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Presidential Proclamation Recognizing Jerusalem as the Capital of the State of Israel and Relocating the **United States Embassy to Jerusalem**

White House, Office of the Press Secretary, Washington, D.C.

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The foreign policy of the United States is grounded in principled realism, which begins with an honest acknowledgment of plain facts. With respect to the State of Israel, that requires officially recognizing Jerusalem as its capital and relocating the United States Embassy to Israel to Jerusalem as soon as practicable.

The Congress, since the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-45) (the "Act"), has urged the United States to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and to relocate our Embassy to Israel to that city.

The United States Senate reaffirmed the Act in a unanimous vote on June 5, 2017.

Now, 22 years after the Act's passage, I have determined that it is time for the United States to officially recognize Jerusalem



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as the capital of Israel. This long overdue recognition of reality is in the best interests of both the United States and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Seventy years ago, the United States, under President Truman, recognized the State of Israel. Since then, the State of Israel has made its capital in Jerusalem -the capital the Jewish people established in ancient times. Today, Jerusalem is the seat of Israel's government -- the home of Israel's parliament, the Knesset; its Supreme Court; the residences of its Prime Minister and President; and the headquarters of many of its government ministries. Jerusalem is where officials of the United States, including the President,

meet their Israeli counterparts. It is therefore appropriate for the United States to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

I have also determined that the United States will relocate

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CUFI Condemns UNGA Resolution on Jerusalem Recognition

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SAN ANTONIO - On Thursday, leaders of Christians United for Israel (CUFI), the nation's largest pro-Israel organization, condemned the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) nonbinding resolution denouncing President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

"The UNGA once again finds itself on the wrong side of history. For over 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people, and for 70 years it has been the capital of the modern state of Israel. The UNGA's action today will do nothing to change these facts. The only consequence of the UNGA's resolution is to once again



and to many of the countries that today condemned the President's righteous action on Jerusalem. As we continue to work with leaders in Congress, we will work to support the Trump Administration's pledge to remember which nations chose to attack our country for our bold and just stand on Jerusalem," noted CUFI Action Fund Chairwoman Sandra Parker.

"This vote will surprise absolutely no one. The UN has a built in, automatic anti-Israel majority. The UN shamed itself when it declared Zionism to be a form of racism back in 1975. The UN has annually shamed itself by singling out Israel for criticism while ignoring genocide, ethnic cleansing and slavery around the world. And the UN shamed itself today when it voted to deny the fact that Jerusalem is and has always been the capital of Israel," said CUFI founding executive director David Brog.

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prove how immoral and ineffectual the international body has become," said CUFI founder and Chairman Pastor John Hagee.

"We applaud Ambassador Nikki Haley for her commitment to enforce consequences upon those who failed to stand with Israel and America today," Hagee added.

"President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem is a reflection of both reality and the will of the American people - the same American people who send their hard earned tax dollars to the UN



With more than 3.8 million members, Christians United for Israel is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States and

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Response to US President Donald Trump's Statement

by the Prime Minister's Media Adviser, Israel GPO News, Jerusalem

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Response to US President Donald Trump's Statement

Following is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's response to US President Donald Trump's statement:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=nc1d30mCHbo

"This is a historic day. It's been the capital of Israel for nearly 70 years. Jerusalem has been the focus of our hopes, our dreams, our prayers for three millennia. Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years.

It was here that our temples stood, our kings ruled, our prophets preached

From every corner of the earth, our people yearned to return to Jerusalem, to touch its golden stones, to walk its hallowed streets. So it's rare to be able to speak of new and genuine milestones in the glorious history of this city

Yet today's pronouncement by President Trump is such an occasion. We're profoundly grateful for the President for his courageous and just decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and



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of peace come true. I call on all countries that seek peace to join the United States in recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and to move their embassies here.

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to prepare for the opening of the

US embassy here. This decision

to an ancient but enduring truth,

to fulfilling his promises and to

an important step towards peace, for there is no peace that doesn't

include Jerusalem as the capital

of the State of Israel. I share

President Trump's commitment to

advancing peace between Israel

and all of our neighbors, including

the Palestinians. And we will

continue to work with the President

and his team to make that dream

The President's decision is

advancing peace.

I also want to make clear: there will be no change whatsoever to the status quo at the holy sites. The Jewish people and the Jewish state will be forever grateful. This has been our goal from Israel's first day

Israel will always ensure freedom of worship for Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike. President Trump, thank you for today's historic decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital."

Update For Vision Beyond Borders

by Patrick Klein, Casper, Wyoming



China

I recently took a load of Chinese Study Bibles for Pastors into China. I was stopped at the border and questioned for two and a half hours, my visa was revoked, and the Study Bibles were confiscated. I was repeatedly told that I should know better than to bring Bibles into China. During the interrogation, I was monitored by military police and every time they tried to take a video of me, I would drop my head and pray for their salvation. I was told that the paper quality was not good enough for the Chinese Government. They would not admit that Bibles are illegal in China. Yet, while another group was stopped at the border, they were held for 10 hours and told the Bible is forbidden in China. Another recent team member was stopped with three Bibles and his visa was revoked as well.

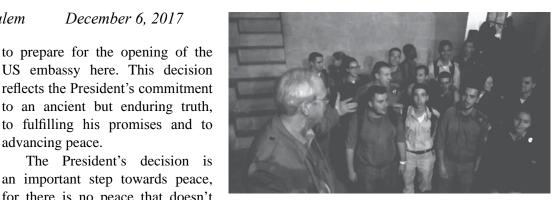
repeat history and the Cultural Revolution where over 40 million people were killed in China. Jinping is the leader of all the government committees and is very close to becoming a dictator.

"Xi has tightened restrictions over civil society and ideological discourse, advocating internet censorship in China as the concept of 'internet sovereignty'." Jinping is working to remove all foreign influence in China, yet claims he has no intention of exporting China's ideology around the world. Jinping has also championed a more assertive foreign policy, particularly with regard to Chinese-Japanese relations. China's claims in the South China Sea, and China's role as a leading advocate of free trade and globalization. "Reports are that China is clamping down on Christians, and yet the Chinese is on the move in surrounding countries, gobbling up land and pressuring locals to be quiet and not speak out against the Chinese government."

Persecution of Christians in China is said to be the worst it has been in the past 30 years. Meetings of more than 10 Chinese people need government approval. Vision Beyond Borders has been delivering Bibles to China for over 31 years. We will continue to look for ways to help the Chinese Christians. Please pray for China and the church to be strong in the face of opposition. Pray that God will show ministries how to help the Chinese Church.

IMCNews Publisher in Jerusalem

by Rev. Anthony Harper, Boise, Idaho



Pictured above December 19 singing the Israel National Anthem with Israeli military students in Jerusalem in the Jewish Quarter followed by attend final night of Hanukkah events there. To watch this video, click on the following YouTube link:

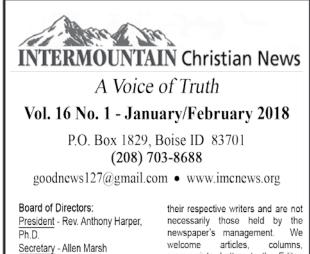
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What an experience in Jerusalem! So emotional for many of the Israeli people, in light of President Trump's declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Most of the Israeli people I've talked with are so thankful for President Trump and they see him much more supportive of Israel than any previous U.S. President. U.S. flags line the street along with Israel flags in celebration of President Trump and America.

Despite the disappointment for many here of Vice President Pence's trip cancelation, there have been a lot of great experiences with interviews with several Israel Knesset leaders. Vice President Pence is expected to reschedule his trip here to Jerusalem to speak in the Knesset during January 2018.

Surprising that in light of President Trump's declaration, that there have not been as many protests as were expected. But with the U.N.'s recent condemnation of President Trump's announcement of the Embassy move to Jerusalem, there are some intense ramifications, especially when those nations come asking the U.S. for money. Of course, we wait to see what happens next, especially when Vice President Pence does arrive here in Jerusalem.

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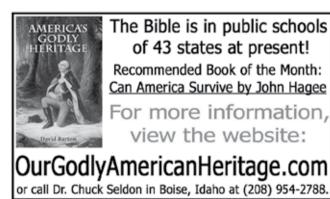
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The borders have become tighter and our contacts inside have been threatened not to receive Bibles from outside China. The current leader of China, Xi Jinping, looks like a friendly man but reveres Chairman Mao. This worries people that the Chinese government may

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Jennifer Bolander

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CCU Expands Presence in Southern Colorado with New Pueblo Center

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Colorado Christian University's (CCU) College of Adult and Graduate Studies continues to expand its reach throughout Colorado with the opening of its first satellite location in Pueblo, Colorado. The center officially opened October 1, 2017. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for spring 2018.

"Over the last few years, we have partnered with neighboring community colleges to have a presence in outlying areas of Southern Colorado," said Stephanie Krawzyk, regional enrollment director at CCU's Colorado Springs Center. "After much prayer and deliberation, the decision was made to open this site in Pueblo. We believe that God will abundantly bless this center in the same way that He has already blessed our global enrollment center and regional centers throughout Colorado."

Allison Sievers, vice president of enrollment for CCU's College of Adult in Graduate Studies, believes that the new center allows CCU to better serve the needs of adult students in Pueblo and surrounding communities.

"Trends in higher education indicate that more and more adult students are taking advantage of online education, regardless of their proximity to a physical location for classes," said Sievers. "Over 85 percent of our students are now completing their classes 100 percent online, but we wanted to make sure we were still providing support staff who would be available for students to ask questions during the enrollment process. This center allows us to be present and available to our students, right in their community."

"Our new Pueblo center supports our efforts to grow a Christ-centered community in that area," Sievers continued. "As the University grows, we are continuing to meet the needs of adults who want to complete their degrees, and we are prayerfully considering where God is leading us next in our efforts to serve new students."

Located inside the Baltimore Plaza on US-50 between Valley Drive and Ridge Drive, the new CCU enrollment office will serve adult students living in or near Pueblo, Pueblo West, Avondale, Rocky Ford, Colorado City, Cañon City, Lamar, La Junta, and other surrounding areas. The office can help answer questions about the application process, enrollment, registering for classes, and more. The new center is for enrollment only, and will not host classes on site. Through its College of Adult and Graduate Studies, CCU currently operates six education centers across Colorado, as well as several partner and satellite locations, and a global online program, offering adult undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, CCU's College of Undergraduate Studies offers a traditional residential program at its main campus in Lakewood, Colorado.

by the Prime Minister's Media Adviser, Israel GPO News, Jerusalem

December 6, 2017



Pictured above of Boise, Idaho March for Life event. Photo by Idaho Right to Life. The March for Life takes place every January on the weekend anniversary of Roe v Wade to commemorate the over 50 million unborn children that have been lost since the infamous Supreme Court ruling. The March and rally that follows are a celebration of life and demonstration in the belief that all life is sacred. More info at: http://www.rtli.org

IDAHO

Boise – Right to Life March

When: 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 20, 2018

Where: Leave the Gene Harris Bandshell at Julia Davis Park (150 N Capitol Blvd. Boise, ID), and arrive at the steps of the Idaho State Capitol building (700 W Jefferson St. Boise, ID) for a rally for life.

Keynote Speaker: Rebekah Buell. Her journey is an amazing story of courage and grace in the face of adversity.

