERSTONE NEWS

YOUTH CORNER

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE

July 9 – 14, 2006

SUNDAY:

9:30, 10:45 & 6:00

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

10:00, 11:00 & 7:00

(Refreshments under the tent – 10:45)

THEME:

**IT IS
TIME TO STAND!**



SEVERAL SPEAKERS

SPECIAL MUSIC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(During Bible Conference)

Monday – Friday * 10:00 – 12:00

All Children through grade 6

(Absolutely Free)

Transportation / Info: 617 - 489-2498.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: Sunday School – 9:30

Morning Service – 10:45

Evening Service – 6:00

WEDNESDAY: Prayer & Bible Study – 7:30

*It's not the hot weather that keeps people
from Church – It's a cold heart!*

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS:

Charlie Coulson The Drummer Boy - Salvation...	\$1.00
Is Your Bible...Word of God? - Bible Versions.....	3.00
Charismatic Movement: Is It Of God? -Needed.....	1.50
New Evangelicalism/Deadliest Ism -Important info..	1.50
What The Bible Says About Separation.....	1.50
Cornerstone Clippings - Items from Challenges.....	2.00
Creation vs. Evolution - Young People need this....	1.00
The (New) Evangelical Experiment.....	3.00
God's Word To Roman Catholics.....	.75
What In the World Is God Doing? (Dispensations)....	.50
Revelation of Jesus Christ. (An overview with.....	2.00
keys to understanding this great prophecy)	

Special: One each for \$15.00 pp. Ten to nineteen of any one book - 25% off. (Postage paid). 20 of one book - 33% off.

FINDING THE LEADING OF THE LORD! God leads His people by His Spirit through the Word of God. If we are going to have the mind of God we must read the Bible regularly and rightly. I have read of people who get the leading of the Lord by just opening their Bibles and taking the first verse their eyes light upon. I think this is very risky. There is no justification for it in the Word of God. R.A. Torrey said, "There is no warrant whatever in the Word of God for trying to find God's will by opening the Bible at random and putting a finger on some text without regard to its real meaning as made clear by the context. The Bible...is not in any way a book of magic. We are...led by the Holy Spirit, in its context as found in the Bible." Christians who do not regularly spend time in the Scriptures are not going to be led of the Lord.

Perhaps you have heard the old preacher's story of the man who wanted to know the Lord's direction for his life. He decided to use the above method. So, he closed his eyes, opened his Bible and put his finger on the page. He read the verse his finger was on; it said: "Judas went out and hanged himself." That certainly was not what he wanted, so he tried again. This time it said: "Go and do thou likewise." He thought he would try one more time. It said, "What thou doest, do quickly." Many a careless believer fancies that he is doing the will of God when in reality he is doing his own thing - maybe even the devil's thing. Too many people make the Bible say what they want it to say! We are instructed to "**Study to show thyself approved unto God...rightly dividing the Word of truth.**"

BILLY SUNDAY'S THREE RULES! When Billy Sunday was converted and joined the church a Christian man said to him: "William, there are three rules I want to give you, and if you hold to them they'll never write backslider after your name.

1. Take fifteen minutes each day to let God talk to you through His Word.
2. Take at least fifteen minutes each day to talk to God in prayer.
3. Take fifteen minutes each day to talk to others about God."

Billy Sunday never forgot those words and made them a rule in his life. He never read a letter, looked at a paper or even opened a telegram until he first read his Bible and prayed. Resolve to begin every day with God; you'll have few regrets and you will be a lot less likely to become just another backslidden Christian.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

EVANGELICAL CONFUSION & UNBELIEF!

According to *TBC* (2/20/06) John MacArthur said the following in a recent sermon: "I'll say this as simply as I can. The gospel is more often attacked on TBN than it is on NBC. This has been a legacy of liberalism which has been embraced by quote/unquote 'evangelicals.' This has been the legacy of evangelical ecumenism which wants to re-embrace orthodoxy and Catholicism and everybody else. And the confusion goes from the grass-roots right to the top. I have talked to the evangelical brain trust, if you will, and they aren't even willing to commit to who's a Christian. Even my conversation with J.I. Packer, so capable and gifted a theologian and writer, when I asked him...what is the line by which you determine a true Christian? All he could say was, 'That's a good question.'" Ed. There you have an evaluation of Evangelicalism from one of their own, for MacArthur is one of them; he certainly is not a Fundamentalist. We've been saying (and showing) for 35-40 years that Evangelicals have basically abandoned Bible Christianity. (*This appeared also on our website under "News You Should Know About" May '06. We urge you to look us up from time to time.*)

WHEN POLITICAL SANITY WAS IN VOGUE.

Until recent years it was quite evident to all that this nation was based upon Christian principles. There is a multitude of testimony to that fact. Note the following statement from the Supreme Court over 100 years ago: "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and or institutions are emphatically Christian." -United States Supreme Court 1892. I wonder if anybody in Washington has read any of the old testimonies relating to the founding principles of this land. It certainly wasn't founded on the principles of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, multi-culturalism, atheism, etc.