UTAH

Salt Lake City - Right to Life March When: January 20, 2018 starting at 11am. Where: Washington Square, Utah State Capitol More info: http://march4lifeutah.org

WYOMING

Cheyenne - Right to Life March and Banquet When: January 13, 201811:00 a.m.

Celebrate Life Banquet will be at 5:30p.m. at the Little America Hotel.

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Robertson of the Duck Dynasty family and co-author of The Women of Duck Commander.

Where: Historic Cheyenne Depot.

For tickets and more information please call Rachael 307-287-6355

For more national march for life events, visit the website: http://marchforlife.org

Wedding Cake Arguments Build Religious Liberty Case

by Tom Strode, posted Wednesday, December 06, 2017 Source: Baptist Press, www.bpnews.net

WASHINGTON (BP) -- Religious liberty advocates left the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday (Dec. 5) with some hope that the justices would rule in favor of a Colorado cake artist who refused to design a wedding cake for a same-sex wedding celebration.

The high court



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the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC).

"This case is about whether the government can force Jack to use his creative gifts to share a message that violates his sincerely held religious beliefs," Wussow told Baptist Press in



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heard oral arguments in a major free-speech and freeexercise-of-religion case at the center of the contentious debate between religious liberty and sexual liberty. Multiple cases involving wedding vendors who oppose using their talents in support of gay marriage are being contested in the courts, but it was an appeal by Jack Phillips and his Masterpiece Cakeshop that gained the justices' consideration first.

The Supreme Court's decision -- which is expected before its term ends in late June or early July 2018 -- could be pivotal in determining how much liberty is possessed by Christians and others in the face of governmental requirements that they believe violate their consciences.

"The Supreme Court has an opportunity to safeguard the freedom of expression, a vital right to all Americans in every walk of life, and we pray the court takes that opportunity," said Travis Wussow, general counsel and vice president for public policy of

written comments. "A win for Jack would be a win for future Americans seeking to live a life of integrity, open and free in the public square."

Phillips, who is a Christian, declined to design and decorate a cake for the wedding of two men because of his belief that marriage is between only a male and a female. He told the couple, however, he would make and sell them all other baked items.

After the men filed a complaint with the state, the Colorado Civil Rights Commission ordered Phillips to create custom cakes for same-sex ceremonies or quit designing wedding cakes. He stopped designing wedding cakes. The commission also ordered him to re-educate his employees on complying with the Colorado Anti-discrimination Act (CADA), which includes sexual orientation as a protected class, which the panel found Phillips had violated.

When Phillips appealed, the Colorado Court Continued on Page 15

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Ministry Spotlight: The Gideons International

As told to IMCNews



Pictured above: Gideons at Western Idaho Fair, Boise, Idaho "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

Founded in 1899, The Gideons International serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Association of Christian business and professional men in the United States of America. Here are some highlights from our long history of service:

The Idea

In the autumn of 1898, John H. Nicholson of Janesville, Wisconsin, arrived at the Central Hotel at Boscobel, Wisconsin, for the night. The hotel was crowded, but he was offered a bed in a double room with Samuel E. Hill of Beloit, Wisconsin. The two men soon discovered they shared a common belief in Christ, and they decided to have their evening devotions together. During their prayer time, both felt the call to begin developing an Association.

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State-Secular vs. Christian Counseling

by C. Roger Young, Bradenton, FL

One of the most important decisions facing any Christian planning to practice in the field of counseling is whether they will operate under the authority of their state or under the church.

State licensed therapists and

counselors typically must support "politically correct" notions of right and wrong. These therapists typically must be willing to accept homosexuality as a perfectly normal lifestyle, divorce as a desirable outcome of marital difficulties, and abortion as the preferred solution for inconvenient children.

Recently, a counseling student at Eastern Michigan University filed a lawsuit as a result of her unwillingness to recommend homosexuality:

"(A federal lawsuit) alleges that Eastern Michigan University violated the civil rights of Julia Ward, a graduate student in school counseling, by dismissing her from the program because she would not affirm homosexual behavior in the context of counseling... The lawsuit says that Ward is 'a Christian who derives her beliefs and moral values from the Bible.' 'Based on her sincerely held religious beliefs, Ms. Ward believes that homosexual behavior is immoral sexual conduct, and cannot affirm or validate that behavior or otherwise use her counseling skills and abilities to facilitate homosexual behavior, without violating her sincere religious beliefs,' the suit states.

...Ward underwent an informal review during which she was asked to undergo a remediation program to change her beliefs relating to counseling about homosexuality, the suit states. When Ward refused, she went through a formal review process with counseling professors. ...According to the transcript, ...Ward said she refused to compromise her religious beliefs. 'In essence, what the university wants her to do is affirm homosexual behavior within the context of a counseling relationship in order to get a degree there,' (her attorney) said. 'That's something she's unwilling to do.'"

Christians entering the counseling profession need to consider under what authority they will place themselves. The question is not whether a counselor should be held accountable, but to whom. A license from your state requires you to abide by the state's regulations. An ordination or commission from a church or religious institution holds you accountable to the organization that issues it.

Each individual must decide if he or she wants to be an agent of the state or a servant of the Church. Biblical, Pastoral or Christian Counselors looking for certification, accreditation... please consider the following: If you have a Divine call on your life to counsel and minister to the hurting, then a state license may inhibit such ministry.

The state and federal governments have jurisdictional boundaries. They cannot pass laws that prevent the Church from fulfilling its purpose and ministering to humanity's needs. The state recognizes that counseling is one of the responsibilities of the Church and its clergy. For this reason, the state does not and must not interfere with the Ministry of Counseling. The primary differences between state-licensed professional counselors and Christian counselors are clear and well defined. Counselors who have been licensed by the state are held to strict ethical standards that mandate an individual's right to be free from religious influence. The state licensed professional counselor is often forbidden to counsel against things such as homosexuality, abortion, etc. Initiating such counsel would be considered unethical by the state. In most states in the U.S., state licensed counselors "must not promote their personal religious beliefs" according to the code of ethics in each respective state. The only time a state licensed counselor can involve religious (Christian) principles, morals, activities, instruction, etc., is if the counselee initiates or requests counsel in



this area.

Opposite from that, Pastoral counselors are required to pray, share their faith, read the Holy Scriptures, etc. The fact that Pastoral and Christian counselors do these things creates a clear distinction. We are two distinct professions and govern ourselves accordingly.

As you can readily see, the state governs secular counselors and the Church is responsible to set standards and govern those who have devoted their lives to the ministry and to Pastoral counseling.

None of this is to say that the Christian counselor, minister or priest is not permitted to request fees and receive remuneration for the services they render, as long as they remain adherent to the state laws governing such procedures.

Pastoral Counseling Centers Thoughts...

Do I need to be licensed by the state, the church, or both?

One must decide whether they are going into the business of counseling or that they have been called into the ministry of counseling. While it possible to be both a secular counselor and a Christian counselor, most people find it more satisfying to choose one or the other. Both are very "real" while the main difference lies in which authority you operate under.

When you decide to become a Christian counselor you will need to place yourself under the authority of a religious organization. This does not mean you need to be a fully ordained minister. It does mean that you will place yourself under the authority of a recognized religious organization and have written credentials to substantiate it.

If you decide to become state licensed, you must be credentialed by your state, and abide by the laws created by your state. Most, if not all, states sanction counselors who espouse abortion, divorce and homosexuality. These states prohibit the introduction of religious ideas into the counseling process, thereby severely limiting the counselor's effectiveness. Most Christians find the ethical dilemma created by state laws regarding counseling to be unacceptable.

Pastoral Counseling Center, while not a legal authority, will help you discover which is the best path for you. Having worked in both state and Christian organizations, Dr. Young has a unique vantage point from which she can help you make these decisions. She can assist you in finding ways to become educated,



Dr. Maureen Young

credentialed, insured and equipped to help others while not creating the ethical problems related to state licensure.

If you will need ministerial credentials, Pastoral Counseling Center will provide you with suggestions that will help. Our students find themselves blessed as they obtain their credentials.



Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. For more information about the Pastoral Counseling Center, visit the website: http://pastoral-counseling-center.org

Reader Response (Anonymous):

How can the secular counselor license boards who hold themselves out to the public be considered ethical when they sanction counselors who promote killing of children (abortion), homosexuality, witchcraft and other perversions. JESUS talked about hypocrisy of the Pharisees who are a lot like these counselor license boards. JESUS said the following of them:

"So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Matthew 23:28 (NASB)

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him.

John 8:44 (NASB)

Well Attended Evening Held to Benefit Idaho Chooses Life

by Tammy Nichols, Phyllis Schlafly Eagles Leader-Idaho

The well attended Idaho Chooses Life Christmas Dinner and Auction was held on December 1st at the Eagle Christian Church in Eagle, Idaho.

The room was full of pro-life supporters from around the area. Many state officials, politicians, and candidates were also in attendance including 3 gubernatorial candidates Raul Labrador, Tommy Ahlquist and Lt. Governor Brad Little. Also 1st Congressional candidates Russ Fulcher, Dave LeRoy, and Michael Snyder.

Master of Ceremonies, and morning radio host Kevin Miller did a wonderful job again keeping the event lively and entertaining, as well as introducing the special guests for the evening.

David Ripley, Director of Idaho Chooses Life spoke regarding the importance of being engaged in the battle for the unborn, and how the fight for life continues on. Progress is being made under the leadership of President Donald Trump, but it is up to each of us to continue standing for life. He also spoke about the fast-approaching legislative session and plans to move on a number of initiatives in 2018.

This year's guest speaker was Idaho State Treasurer Ron Crane. Ron recounted some of his pro-Life history and continued commitment to fight for the unborn.



The crowd was also entertained with a mini-Christmas concert by Idaho Christian recording artist Jaime Thietten (www.jtmusic.net). Her beautiful voice helped set the tone for the wonderful auction event, and was also a great way to kick off the Christmas season of giving generously and with love in the evening's causes.

A silent auction was held out in the foyer of the church during the delicious spaghetti dinner, speakers, and mini-Christmas concert. The festivities continued with a live auction under the direction of local auctioneer Paul Adams. Generous donations were given to be auctioned off to raise money for Idaho Chooses Life. Items included quilts, larger than life teddy bears, a doll house, autographed Trump memorabilia, fishing trips, and much, much more!

The money raised will help Idaho Chooses Life with their continued efforts to "provide accurate information and resources to mothers, families, health organizations, and elected officials to help them preserve the sanctity of life".

This year's event was the best yet! Special thanks to all the many volunteers and generous donations given for the auctions. It is so very important that we continue to stand and fight for the right to life. All life is precious in the Lord's eyes, and each life deserves a chance.

If you would like to donate or find out more about Idaho Chooses Life, visit their website at http://idahochooseslife.org.

Tammy Nichols is the Idaho Leader for the Phyllis Schlafly Eagles. She is also the Executive Director of Idaho Education Watch, and 2018 candidate for District 11, House Seat B. She can be reached at nicholsforidaho@gmail.com, phyllisschlafly.com, or find her on Facebook.

A Tax Cut For Christmas Resounds; Another POTUS Promise Fulfilled - "We Will Say MERRY CHRISTMAS Again"

by Evangelist Alveda King

December 21, 2017



Wow! This "Merry Christmas Week" has been full of surprises. Don't let FAKE NEWS fool you -POTUS keeps his promises; the trickle down effects of the new tax cuts will bless everyone! So on the national scene, the "Trump Tax Cut" victory is making headlines; meanwhile in my private life, the traditional Home church (BBCC) Christmas Concert, special performances by grandchildren at Christmas concerts, a privately escorted tour of the Trump White House Morana of Priests for Life and Dr. Day Gardner of National Black Prolife Union. We were surrounded by friends and happy White House staff!

FAKE NEWS lied again. The WHITE HOUSE decorations are stunningly beautiful!

Last week there was Rome.

This week it's Christmas at The White House. Meanwhile I'm praying, asking God to bless your house and the White House. On a side note, kudos to Senator Tim Scott for his successful support and advance work for the Trump Tax bill. Senator Scott's unwavering focus and remarkable grace and Statesmanship are worth positive mention. God knows Christmas (while not the only time) is the best season for Love and Forgiveness.

Along with my new cookbook, GG's Home for the Holidays Cookbook, and KING TRUTHS, a soon to be released new King Family Legacy Book, I've designed a Christmas Card Meme and recorded O HOLY NIGHT for you with the prayer that our Lord will bless your Christmas with God's peace, comfort and joy.

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Christmas, and many activities with family and friends are delightful highlights for me this year.

While Christmas is always nostalgic for me because I miss my departed loved ones, and sad memories slip into the Christmas spirit, I am always revived by remembering "Granddaddy King's" words: "Thank God for what we have left."

If you are sad, lonely or hurting, please know that you are loved and be encouraged. God Loves you!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, [Jesus] that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Here I am in the lovely East Colonnade hallway of the White House, where I was joined by Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet



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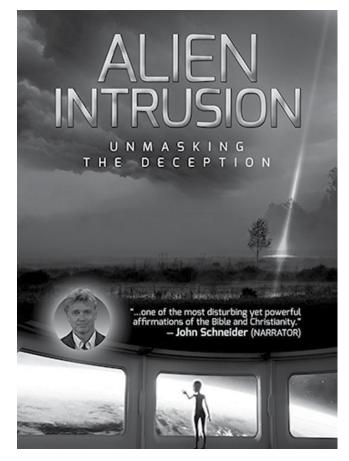


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December 17 - Remember the Goal

by Mike Riddle, Meridian, Idaho

Remember the Goal

Ι recently watched the movie "Remember the Goal". a Dave Christiano film. It is an inspirational drama about a girl's cross country team. The story is about a female Coach, just out of college, who takes over the cross country program at an all-girls private Christian school and sets a goal for them to win their first ever state title. All their training is geared toward this goal. It is good family entertainment with Christian values and Scripture.

Remember the Mission

of the church?

Mat 18:11; 1 Tim 1:15).

The church also has a mission. However, after viewing

the mission statement of many churches, I discovered

that very few seem to understand the mission of the

church that God gave us. Some churches didn't even

have a mission statement. Many churches do very good

and biblical practices such as fellowship, building

relationships, teaching doctrine, and praising God. All

of these are an essential part of the church, but none

of them are the mission of the church. They are part

of the preparation and the training for carrying out the

mission, but not the mission. What then is the mission

28:19-20. Everything Christ did when He was on earth

was for this - to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10;

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe

all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am

imperative command. This is our calling. We are to

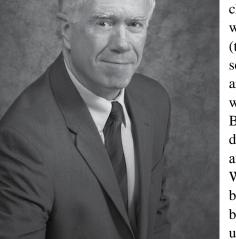
bring people to become followers of Christ and then

with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

The mission of the church is found in Matthew

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

In these verses, MAKE DISCIPLES, is the



to disciple them. This means we much teach them all that Christ has commanded us to do (Acts 13:47). The commission of the church is not to wait until the world shows up. We are to train (teach) those in the church and send them out into the world. We are to make believers who are well-grounded in God's Word. Believers who can share and defend the gospel. Believers who are set apart (sanctified) by His Word (John 17:17). And you can be part of this. Not everyone can be the teacher, but everyone can use their talents and resources to further the Kingdom of God.

By the grace of God, we have been saved and now we have the opportunity to seek and save the lost as Christ did. As the body of Christ, we have staggering resources to make this happen. Those resources can be used to disciple many believers and to equip teaches to go into the world and witness to the lost.

Our mission at CTI is no different than the churches' mission. We are about training Christians to be able to share and defend the gospel, to be able to stand firm on God's Word from the very first chapter (Genesis 1) without compromise and to go into the world to fulfill the mission (2 Timothy 2:2).

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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At Stake: America's Core Value of Religious Freedom

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 | Steve Jordahl (OneNewsNow.com)

The head of a North Carolina seminary argues that a Supreme Court ruling in a case involving a Christian baker will determine if "weaponizing" the government against its



Phillips under the state's anti-discrimination law.

Dr. Richard Land is the former head of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and now president of Southern

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own citizens is the direction the nation will pursue.

A high-profile case before the U.S. Supreme



Court today – Masterpiece Cakeshop v. the Colorado Civil Rights Commission – is predicted to be a landmark case on the First Amendment rights of free speech and religious freedom. The Associated Press reports that Justice Anthony Kennedy, who is considered to be the "swing vote" in the ultimate ruling, voiced "competing concerns" during today's oral arguments.

In July 2012, a same-sex couple walked into Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado, and asked owner Jack Phillips for a custom wedding cake. Phillips had no problem serving Charlie Craig and David Mullins – in fact, he had done so several times before. But what the Christian baker politely refused to do was to use his artistry to support a samesex "marriage" ceremony. Craig and Mullins sued Evangelical Seminary in North Carolina.

[Jack Phillips] said he would bake them a cake,"

Land begins. "He just didn't feel that he could lend his expertise – his talent, which he believes comes from God – to celebrate that which he finds morally unconscionable."

Colorado found Philips guilty of discrimination, and the case finally was heard this morning in the highest court in the U.S. But according to Land, it's about so much more than cakes.

"It's about conscience and religious freedom," he explains. "It's about the most basic core values of the American experiment – the belief that we have freedom of conscience and freedom of faith."

The prosecution says the First Amendment doesn't apply because the anti-discrimination laws Phillips

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COLORADO From Denver Rescue Mission

<u>Morgan</u>



And it started early. His mother struggled with alcohol when he was a child, and he fought with his parents often. Before he was 16 years old, he had experimented with cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana. When he was 17, he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. "That threw me off the deep end. I wasn't mentally mature enough to accept it," he says. His already rocky relationship with his parents became increasingly strained, leading him to choose to cope more and more through drug use.

Seeking satisfaction in his life, Morgan became a firefighter after high school and traveled around the country, but his drug habits continued to grow. A year later, his alcohol and marijuana habits developed into heavy substance abuse of anything he could use to get high. When his career ended, he tried going to school but dropped out. "I was mentally unstable at the time," he says, describing a short period of time when he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital because of his drug problem.

His addiction was ruling his life.

After being released from the psychiatric hospital, his substance abuse caused him to lose his apartment. Evicted, angry and depressed, Morgan says he hated God and Christians. Despite his reluctance, he quickly came to the Mission to keep from living on the street.

The Mission's New Life Program helped Morgan get clean and sober, but more importantly, it showed him what he was missing couldn't be satisfied with drugs. "I went from having no concept of God or Jesus and no faith whatsoever to more or less having it in my face every day," he says laughing quietly.

Several months into the program, he asked for a Bible. He started reading in Romans, and his depression began to fade. Shortly after, he decided to step out in faith. He had done nothing but ruin his life so far, so he prayed and asked Jesus to forgive him and take control. "If someone hadn't donated that Bible, there's a good chance I wouldn't have had that experience," he says. "That's the Bible I still use today."

Morgan graduated the New Life Program more than four years ago. Today, he works for Integrity Auto Specialists here in Denver. "They operate under a biblical business model, and all the guys I work with have that sense of faith in God and serving other people. Which is often counter-cultural for the used car industry," he laughs. He says his community at work helped him remain clean and sober. But that's not the end of the story. Daily life after the Mission can still be hard. "Life's good," he says smiling. "It's hard though, and it's even harder to make the choice to stay clean and sober, but it's worth it." Morgan says it ultimately comes down to a question of what he chooses to do each day. "The Mission didn't change my life," he says, "God did. But the Mission made it possible by being there and offering guidance." And that guidance helps him make those choices each day. "Recovery doesn't happen by chance. It happens by choice," he says firmly. He visits the Mission regularly to encourage others struggling with drugs and alcohol. And when he needs encouragement, the Mission is still there. "The idea of being a new creation in Christ has been playing out a lot in my life," he says. "It's tempting to think that I'm defined by my addiction. My addiction is part of what made me who I am, but that's not who I am now. The truth of that is

really strong and important to me."

Six months after graduating the program, Morgan began going to school for psychology and criminal justice. He wants to use his first-hand experience to help other people struggling with addiction. "When it comes time to do my internship for my degree, I'm probably going to talk to the Mission about taking an internship there. I would love that," he says smiling.

Thank you for helping us make Morgan's lifechanging experience possible. Because of your support, he's gone from abusing drugs and alcohol to making better choices every day. And thank you for helping us provide the same opportunity for all our guests and New Life Program participants!

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<u>IDAHO</u>

From Boise Rescue Mission, Boise, Idaho

Major Peter Cast



On November 10th, we had the privilege of honoring Major Peter Cast as our 2017 Veteran of the Year at the Mission's annual Veterans Day Luncheon.

Major Cast is a twenty-two year veteran of the Armed Services. He enlisted in the Army in 1985 when he was 18. He says, "I had a fierce patriotic spirit about me when I was in high school. My grandfather was a WWII veteran and I wanted to follow the same path. I remember listening to all of his war stories, and, honestly, I was just proud to be a young American. It started as following in his footsteps, but then I made it my own and it turned into a very a satisfying career."

Peter says he did well and liked the Army, but he wanted to go to school too. "I went to the University of Idaho, and then decided to go back in as an officer in 1994. I served active duty, then active National Guard until I retired in 2012."

Peter says he started learning about leadership during a deployment to Haiti in 1995. "It was a peacekeeping and humanitarian mission in a hostile fire zone. My soldiers and I witnessed a lot of suffering and hardship."

In 2006, Peter volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan where he served as a Battalion Team Chief for a 16 man joint senior United States and Romanian team to help train Afghan troops. Peter earned his highest award, the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in combat, while in Afghanistan but, he says, "It's not so much the medal, but really just the fact that we accomplished our mission there. It was a very dangerous environment and our training paid off. We served our country and the Afghan people, and everybody got back to our families safely. I was able to bring all my soldiers home with me in one piece, so we were very blessed, and I am thankful for that." Peter says it is easy to dismiss the effects that service in a hostile environment can have on you. He says, "It takes its toll but really, you kind of lose yourself in the missions and it becomes just part of life.

put fear to the side. I think maybe only combat soldiers can understand that. There's always fear there in the back of your mind, but the more important thing is to get the mission done.

Peter says he started drinking heavily after he came back from Afghanistan. "I admit, at first I didn't accept Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a real thing. I knew the signs and symptoms to watch for in my soldiers, but for myself, it felt like weakness. When it started to show itself subtly, I drank to mask the emotions that were coming up. Then gradually it overwhelmed me and those feelings started coming out as anger, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, nightmares, and sleeplessness.