INFO ON GOSPEL OF JUDAS. The spurious Gospel of Judas is much in the news. Go to our website: Click on: *News You Should Know About* - June 2006.

BELIEVE THIS IF YOU CAN! *Religion Today* (2/28/06) said that a recent Barna poll found that 45% of American adults meet the criteria which Barna Group uses to classify people as "born again." They say that 53% of Baby Boomers meet the "born again" criteria. One wonders what they are using as a gauge to determine what it means to be born again. One thing is certain, it is not the Bible. I know one thing, 45% of the people where I live are not born again - no, not 5%! If you don't believe that, come out knocking on doors with me for one day. I don't believe that anywhere near 45% even go to church on any given Sunday.

ARE WE IN THE POST-CHRISTIAN ERA?

The *American Family Association* reported: "The Kentucky Board of Education has voted to take the first step in redefining how America dates time. The board voted to include a new secular system of dating the calendar, BCE (Before Common Era) and CE (Common Era)... The new secular system of dating time will appear in the curriculum and other materials used by Kentucky educators. This system is already being used in textbooks across the nation. It will replace the birth of Christ as the dividing point in history. For example, the new system would change 2006 AD to 2006 CE." Ed. Things just get more bizarre all the time. One hears a great deal of talk about "the post-Christian era." Apparently it is already upon us. There seems to be an absolute madness to remove everything Christian from public life in this land.

LIBERTY UNIV. FEATURES JOHN McCAIN.

Dr. Jerry Falwell is defending his decision to have Sen. John McCain of Arizona (a 2008 candidate for President) as the commencement speaker at Liberty University. This may surprise many conservatives, especially since McCain has been opposed to the Federal Marriage Amendment, and his support for embryonic stem-cell research, and his appearance on the movie "Wedding Crashers." Falwell said McCain assured him that if the federal courts were to toss out state amendments protecting traditional marriage, he would be a "champion and a leader" for a Federal Marriage Amendment. - *Religion Today* (4/5/06) Ed. Nothing Jerry Falwell says, or does would surprise me!

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Wherefore, come out from among them,
and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch
not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
II Corinthians 6:17

HERESY HUNTERS

Some people have very confused ideas about hunting for heresy, and about Christian liberty. If a man advances and seeks to propagate teaching which I regard as very injurious, if not ruinous, and I assail it with vigor, such vigor as he feels unable to resist, it is common for him and his friends to cry out, "Heresy-hunter! Heresy-hunter!" If a lot of us should go prying into some man's utterances to find something wrong, somewhat as [some] hounds kept up a yelping all night, we might be charged with hunting for heresy; but if those hounds had seen a fox coming out of some man's hen-roost, nobody would have objected to their giving him chase. The fox might cry out for personal liberty, and say, "I have just as good a right to take a chicken as you have to take a fox," nevertheless, the common judgment of mankind would say that to chase the fox away would be a righteous act... If a man is walking along the public road, and meets a bear reared on his hind legs, and reaching for him with his fore paws, there is bound to be a fight or a foot-race; and if the man should fight the bear, nobody could on this account call him a bear-hunter. The bear might say, "I am free, and have as much right on this road as you have," and the man could answer, "I am free, too, and have as much right on this road as you have." And if the man should also say, "You are after hugging me, and you hug everybody you can get hold of, so I will put a bullet through you," the average citizen would say that the man was in the right. So, if heresy does not want to be shot at, it should play sly and not walk out into the public road. (J. W. McGarvey, "Short Essays in Biblical Criticism," 1910) - From *TBC* (4/18/06).

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CHRISTIANS TOO BUSY?

I Kings 20:40 says: "**As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.**" Vance Havner quoted it and said, "*The man in the story received a charge to keep, but he was unfaithful, not because he was lazy or asleep, but because he was too busy. Parents are too busy and children get away, Christians are too busy even with good things, and the best thing - to know God - gets away...While we are puttering around life gets away. The day of grace...passes away unredeemed because we are too busy with here and there and forget the eternal. If you're too busy for the things of God, you are too busy. You have received a charge to keep, and if your busyness keeps you from being about your Father's business, you are a poor business man.*" We sometimes hear it said that Christians can be too busy in the Lord's work. I won't say that's not possible, but I don't know of any such person. Many Christians are quite busy, but it's not the Lord's work that wears them out, it's the "*here and there.*" A few are really busy for the Lord, but I doubt that they are too busy! Some are too busy outside the Church and that is their problem, but they usually want to give up some of the Lord's work rather than that which is to no profit. *We are supposed to be busy for God!* Jesus said, "**WORK for the night cometh when no man can WORK.**" "**Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth LABORERS...**" God says, "**Be ye stedfast, unmoveable ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the WORK of the Lord...**"