"My life became a constant cycle for me of drinking and trying to stop. I would stop, then relapse, go to Alcoholics Anonymous or a recovery program, and then relapse again. I was losing ground emotionally, spiritually and physically until this last time when the Lord took me by the hand and said, 'Enough is enough. Your way isn't working.' That's what brought me to the Veterans Ministry Program at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission.

"The Veterans Ministry Program has given me a tremendous opportunity to transform my life. I was drowning in despair and pain. I didn't know how to make it stop on my own; I was blinded by alcohol but I found the refuge I needed at the Lighthouse. First though, I had to surrender and say, 'I have a real problem.' Then the staff at the Lighthouse helped me see all the things I was missing out on, but also that I hadn't lost the opportunity to be the husband and father I wanted to be. It wasn't too late for me to transition out of a life of addiction into a life of sobriety and productiveness and helping others.

"The tools I gained through the Program here, I will use for the rest of my life. I know that I have a very unique opportunity, a huge opportunity, to touch others and tell them that it is never too late for them either.

"My aspiration since I finished the Program has been to take everything I learned and continue to serve. For me, it is an idea that starts on the battlefield. There you know you never have to face the enemy alone. You are always by your buddy's side and you know he's always by your side. I think it translates into the civilian world. When you see a fellow veteran, you're never going leave him alone. I think we also have that same affinity for just regular citizens. Because we'll defend them, we'll help them as much as we help each other. That's the wonderful thing about people who have served in the military, everything they do is to serve other people.

"I'm learning to live life again. I'm learning how to smile and laugh, and just enjoy life for what it is. I've got a wonderful wife, and our children are awesome.

"Now, I find myself saying one prayer and it sticks in my mind: "Lord, thank you for those You have given me to care for in this world." And I truly mean that. That's my joy. It's not money or possessions, it's not awards or rewards. It's about God's blessing in every day. It is manifest in people all around me. So that's joy for me. That's worth waking up to every single day and praising God."

"The first time you do a mission in that type of environment, you just get in the mind-set of doing the mission first and not worrying about the inherent dangers of it. You and your men are so focused that you

praising God."

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CUFI Welcomes Pres. Trump's Jerusalem Policy

December 6, 2017



S А Ν ANTONIO On Wednesday, leaders of for Israel (CUFI), the nation's largest pro-Israel organization, welcomed Pres. Donald Trump's formal

recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and his announcement that the US will move its embassy from Tel Aviv to the Holy City.

CUFI has made moving the embassy to Jerusalem a central focus of its 2017 agenda. The group's founder and Chairman, Pastor John Hagee, has used White House audiences with Pres. Trump and Vice Pres. Mike Pence to urge them to move the embassy. Days before Pres. Trump's inauguration, the CUFI Action Fund held a Washington fly-in during which more than 260 leaders representing 49 states urged that the embassy be moved. And CUFI members have sent more than 137,000 emails to the White House in support of moving the embassy to Jerusalem.

Summit in July, his unprecedented statement that the embassy move was a question of "when, not if" was received with an extended standing ovation.

"Jerusalem has been the epicenter of the Jewish Christians United faith since King David danced into the city with the Ark of the Covenant over 3,000 years ago. It is the capital of the Jewish state, and I am grateful to the President for changing American policy to finally reflect this reality. I look forward to the day we open the doors of the US Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem," Hagee said.

> "In recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and beginning the process of moving the US embassy there, President Trump has shown that he hears the voices of the millions of Americans who stand with Israel and respect the Jewish state's sovereign rights. This move strengthens America's international position by making clear that we will stand with our allies, oppose our enemies, and will never be bullied by terrorists," noted CUFI Action Fund Chairwoman Sandra Parker.

"Many critics are claiming that this move will do damage to the chances for peace. We disagree. The main obstacle to peace has been the dark Palestinian dream that they can drive the Jewish people from Jerusalem and Israel. Pres. Trump's action helps to shatter this dark dream and brings closer the day when When Vice Pres. Pence spoke at CUFI's Washington the Palestinians will finally accept Jewish rights in

the land and recognize the need to compromise with Israel. This is a long overdue dose of reality," said CUFI founding executive director David Brog.

With more than 3.8 million members, Christians United for Israel is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States and one of the leading Christian grassroots movements in the world. CUFI spans all fifty states and reaches millions with its message. Each year CUFI holds hundreds of pro-Israel events in cities around the country. And each July, thousands of pro-Israel Christians gather in Washington, D.C. to participate in the CUFI Washington Summit and make their voices heard in support of Israel and the Jewish people.

Note: For more information, visit the website: www.cufi.org



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ACROSS

- 1 they shall come from the ____, and from the west (Luke 13:29)
- 5 she shall shave her head, and ____ her nails (Deut 21:12) (KJV)
- 9 I will make all your enemies turn their ____ and run (Ex 23:27)

14 they shall take gold, and _____, and purple (Exodus 28:5) 15 the LORD commanded the blessing, _____ life for evermore (Ps 133:3)

16 to Joppa, where he found _____ bound for that port (1,4) (Jonah 1:3)

17 putting its doors and bolts and ____ in place (Neh 3:15) 18 do not let your ____ hand know what your right hand is doing (Matt 6:3)

19 Father, keep through ____ own name those whom thou hast (John 17:11) KJV

20 the LORD appointed a ____ time, saying, Tomorrow (Exodus 9:5)

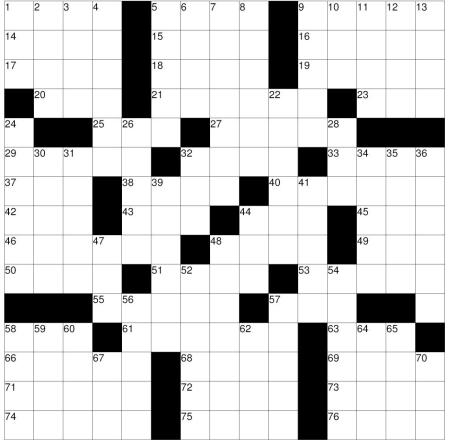
- 21 and your toil ____ another man's house (Prov 5:10) 23 Now there arose up a ____ king over Egypt (Exodus 1:8)
- 25 is there any taste in the white of an ___? (Job 6:6)
- 27 Surely I have acted like a fool and have ___ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)
- 29 Peter knocked and a servant girl named ____ came (Acts 12:13)
- 32 there was what looked like ____ _ of glass (1,3) (Rev 4:6) 33 They _____ from the Book of the Law of God (Neh 8:8) 37 one beka ____ person, that is, half a shekel (Ex 38:26)
- 38 donkeys that work the soil will eat fodder and ___ (Isa

61 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of (John 19:5) 63 Shechem set men on the hilltops to ambush and ____ everyone (Judg 9:25) 66 As an ____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29 29:2) 68 But man ____ and is laid low; he breathes his last (Job 14:10) 69 to seek an _ __: He will cast lots with arrows (Ezek 21:21) 71 For it is easier for a to go through a needle's eye (Luke 18:25) 72 Salvation is found in no one ____, for there is no other name (Acts 4:12) 73 every man under his vine and under his fig __ ___ (1 King 4:25) 74 I looked at the earth, and it was formless and ___ (Jer 4:23) 75 silver in two bags, with two ____ of clothing (2 Kings 5:23)

76 there must not be even a ____ of sexual immorality (Eph 5:3)

DOWN

- 1 as their lives _____ away in their mothers' arms. (Lam 2:12) for that day is great (Jer 30:7)
- 3 the testimony of the LORD is , making wise the simple (Ps 19:7)
- 4 Some Pharisees came and ___ him by asking (Mark 10:2) 5 Two sons were born to Eber: One was named ____ (Gen 10:25)



34 He replied, "Out of the ____, something to eat; out of the strong (Judg 14:14)

- 35 Bring me a heifer, _____ and a ram (1,4) (Gen 15:9)
- 36 out of the ____ I cry to you, O LORD (Ps 130:1)
- 39 present _____ of that tithe as the LORD's (1,5) (Num 18:26)

30:24)

40 Men, I can see that our ____ is going to be disastrous (Acts 27:10)

42 Joshua, who _____ seen all the great works of the LORD (Judg 2:7)

43 seventh letter of Greek alphabet

44 They are _____ with the showers of the mountains (Job 24:8)

45 the curtain of the temple was torn in two from _____ to bottom (Matt 27:51)

46 from them that pass by securely as men ____ from war (Mic 2:8) KJV

48 a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a ___ (Ex 28:4)

49 gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and ___; this is my body (Matt 26:26)

50 Roman emperor (54-68 A.D.)

51 fishermen's equipment (Luke 5:4)

53 In the beginning God created the heaven and the (Gen 1:1)

55 thou shalt make the ___ of fine linen (Exod 28:39) (KJV) 57 experienced in the _____ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7) 58 a man scoop fire into his ____ without his clothes being burned? (Prov 6:27)

6 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth ____ (Josh 7:2)

7 I will ____ the weary and satisfy the faint (Jer 31:25)

8 The law is summed up in a single command: "Love your (Gal 5:14)

9 Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to ___ (Ex 2:5) 10 raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the _heap (Ps 113:7)

11 lower part of the face (Lev 13:29)

12 the increase of thy ____, and the flocks of thy sheep (Deut 7:13) (KJV)

13 and make him _____ out what he has swallowed (Jer 51:44) 22 The sluggard ____ and gets nothing (Prov 13:4)

24 Do not take advantage of a widow or an (Ex 22:22) 26 Everyone who competes in the ____ goes into strict train-

ing (1 Cor 9:25)

28 children of Israel went on ____ land in the midst of the sea. (Exod 15:19)

30 your tithes, and _____ offerings of your hand (Deut 12:6) 31 upon his kingdom, to ____ it, and to establish it (Isa 9:7) 32 your children together, ____ hen gathers her chicks (2,1) (Luke 13:34)

41 there is none _ God but one (1 Cor 8:4) 44 it _____ needful for me to write unto you (Jude 1:3) 47 abbr. for the 6th book of the N.T. 48 had a wife who was ____ and remained childless. (Judg 13:2) 52 as a mountain ____ and crumbles (Job 14:18) 54 The Gadites built up Dibon, Aroer, ____ Shophan (Num 32:34-35) 56 found an Alexandrian ship sailing for ____ and put us on (Acts 27:6) 57 ten bulls, twenty she ____, and ten foals (Gen 32:15) (KJV) 58 they tied unto it a ____ of blue (Ex 39:31) KJV 59 Also a bullock and _____ for peace offerings (1,3) (Lev 9:4) 60 All your ____ has been brought down to the grave (Isa 14:11) 62 There shall the great owl make her ____ (Isaiah 34:15) 64 Ahab son of ____ became king of Israel (1 Kings 16:29) a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb 65 I have (Judges 16:17) 67 she heard that Jesus was coming, went and ____ him (John 11:20) 70 Andrew his brother casting a ____ into the sea (Mark 1:16)

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Post-Abortive Women Tell Survey They Were Pressured

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 | Charlie Butts (OneNewsNow.com)



A new study reports on post-abortive women and the guilt they carry.

Dr. Priscilla Coleman of Bowling Green University in Ohio has compiled responses from post-abortive women who went to pro-life pregnancy centers for help after an abortion. Over a thousand women responded.

The study was published in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Jane Orient, managing editor of the Journal, tells OneNewsNow the most common negative comment from the women was that they had taken a life.

"Before the pregnancy that led to an abortion," says Orient, "only a very small number of women had had any type of psychiatric or psychological care or counseling – and afterwards the great majority of them had to have some sort of counseling for things that were related to their emotional reactions" to abortion.

Orient says abortion is a life-changing experience, with most respondents saying it was the hardest thing they had ever done.

"Really only a fairly small number of them, maybe 20 percent, said that they did not feel any pressure whatsoever to abort," says Orient, "which suggests that the vast majority of women were under pressure from somebody to do something that they didn't really want to do. So they gave consent in a sense, but it was not something they really wanted."

Authors of the study hope it will help develop more sophisticated and individualized counseling protocols for women before and after abortions.

U.N. Said To Lack 'High Ground' For Jerusalem Rebuke

by David Roach, posted Friday, December 22, 2017 Source: http://www.bpnews.net

UNITED NATIONS (BP) In move -а characterized by media outlets as denunciation а of the Trump administration, the United Nations General Assembly voted Thursday (Dec. 21) to ask nations to establish not diplomatic missions in Jerusalem.



The U.N. General Assembly voted Dec. 21 to ask nations not to establish their embassies in Jerusalem. Screen capture from CBS News.

recognize to Jerusalem as Israel's capital, according to a U.N. news release. U . S ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley declared the General Assembly's vote "null and void," echoing language from the resolution that declared "null and void" actions purport

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By a 128-9 vote with 35 abstentions and 21 U.N. member nations absent, the General Assembly's resolution "Status of Jerusalem" expressed "deep regret at recent decisions concerning the status of Jerusalem" -- an apparent reference to President Trump's Dec. 6 announcement the U.S. would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move its embassy there.

Paige Patterson, a longtime Israel supporter among Southern Baptists, told Baptist Press in written comments the U.N. "has no authority in the matter and little moral high ground."

"A sovereign nation has every right to declare a city in its boundaries as its capital," said Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Israel is no exception. President Trump has kept his campaign promise and recognized that right.

"What does sicken the stomach is the continued hatred of the Jewish people that sometimes occurs even among evangelicals. Nothing could be more certain in God's Word than that He loves every human of every nation and died for them on the cross. The Jew who lives in Israel is no more an exception to that than an American who lives in Washington or an Arab who lives in Cairo," Patterson said.

Drafted by Yemen and Turkey, the nonbinding U.N. resolution did not name the U.S. specifically but called "upon all States to refrain from the establishment of diplomatic missions in the Holy City of Jerusalem," according to a copy of the resolution published by The Times of Israel.

Yemen's U.N. representative referenced the U.S. by name when he introduced the resolution in an emergency session of the General Assembly, called at Yemen and Turkey's request. During discussion of the measure, several nations criticized America's decision

to have altered the character, status or demographic composition of Jerusalem."

Haley said "the United States will remember this day, in which it was singled out for attack in the General Assembly for the very right of exercising our right as a sovereign nation," The New York Times reported.

Haley and Trump both have suggested the U.S. might reduce its funding of the U.N. and nations who supported the resolution.

The nine nations to vote no on the resolution were Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Togo and the U.S.

A similar resolution received 14 affirmative votes Dec. 18 in the 15-member U.N. Security Council but was vetoed by the U.S.

Israel long has claimed Jerusalem as its capital, with modern Israeli governments varying in their willingness to let Palestinians control portions of the city. Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as their capital.

Despite Trump's Dec. 6 statement that he was not taking a position on "the specific boundaries of the Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem," Palestinians have held daily protests against his action ever since, according to media reports. Israeli troops fatally shot two Palestinians in the Gaza strip today (Dec. 22), Reuters reported.

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You've probably heard a lot of people recently screaming and yelling about Fake News. Charges fly from all points on the political spectrum: this story is mistaken — it's Fake News; that statement is incorrect — it's Fake News.

But to my mind, these arguments miss the point. Mainstream American news is ALL fake because the major news outlets are so consistently biased toward the left that whether any given story they report is factual or not, their overall reportage is essentially leftist propaganda.

You can complain about the right-wing slant of Fox News all you want, but left-wing ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC and CNN have, combined, almost ten times the viewers.

Look, the chief journalist at ABC is former Clinton operative George Stephanopoulos; the president of CBS News is David Rhodes, the brother of a former senior Obama staffer. Comcast, which owns NBC, is run by a major Democrat donor. Same for the leadership at CBS and Time Warner, which owns CNN.

Only seven percent of American journalists identify as Republican. And while a lot of news outlets forbid their reporters to donate to candidates, 96 percent of those who did donate last time out gave to Hillary Clinton.

These journalists claim that despite the fact they're all Democrats, they can be objective. It just ain't so. Psychologists have shown that when people associate almost exclusively with those who agree with them, they suffer from groupthink and confirmation bias and lose their ability to see events clearly.

Now, it's not that these journalists are liars, exactly – it's that their bias skews their reporting in very specific ways. Let me give you Andrew Klavan's Three Rules of Mainstream Media Journalism. These can transform any story, whether it's true or not, into

Bible Crossword Solution for

Fake News.

Rule Number One:

Whenever left-wing prejudices are confirmed by a single event, that event is treated as representative. But whenever left-wing prejudices are contradicted by a single event, that event is treated as an isolated incident – and if you treat it as representative, you are deemed to be hateful.

So, for instance, a white cop shoots a black suspect. The mainstream media treats that story as representative of general police racism even though studies show cops don't use deadly force more often on blacks than on whites.

On the other hand, if a Muslim commits an act of terrorism, and someone is bold enough to point out that the terrorist act is, in fact, representative of the daily acts of Muslim terror around the world, this is considered Islamophobic.

The leftist media cherry-picks when an event illustrates a larger narrative. That's Fake News.

Rule Number Two:

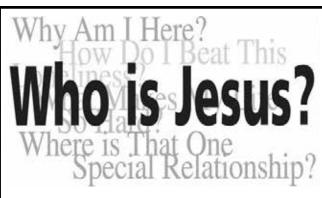
When a scandal breaks on the right, the news is the scandal. When a scandal breaks on the left, the news is: who wrongfully disclosed that scandalous information?

Thus, when the media wanted to raise suspicions that Donald Trump was somehow in league with the Russians, they freely quoted illegally leaked information from intelligence sources.

But when Congressman Devin Nunes announced he had information that the Obama administration might have misused intelligence against Donald Trump's transition team, the story became: How did Nunes get that information? And did he do it legally?

The scandal meter is heavily weighted to fall to the right. Fake News.

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JESUS is GOD the SON (CREATOR of the Universe and all Life!)

Hebrews 1:2-3

2 ...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 3:3-4

3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

THE SAVIOR (GOD in human form) born of the Virgin Mary

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 8:23-24

23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 14:6

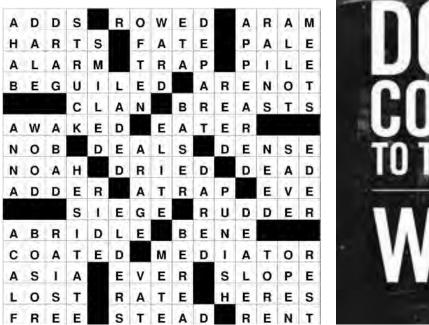
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

No other person can save you or give you hope and eternal life.

How to know JESUS as your personal Savior:

The *only* document on earth that is a reliable source for knowledge on who JESUS is, is the Holy Bible. If you would like to know JESUS as your personal Savior from sin, pray the following prayer followed by studying The Holy Bible and get involved with a local Christian church that believes in the entire Bible as literally true. Be a doer of the word and share The Gospel with others.

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Pray this sincere prayer, meaning it with all your heart, and God will give you eternal life, right now!

"Dear JESUS, I am a sinful person who needs You. I turn from my sins and surrender my heart and life to You, right now. Save me dear JESUS and make me Your child. Thank You for coming to Bethlehem, and for dying for me topay for my sins. Help me to live for You all the rest of my life. "Amen

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Letter To The Editor: **God's Name**

Stars in the Bible

By Allen Marsh, Nampa, Idaho

I've learned that many Christians do not know or understand terms related to God. This letter is to help in this area.

A general word for God in Hebrew is El, the supreme God, the creator. El occurs 245 times often with modifying characteristics (e.g. El Elyon, God Most High).

The most common Hebrew word translated "God" is "Elohim," which is plural—"gods" This is one evidence of the Trinity. The word refers to God, gods, rulers, or magistrates. In the Hebrew Elohim occurs 2606 times. "God" is not a name; it is a kind of being like angel, man, animal, etc.

Adon means lord or master. Adonai means "my lord"; written "lord" it refers to a man; written "Lord" it refers to God.

In Exodus 3 God said, "I AM WHO I AM" from the Hebrew "to be." He is eternal. He told Moses to say, "Jehovah, the God of your fathers..., hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever." "Jehovah" is formed by four Hebrew letters (the tetragrammaton), JHVH or YHWH.

Because it was unsaid for centuries and Hebrew had no vowels, people didn't know how to pronounce it. Translators added vowels from Adonai getting Jahovah evolving to Jehovah. The proper pronunciation is Yahweh, but because we have songs with "Jehovah" and Bible studies on "Jehovah" with characteristics (e.g. Jehovah Jirah), Jehovah is perfectly acceptable. Many Bible names incorporate part of Jehovah, e.g., Jehoram and Abijah.

In the Hebrew Bible Jehovah was used 6,519 times. To keep God's name holy, the intertestament Jews stopped saying it substituting either "the Name" or "Adonai." That practice continues today, and some Christians practice this.

Most English translations use "LORD" for "Jehovah." Most people, including pastors, do not know the difference between LORD and Lord.. Even Decision magazine (September, 2017) included miscopyings. Daniel 9:2 (page 13) and three verses from the Psalms on page 19 (18:30, 34:4, and 19:7-11) wrote "LORD" as "Lord."

"Jehovah" is first used in Genesis 2 and shows relationship to man. His personal relationship is emphasized when a characteristic showing relationship is combined with his name, e.g., Jehovah Rapha -Jehovah heals.

Understanding would be better with proper translation in verses like Psalm 110:1 "The LORD said unto my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand.'"

Understanding the meaning and name "Jehovah' will help us understand God and His Word better.

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Stars are galaxies billions of miles away and appear stationary. "Wandering stars" (Planets) are close and appear to move through the constellations including reversing direction (retrogressing). (We are on a moving platform around the sun.)

Psalm 19;1-4: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech.... There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." [Stars communicate) And

Romans 10:17-18: So belief comes of hearing, ... Did they not hear? Yea, verily, their sound went out into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." (Quote above)

You know that God made the stars on Day 4. Did was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and up your eyes on high, and see who has created these [stars], that brings out their host by number; he calls them all by name."

Job 9:9 (written before Abraham) says, "He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades (a star cluster), and the chambers (constellations) of the south." In Job 38:31-33 God said, "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?"

Mazzaroth is the 12 signs of the Zodiac and their 36 associated constellations (Each constellation has three sub-constellations as well as several often well-known stars). God must have named the Zodiac because (1) no one can see the figures represented from the stars in their formations, and (2) every culture as far back as scientists can go has the same zodiac signs in the same order.

God placed the gospel in the Zodiac beginning with Virgo (the Virgin) and ending with Leo (the lion / King; also representing Israel). Gen 49:9-10 says, "Judah is a lion's whelp; ..., he couched as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet...."

The first four signs of the Zodiac (Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius) depict the suffering Savior. The next four (Capricorn, Cancer, Gemini, and Taurus) depict the church redeemed by Christ. The last four (Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, and Leo) show the consummation and the coming of Christ in judgment as well as to take his redeemed home.



Photograph above of the Milky Way in the night sky over Black Rock Desert, Nevada taken on 7/22/2007. Photo above by Steve Jurvetson: https://www.flickr.com/photos/44124348109@N01

we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him." "We saw his star in the dayspring / rising.

The Wisemen in the East (probably Babylon; perhaps from followers of Daniel) saw the star rising in the east indicating a king of the Jews would be born. Who would want to worship the Jewish king? Someone of Jewish descent.

The star would have been multiple heavenly bodies. Jupiter, the largest planet (called the King), passed close to Regulus (the King star from regal) in the constellation Leo (King). Virgo (the Virgin) rose clothed in the sun with the New Moon at her feet (Rosh Hoshana, Jewish New Year). Looking back, this would have been the time of Jesus' conception.

Rev 12:1-5 "A great sign

you know He also named them? Isaiah 40:26: "Lift the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was the child; ... And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne."

> The Magi recognized this sign and headed for Jerusalem, the capital of Israel. They did not see the star on their trip because it wasn't there. They knew where they were going. They stopped to ask directions to the new born king.

The Christmas Star

Nine months after Mary's conception she gave birth (June, 2 B.C.), the angels announced it, and the shepherds worshipped. There was a star, but no one noticed as Jupiter again lined up with Venus to make an extra bright star.

After receiving Herod's instructions, they traveled south 6 miles toward Bethlehem. They again saw the star they had seen in the East (Jupiter with Venus) going before them (south) to Bethlehem. The star (two planets) stopped over Bethlehem (beginning a retrograde). This was December 25, 2 B.C., about six months after Jesus' birth. The magi found the boy with his mother in a house and give gifts to Jesus. They worshipped! This might be called the first "Christmas." Sources:

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The Star of Bethlehem by Stephen DVD: McEveety, producer and Rick Larson, Narrator

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The Wisemen's First Star

Matthew 2:1-2 The wise men "came to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for



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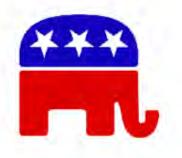
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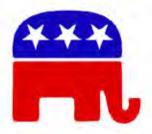
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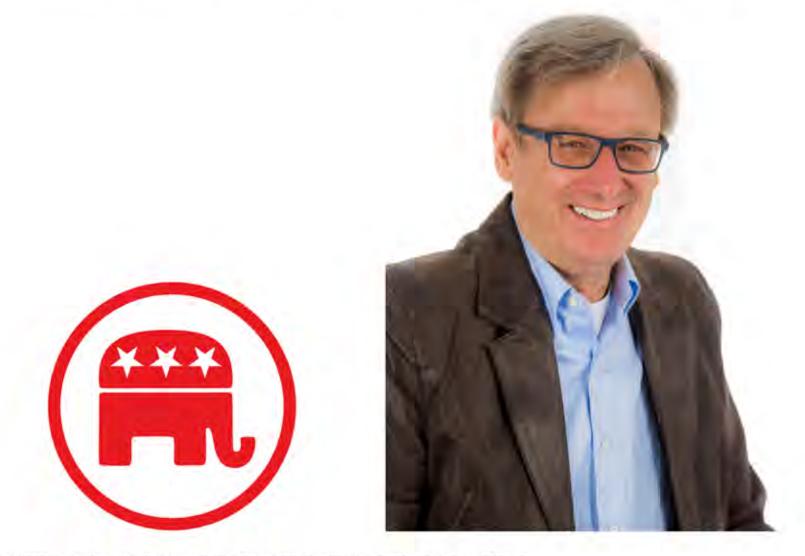


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Ministry Spotlight: The Gideons International

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First Meeting Called

On May 31, 1899, the two men met again at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where they decided the purpose of their Association would be to band Christian commercial travelers together for mutual recognition, personal evangelism, and united service for the Lord. They decided to call a meeting in Janesville, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1899, in the Y.M.C.A.

"We Shall be Called Gideons," Only three men were present at the meeting in Janesville: John H. Nicholson, Samuel E. Hill, and Will J. Knights. They organized with Hill as president, Knights as vice president, and Nicholson as secretary and treasurer. When it came time to decide the name of the Association, the men held a special prayer time to ask that God might lead them to select the proper name. After, Mr. Knights arose from his knees and said simply, "We shall be called Gideons." He then proceeded to read the story of Gideon from the sixth and seventh chapters of Judges.

Effective Witnesses in Hotels

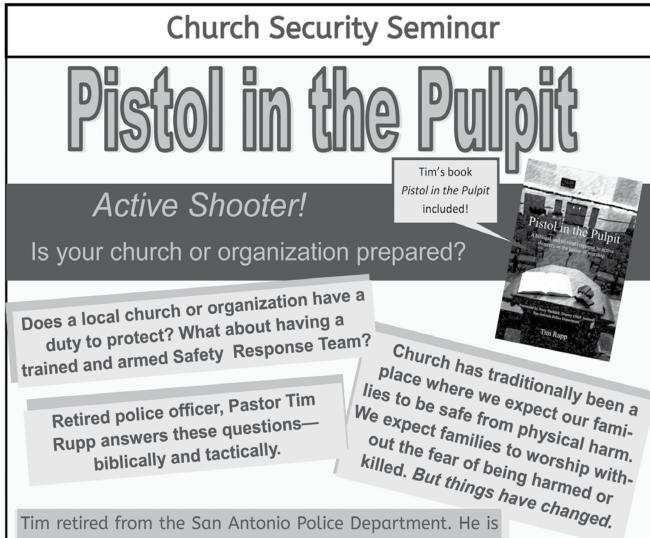
In light of the fact that nearly all of the Gideons in the early years of the Association were traveling men, the question naturally arose as to how they might be more effective witnesses in hotels. One trustee went so far as to suggest that The Gideons supply a Bible for each bedroom of the hotels in the United States. He commented, "In my opinion, this would not only stimulate the activities of the rank and file of the

membership, but would be a gracious act, wholly in keeping with the divine mission of the Gideon Association." This plan, which they called "The Bible Project" was adopted at Louisville, KT, in 1908.

Church Support

The idea of churches contributing to the support of the Gideon Scripture program originated with a pastor. Just two months after the 1908 Louisville Convention, a state convention was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. National Secretary Frank Garlick and Mr. A.B.T. Moore attended a meeting of the Ministerial Union. After their program, they asked if Garlick could inform these ministers from around the world about the work of the Gideon Association. Garlick delivered a short yet inspired speech advocating for the need of Bible distribution. At the close of his brief address, Mr. Moore's own pastor, Dr. E.R. Burkhalter, arose and moved, "...that Gideon Bibles be placed in all local hotels and that the Ministerial Union be responsible for the funds." The motion was unanimously carried and a committee appointed to allocate the cost to the churches, according to their strength.

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Wedding Cake Arguments Build Religious Liberty Case

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of Appeals upheld the commission's order, and the Colorado Supreme Court declined in 2016 to review the decision.

Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, a frequent swing vote on the court, provided encouragement to lawyers supporting Phillips with some of his questions and comments during the oral arguments.

Kennedy asked Frederick Yarger, Colorado's solicitor general, if he would disavow the statement of a state civil rights commissioner who said, in the justice's words, "freedom of religion used to justify discrimination is a despicable piece of rhetoric."

Yarger disavowed the remark, and Kennedy later said, "Counselor, tolerance is essential in a free society. And tolerance is most meaningful when it's mutual. It seems to me that the state in its position here has been neither tolerant nor respectful of Mr. Phillips' religious beliefs."

Yarger said he didn't "agree that Colorado hasn't taken very seriously the rights of those who wish to practice their faith."

Kennedy took issue with an argument used by David Cole, the ACLU's national legal director representing the gay couple, who said Phillips' refusal to design a cake was based on the gay identity of the men.

"[S]uppose [Phillips] says, 'Look, I have nothing against gay people," Kennedy said. "He says, 'But I just don't think they should have a marriage because that's contrary to my beliefs."

In response, Cole contended "there's no question that identity discrimination is involved here because, again, the only thing the baker knew was the identity of the people" involved.

Kennedy disagreed, saying, "It's not their identity; it's what they're doing.... Your identity thing is just too facile."

After sitting in on the arguments, Eric Baxter, senior counsel for the public-interest legal institute Becket, said Kennedy "seemed very aware that tolerance is a two-way street and that a free society requires it to run both directions."

Michael Whitehead, a Southern Baptist lawyer in suburban Kansas City, Mo., who also was in the courtroom, said there is "reason to hope Kennedy will lean toward free speech and against anti-religious animus by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission."

"This is a pivotal case in the battle for religious liberty," said Whitehead, who wrote a friend-of-thecourt brief filed by the ERLC and others in support of Phillips.

"The questioning was intense to both sides, and the result is too close to call," Whitehead told BP in written remarks.

Baxter said he is optimistic in an email interview.

"Almost all of the judges seemed to get that there is a difference between refusing to create a cake because of the cake maker's deeply held religious beliefs, which is what Mr. Phillips did, and refusing to create the cake because of the customer's sexual orientation," Baxter said.

"They seemed to get that the thought of the government forcing anyone to participate in ceremonies like weddings, bar mitzvahs, baptisms or funerals is troubling," Baxter told BP. "The government should not be able to force anyone to celebrate, to clap for or to salute at someone else's ceremony against their own religious convictions."

Associate Justice Samuel Alito asked Cole if "someone can be compelled to write particular words with which that person strongly disagrees," a position he attributed to the state as well.

"If he was written the same words for others, and the only difference is the identity of the customer, yes," Cole replied.

Kristen Waggoner, senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom who argued on behalf of Phillips, told reporters afterward the Supreme Court has never compelled artistic expression. "And if it does so now, we will have less stability, less pluralism and less diversity in our society," she said.

Baxter, assessing the arguments by the ACLU's Cole, said, "... if they win, a lot of free speech will be at risk."

"There are many reasons -- both religious and secular -- why someone might object to a particular wedding," he told BP. "The court can no more force someone to celebrate a wedding than it can force them to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and it can no more force someone to support someone else's celebration than it could force someone to raise the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance."

During the arguments, U.S. Solicitor General Noel Francisco said in support of Phillips, "[W]hen you force a speaker to both engage in speech and contribute that speech to an expressive event that they disagree with, you fundamentally transform the nature of their message from one that they want to say to one that they don't want to say."

Alito and Waggoner both pointed to the civil rights commission's divergent handling of complaints regarding bakers who would not design cakes about same-sex marriage. An individual who asked three businesses to create a cake opposing gay marriage was refused and complained to the commission. The commission rejected his complaint.

"It's OK for a baker who supports same-sex marriage to refuse to create a cake with a message

that is opposed to same-sex marriage," Alito said in describing the commission's ruling. "But when the tables are turned and you have the baker who opposes same-sex marriage, that baker may be compelled to create a cake that expresses approval of same-sex marriage."

Members of the court's liberal wing -- Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan -- peppered Waggoner with questions, especially regarding hypothetical situations that might be similar to designing a wedding cake. Kennedy was among those who expressed concerns about the impact of Phillips' position.

Many liberal religious groups voiced opposition to granting Phillips the right to refuse service to a same-sex couple.

"Using Christianity and religious liberty to justify discrimination runs counter to our faith which calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves because they are created in God's image," said Jennifer Butler, chief executive office of Faith in Public Life, in a written statement.

More than 40 friend-of-the-court briefs were filed with the court on behalf of each party.

In addition to the ERLC, others filing briefs in support of Phillips included 86 members of Congress, 20 states or governors of states, Becket, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Christian Legal Society, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Agudath Israel of America, the libertarian Cato Institute, National Black Religious Broadcasters and National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. Jonathan Whitehead, also a Southern Baptist lawyer in suburban Kansas City, Mo., and the son of Michael Whitehead, wrote the brief for the members of Congress.

Among those signing on to briefs in support of the Colorado commission were the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty; 211 members of Congress; 19 states and the District of Columbia; American Bar Association; NAACP; Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Freedom From Religion Foundation; and various religious, disability and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organizations.

The Christian Life Commission of the Missouri Baptist Convention was among those joining the ERLC in its brief.

The case is Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

Tom Strode is the Washington bureau chief for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.





Don't worry about **anything,** but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, **always asking him with a thankful heart.** *Philippians* 46

Presidential Proclamation Recognizing Jerusalem as the Capital

our Embassy to Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This action is consistent with the will of the Congress, as expressed in the Act.

Today's actions -- recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and announcing the relocation of our embassy -- do not reflect a departure from the strong commitment of the United States to facilitating a lasting peace agreement. The United States continues to take no position on any final status issues. The specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem are subject to final status negotiations between the parties. The United States is not taking a position on boundaries or borders.

Above all, our greatest hope is for peace, including through a two-state solution, if agreed to by both sides. Peace is never beyond the grasp of those who are willing to reach for it. In the meantime, the United States continues to support the status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites, including at the Temple Mount, also known as Haram al Sharif. Jerusalem is today -- and must remain -- a place where Jews pray at the Western Wall, where Christians walk the Stations of the Cross, and where Muslims worship at Al-Aqsa Mosque.

With today's decision, my Administration reaffirms its longstanding commitment to building a future of

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peace and security in the Middle East. It is time for all civilized nations and people to respond to disagreement with reasoned debate -- not senseless violence -- and for young and moderate voices across the Middle East to claim for themselves a bright and beautiful future. Today, let us rededicate ourselves to a path of mutual understanding and respect, rethinking old assumptions and opening our hearts and minds to new possibilities. I ask the leaders of the Middle East -- political and religious; Israeli and Palestinian; and Jewish, Christian, and Muslim -- to join us in this noble quest for lasting peace.

Now, Therefore, I, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and that the United States Embassy to Israel will be relocated to Jerusalem as soon as practicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

DONALD J. TRUMP

What is Fake News?

Rule Number Three:

Individual extremists on the right are highlighted, but the overall extremism of the left is ignored.

In one of the fakest Fake News stories in recent history, the mainstream media rose up as one to tar conservative Tea Party members as racist, when all they really wanted were lower taxes and less government spending. Reporters gave the Tea Party disparaging nicknames; represented their almost universally peaceful gatherings as "ugly" and "violent"; and whenever an individual Tea Partier said something wrong, it was cited as evidence that the movement itself was tainted.

Meanwhile, the continually violent, vandalizing, anti-Semitic socialist movement that went by the name of Occupy Wall Street was hailed by journalists as an important social development right up to the moment it vanished without a trace (except for the piles of litter its protesters left behind).

Peaceful Tea Partiers wanted the small government prescribed by the Constitution, so they were radicals; violent Occupiers wanted the widespread government intrusion of socialism, so they were heroes. Very Fake News.

Newsweek Editor Evan Thomas was once criticized when his magazine essentially convicted

commit – because it didn't happen. Thomas defended himself, saying, "The narrative was right, but the facts were wrong."

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The mainstream media almost always get their left-wing narrative right, whether the facts support it or not. That's called confirming your own prejudices. It's called bias. It's called Fake News.





"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee..."

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<u>NEVADA</u>

From Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, Reno, Nevada

<u>Jeff</u>



For me, walking into the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission meant I'd finally hit rock bottom.

I came here in a pitiful state. We talk about "fruits of the spirit" here — things like hope, joy, gentleness, and self-control. Well, I had none of that. What did I have? Plenty of pent-up anger at people I thought had done me wrong. I'd racked up those DUIs, lost my family because of my addiction, and been through too many failed detoxes to count. Here's the craziest part: Before all of that, I was 19 years sober!

As recently as 2012, I had a successful life. I was a good husband and a responsible father. I thought I had everything figured out, and I got cocky. I stopped doing the little things to keep my addiction in check. I stopped going to church, and I stopped praying every day.

Then I had knee-replacement surgery and took some painkillers. I relapsed hard. I broke my family's trust, got another DUI, and went to prison. When I got out, I felt angry. I pointed the finger at everyone but myself.

I drank to numb the pain and ended up face down in a gutter.

I doubt I'd even be able to recognize the woman who picked me up and saved me from that place. But I'll never forget her selflessness. She took me to urgent care, and from there I came here, to the Mission. I'm convinced she was doing the Lord's work that day.

Like I said, coming here was rock bottom. I knew it was time to surrender myself to Jesus Christ. I firmly believe He brought me here. It just took an awfully long time to get to this point because I was fighting it.

Now I'm six months sober, working every day, and beginning to make amends with my family. In time, I hope to earn their trust again. That would never be possible without the Mission. This program works real, genuine miracles. I'm living proof.

For more information: Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission 2115 Timber Way, Reno, NV 89513-5956 Phone: (775) 323-0386 Website: http://www.rsgm.org waiting to get sentenced to prison. I was facing prison time after I stole several pieces of heavy machinery off a work site. Those crimes meant I had amassed 36 felonies over the past 20 years. Every time I got in trouble it was because of drugs or because I stole something to get money for drugs.

This time the judge had already told my lawyer that I would be sentenced to prison. My list of felonies was too long for me to try a drug treatment program. But on the day we went to court for sentencing, my lawyer had a paper about the Rescue Mission. He showed the paper to the judge and I was shocked when the judge said I could be put on probation and join the Rescue Mission's New Life Program.

I have experienced many miracles since that first one. Maybe most importantly, God has repaired my relationships with my family. Over my years of using and selling meth, they had grown to distrust me. I let them down and stole from them so many times that they couldn't rely on me anymore. Still, when they saw that God was changing my life at the Rescue Mission, they welcomed me back.

Change wasn't easy, especially at the start. I had mentally prepared myself for a long prison term so I was shocked to be released to the Mission. I had never lived at a homeless shelter before and spent that first night sleeping on the chapel floor since that was the only space available. The next day I called my probation officer and told him I couldn't do it. I told him he should come arrest me and I would just do my prison time. But he convinced me to stay for a few more days.

The other men on the New Life Program knew I was struggling so they would do things to cheer me up. One guy got a towel, some tights, and some big funny slippers. He dressed up and acted like a super hero in front of me, just to lighten my mood. It sounds silly, but little things like that showed me there were people around the Mission who cared about me and wanted me to succeed. I found myself developing friendships with people who believed in God.

I began singing in the evening choir before chapel. I talked with my counselor about the emotional and spiritual struggles I was having and I started actively participating in the daily Bible studies. I began to look forward to going to my church, Gospel Grace, where I made some good friendships. Eventually, I realized I needed church each week to recharge my batteries so I could get through another week sober and joyful.

I never thought God would change me like He has. Before I had a relationship with God, I was a meth addict and dealer. I sold enough meth to afford a mortgage on a house. Still, even as a dealer, I was using meth constantly and my life began to fall apart in addiction and incarceration. When I wasn't selling meth, I dreamed up scams to steal. I would shoplift and then return the items for cash or gift cards. I would create fake businesses to trick people into giving me money. I am not proud of this, but I share it to show that if God can change someone like me, He can in full-time work for a while, I would love to go to college and study business. At one point, between all the swindling and meth-dealing, I had my own landscaping business specializing in rock walls. I think if I had more education I could make the business work better and make it a long-term success.

I am glad God did a miracle and brought me to the Mission. Instead of being a prison inmate, I have become a productive member of society.

I want to thank all the Rescue Mission's supporters who blessed me with a place where I could come learn about God, get off drugs, find a job, and repair my relationships with my family. Please pray for me as I graduate and move in with my brother. I need to stay connected to God and His people, like I have been for the past year. I need God now more than ever, so pray that He would continue to do miracles in my life.

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WYOMING

From Wyoming Rescue Mission, Casper, Wyoming

<u>Yeshua</u>



Yeshua started fighting at age 10, using alcohol at 15, and was shipped off to youth crisis and juvenile detention centers— one after another—because of his unruly behavior. When he turned 18 and was on his own, he rekindled his destructive habits. With no direction or plan for his future, he became depressed. He couldn't hold a job, was sometimes homeless and tried to overdose on drugs to end his life. When he woke up in the hospital, he felt God's presence and love. "But I was too blind to respond the right way," he says, and his life continued to deteriorate.

Finally, after another failed suicide attempt earlier this year, he felt God calling him to WRM. "When I was told about the New Life Recovery Program and how it could help me, I joined right away," he says. Although he'd learned about God as a child, he'd never developed a relationship with Him. "At WRM they teach you how to read the Bible and to pray. I've gotten back in touch with the Lord and I'm finding more purpose in being alive right now than I ever did in drugs and alcohol." Still in the first phase of the program, he's embracing our life-skills training, responsible living courses and spiritual guidance, and he believes the Lord is laying out a plan for him to be "a disciple of God and a fisher of men." As his life is being healed, so is his relationship with his family, who are witnessing his steady transformation. "WRM has helped me see straight that life is so much better being sober," Yeshua says, "learning from the Bible and walking in the footsteps of God."

From Rescue Mission of Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, c Utah

<u>Joel</u>



This Christmas Eve will mark 18 months of sobriety for me, after using meth almost every day for the last 20 years. I am grateful and know I couldn't have achieved this new life without the Rescue Mission.

The way I ended up at the Rescue Mission seemed like a miracle. I was sitting in jail, change anybody.

When I moved into the job phase of the Mission's New Life Program I started working at a boxmanufacturing company downtown. It was awesome to see God get me a job so fast. When I graduate I will be leaving that job and will move down to Utah County to live with my brother. He operates some sober living houses for people who are struggling with addiction. He wants me to help run one of the houses.

I am excited for this opportunity. I believe I can offer encouragement to people who are trying to get sober, especially because of what God has helped me overcome.

So that is one of my goals: to get involved in these programs and make a difference in the lives of others.
Of course, my main goal is keeping my relationship with God like it is now. I need to let Him guide me, instead of me guiding myself. That is the only way I will stay clean and sober and not fall back into the l, old ruts I have been for years. After I have experience

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Pictured above: at the Western Wall of Prayer (Kotel) next to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem December 20, 2017

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Here are some highlighted interviews below with Israel Knesset leaders.



Pictured above: Israel Knesset spokesperson Mr. Yotam Yakir joins me at his office in the Knesset in Jerusalem December 14, 2017 to talk about President Trump and Vice President Pence's U.S. Embassy move to Jerusalem, Vice President Pence's upcoming speech in the Knesset and history of the current Holiday Hanukkah. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/XOdECX9bvGM



Pictured above: Israel Member of Knesset (MK) Sharren Haskel joins me Monday December 18, 2017 to talk about the latest problems of the U.N.R.W.A. schools (United Nations Relief Workers Agency) that are inciting kids to violence against the Jews. President Trump has recently condemned the U.N. agency U.N.E.S.C.O. and many people are calling on him to condemn the actions of U.N.R.W.A. as well. To watch this video, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/3v8BCEcy6pg



Pictured above: Israel MK Yehuda Glick joins me in Jerusalem at the Knesset. MK Glick talks about how President Trump's declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and his announcement of moving the embassy to Jerusalem affect their plans for peace. In addition, the troublesome U.N. schools of UNRWA are discussed and their impact on peace. To watch this interview, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/ fCS9q2LJtFk

Avi Lipman in Jerusalem is working on legislation for developing a new party with the Israel Knesset. Christian leaders in America are confused why Israel leaders let Muslims be Knesset members but prevent Christians from being Knesset members. The question for many Christians is why this is happening, when it is Christians that are more supportive of Israel than Muslims.

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Pictured above: Avi Lipkin from Israel joins me in Jerusalem to talk about the crucial issue of establishing a Bible Bloc Party within the Israel Government (Knesset). To watch this video, click on the following YouTube link: https://youtu.be/R94oD51rD14 For more information about this issue, visit Mr. Lipkin's website at: http://www.avilipkin.net



When Evil Strikes—Where Is God?

by Dr. Tim Rupp, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Violent, evil attacks in America are out of control. The November attack on a Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas that claimed 26 lives hit home. Pastor Frank Pomeroy, is a friend. Years ago, his older children and mine played together, our wives served together at First Baptist Church in La Vernia, Texas where Frank and I ministered before we both were called to pastor. Among the fatalities was the Pomeroy's

daughter Annabel. In a single violent attack Frank lost a daughter and half his church.

Why is evil escalating in America? Is it drugs? There have always been drugs. Guns? There have always been guns in our country. Mental illnesses? There have always been people with mental illnesses living among us. As America seeks answers to these questions and plans are made to modify security measures, implement new laws, analyze the assassins, and comfort the survivors, a theological question quietly haunts many: Why did God allow this happen?

In a general sense creation reveals God. But the more intimate things are written in his Word. While nature reveals a God who knows, the Bible tells us God is all-knowing. While nature reveals a powerful God, the Bible tells us God is all-powerful. We also find that God is love. The Bible states plainly that "God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8, 16). Not that God possesses love, but that he is love. That means God is all-loving. All that God is he is fully. There is never a time when God lacks in knowledge, power, or love.

If we accept that God is at the same time allknowing, all-powerful, and all-loving, why does he allow mass shootings? In our limited understanding we reason this way: if God is all knowing, he knew it was coming. If God is all-powerful he could have prevented it. If God is all-loving, he would have prevented it. So why didn't he? Is God also evil? Is he a bad God? Or is our reasoning faulty?

The psalmist writes that the Lord is good to all (Ps. 145:9), and we believe Scripture. How then, do we account for the human-caused atrocities in our country, and around the world? To the surprise of many, the Bible also tells us that God creates evil, "I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things" (Isaiah 45:7). Let's consider two words: create and calamity.

The Hebrew word translated creates means to fashion or shape the conditions that cause something to happen. It's the same word Moses used when he wrote, "God created the heavens and the earth." Next, word the text says the Lord causes calamity. The word translated calamity in the ESV is most often translated evil in other passages. Other translations translate it disaster or bad times. The clearest translation for this verse is from the KVJ, "I make peace and create evil."



The text states that God creates the conditions for evil to exist. How does that fit with a good God? Although we tend to focus on the second part of this verse, the first part explains the second. It begins, "I form light and create darkness." Darkness is created by the absence of light. Apply this reasoning to the second part of the verse, "I make peace and create evil." Evil is created by the absence of peace (shalom),

God's peace or God himself. At Jesus' birth the angel an-announced, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace." Why peace? Because Immanuel—God with us. Evil is created by the absence of God—this is how God creates evil. God isn't evil, nor does he possess evil. Evil is a natural result of the absence of God.

Why is there more darkness in our country than there was just a few years ago? It's simply a biblical principle: in the absence of light there is darkness; in the absence of God there is evil. Does that mean the innocent victims were evil? No, it means we pushed God out of America and when God goes, evil feels the void. We are becoming a godless society where everyone does what is right in their own eyes.

In the 1960s, prayer and public Bible reading were ban from school, in an attempt to re-move God from schools. Since then there's been a push to be remove God from the public square. The enemy's goal is to remove God from the heart. A 2015 study found that 1 in 4 unchurched adults are either atheists are agnostics. The study revealed that, "Twenty years ago, 18 percent of skeptics were under 30 years old. Today that proportion has nearly doubled to 34 percent—nearly one-quarter of the total U.S. population."(1)

At the outset, we reasoned: if God is all knowing, he knew it was coming. If God is all-powerful he could have prevented it. If God is all-loving, he would have prevented it. Imagine this reasoning applied to the crucifixion. But with the crucifixion, God not only knew it was coming—he planned it. God not only could have stopped it—he ordained it. His love didn't pre-vent it—it caused it.

I believe that increased security measures are needed, but these only address the symptoms, the disease is a heart issue. "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 14:1). This is our mandate. We need to bring God back into our country, our lives, and our hearts.

Dr. Rupp pastors River of Life and Cop Church in Idaho Falls, ID and is the founder of The Strong Blue Line ministry to police officers. You may contact Dr. Rupp through TheStrongBlueLine.org.

1. https://www.barna.com/research/2015-state-of-atheism-in-america

(accessed November 12, 2017)

Update For Vision Beyond Borders

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Burma (Myanmar)

The situation in Burma continues to escalate as pressure is being put on the UN and the media. Reports fail to mention how ISIL and Al Qaeda are working in Burma to try and establish an Islamic state. The Burmese military has been guilty of rape and stealing from the Rohingya people. It's not a genocide as the mainstream media is reporting, but rather a way to pressure the Buddhist people to give up part of their land to allow the Moslems to create an Islamic stronghold in their country. ISIL and Al Qaeda are using the Rohingya people as a human shield and, instead of denouncing the radical Moslems, the world is condemning Aung San Suu Kyi for trying to protect them. I have a close friend who has investigated this situation at great peril to his own life. He stated the Moslem leaders among the Rohingya people said that 200 individuals have been killed, but my friend reported that only 48 bodies have been found. This, while being wrong, is still far from being classified as a genocide.

My friend is frustrated as the media blames the Buddhist majority people, while intentionally ignoring the fact that ISIL and Al Qaeda are attempting to recruit the Rohingya people to their cause. Aung San Suu Kyi does not have complete control in Burma (Myanmar) as the generals refuse to give her complete power. She has a battle on her hands as the Chinese are encroaching and the Islamic fundamentalists are trying to carve out a piece of Burma for them in order to bring the country under their power.

North Korea

I have traveled to North Korea twice and have witnessed firsthand the oppression of the people. Yet, I have witnessed their intense hunger for the Gospel. Please pray for this beautiful country and the people who are without God and without hope. Please pray that the leader, Kim Jung Un, who has no military victories to his name and is trying to establish himself as a world leader, would repent and turn from his wicked ways. Pray he would surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and that God will visit this land again.

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A New Emphasis in our Local GOP

by Camilla Hicks, Glen Rock, Wyoming

The Converse County Republican Party (CCRP) is stepping into a new area of community service. CCRP, led by Chairman Colt Rodeman, has initiated fund raising through raffles to encourage community giving and education initiatives. They see this as another piece of grassroots involvement and meeting real needs of the people.

During the past nine months several fundraising events were held, including a raffle aimed at obtaining these funds. These were a three-day Garage Sale in June, a Family Picnic in July, and a dinner in October recognizing 30-plus years of Republican stamina exhibited by Jess and Eleanor Rodgers. All events were well attended and enjoyed by Republican leaders from Converse County and the State.

The goal is to help meet our community's needs and emphasize that we're all working together to foster mutual respect, trust and credibility in the community. Fundraising Committee Chairwoman Camilla Hicks pointed out that "just as the leaders



Pictured above left to right: CCRP Treasurer and Fundraising Chairman Camilla Hicks, Converse County Sherriff Clint Becker, CCRP Chairman Colt Rodeman, and Converse County Deputy Sherriff Nate Heugh presentation of funds for the first year, "Shop with a Cop" with the help of other generous donors 11 children were recipients of the Christmas funds. Dec. 8,2017

in the early days of this nation demonstrated their interest in protecting and defending all our citizens, we recognize how important every person is in the

life of our people in Converse County."

The Converse County Republican Party raised \$1,115 for this purpose. The Party has connected with organizations already in place which are providing services, food, clothing, and other material needs. The funds will likely be distributed shortly.

This year's giving will include helping fund the "Shop with a Cop" program sponsored by the Converse County Sheriff's Department, partnering with Converse County Aging Service to help the elderly in Douglas and Glenrock with transportation to Casper, and assisting Helping Hearts, run by Angela Dillon, to provide food to needy families.

Plans for the 2018 year's raffles are already being made. Consideration is being given to educational initiatives in the County. The Party would like to explore partnerships with schools and civic organizations to provide tools for education

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one of the leading Christian grassroots movements in the world. CUFI spans all fifty states and reaches millions with its message. Each year CUFI holds hundreds of pro-Israel events in cities around the country. And each July, thousands of pro-Israel Christians gather in Washington, D.C. to participate in the CUFI Washington Summit and make their voices heard in support of Israel and the Jewish people.

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At stake: America's core value of religious freedom

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allegedly broke target conduct, not speech. Land says if the particulars were changed, many who are so certain Phillips is nothing more than a homophobic bigot might change their minds.

"It's no different than requiring a Muslim butcher to provide pork sausage to a customer, even though Muslims believe that pork is something they're not to touch," he suggests.

He says the religious freedom of all believers is at stake. "It's one thing to say that you're going to make same-sex marriage legal – [but] it's another thing to say that we're going to weaponize our own government against its own citizens and say We want to compel you to affirm it."

The Supreme Court's is expected to announce its decision in the case by late June.

"Jack [Phillips] is on the front lines for us all as we desire to live in a truly free society tolerant of a biblical worldview."

Dr. Jerry A. Johnson, President & CEO National Religious Broadcasters

"[Jack] Phillips does not discriminate against anyone because of who they are. He serves all customers – he just doesn't communicate all messages, namely those that violate his conscience. And the government should not force him to do so."

Monica Burke, research assistant The Heritage Foundation

"... Viewpoints, messages, and speech can be expressed in many forms – including the creation of a cake for a ceremony. Public accommodation laws are used to protect people against unequal treatment, not to force citizens to participate and then endorse an activity with which they disagree."

Jonathan Alexandre, director of public policy



January 2018 EVENT

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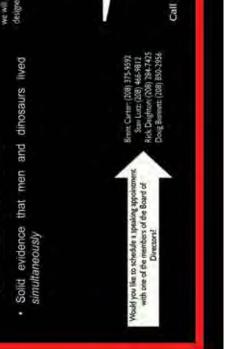
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