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Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft Maligns Indianapolis Baptist Temple in New Book

By Dr. Robert McCurry

Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has written a book entitled *Never Again – Securing America And Restoring Justice* (Center Steel, 2007). He devotes seven pages of his book to what he describes as "a sixteen-year dispute between the Indianapolis Temple and the Internal Revenue Service." Since he, as U.S. Attorney General, knew the truth about this "dispute," it is amazing to see that his remarks are marred by a number of deliberate egregious untruths and distorted personal representations that are apparently intended to malign the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. (*ibid pp 93-100*)

Here is a list of these egregious untruths and distortions:

One, Ashcroft accuses Indianapolis Baptist Temple of "tax evasion." This is untrue. "Tax evasion" is a criminal act. The Internal Revenue service never

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Pastor Greg A. Dixon Meets John Ashcroft



Former Attorney General John Ashcroft (r) ordered the seizure of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple - Pastor Greg A. Dixon (l)



Special to the Trumpet:
On March 15, 2007, Pastor Greg A. Dixon met the man who personally ordered the raid on the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. Following is his account of that encounter.

Ever since former Attorney General John Ashcroft admitted during a December 5, 2001 interview on CNN Live that he personally ordered the raid on the Indianapolis Baptist Temple on February 13 of that same year, I have had a burning desire to meet the outspoken Ashcroft. Ashcroft, who unashamedly proclaims his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a Born Again Christian, is a lay minister in the Assembly of God church and travels to pulpits all over America singing and preaching. But now that Ashcroft had even gone farther in blasting the Baptist Temple in his new book *Never Again – Securing America And Restoring Justice* (Center Steel, 2007), my desire had intensified even greater.

Because of his Christian testimony, I – along with many others – have had a difficult time understanding why Ashcroft says that he believes in the Kingship of Christ, but refuses to allow the Baptist Temple the right to practice the Kingship of Christ over its own affairs. Why does Mr. Ashcroft continue to paint our congre-

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Dr. Kent Hovind Sentenced to 10 Years Hard Time and \$1 Million in Fines *Another Perspective*

By Dr. Greg Dixon

Federal District Judge Casey Rogers, looking at the packed courtroom gallery on January 19, said, "Mr. Hovind has interjected religion into this case which is not and has never been about religion" as she sentenced Dr. Kent Hovind, Director of Christian Science Evangelism and Dinosaur Adventure Land of Pensacola, Florida to ten years hard time in a federal penitentiary, with 3 years additional supervised release. Besides the prison time, Judge Rogers added \$1,048,000 in fines.

On November 3, 2006, Dr. Hovind and his wife Jo had been found guilty by a jury after two hours of deliberation. Dr. Hovind was convicted of 58 counts of employee related tax charges. Jo Hovind was convicted on 44 counts of what the government calls "structuring," for withdrawing less than \$10,000 out of a bank account. Since only amounts of \$10,000 or more should trigger the structuring charge, this is likened to driving 70 instead of 71, and still getting a ticket for breaking the law because the patrolman says that you were trying to cheat the state out of the money you would have paid for the fine if you had been speeding.

On Thursday morning, January 18, I left Melbourne, Florida early for the 10 hour drive to Pensacola to attend the sentencing hearing. On the way I stopped at

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accused Indianapolis Baptist Temple of a "tax evasion" crime. Where is Ashcroft's evidence of such a charge?

Two, Ashcroft correctly states: "The church . . . stopped withholding federal income tax, Social Security, and Medicare taxes from the paychecks of its employees The employees paid their own taxes on the money they received from the church." This was the crux of the controversy. The IRS alleged the church failed to collect and remit these referenced taxes, but Ashcroft acknowledges that these referenced taxes were paid by those who "received money from the church."

Three, Ashcroft states: "The church itself continued to accrue back taxes, penalties, and interest . . ." This is untrue. Indianapolis Baptist Temple had no tax liabilities in any amount.

Four, "The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where the justices rendered a decision against the church." This is untrue. Although the church appealed its case to the U.S. Supreme Court, the court declined to hear the case and never "rendered a decision against the church."

Ashcroft continues his assault on Indianapolis Baptist Temple by implying:

One, Ashcroft said, "No one knew if the senior Dixon was armed or if he intended to harm himself or others." This is a ludicrous statement designed to malign the character and integrity of Dr. Greg Dixon. The same statement can be made of President George Bush or any other leader. But why make such a statement when there was no evidence or even suspicions of such a probability? The answer is obvious.

Two, Ashcroft implies that Indianapolis Baptist Temple was similar or akin to the Branch Davidians who were accused of hoarding weapons, World Trade Center Terrorists, Oklahoma City Bomber Timothy McVeigh, and the militia movement at large in America. Why make such accusations when there is no evidence to substantiate these things? The answer is obvious.

Three, Ashcroft implies that Indianapolis Baptist Temple was not a

people of peace and had no respect for authorities; protested and acted with violence to further their religious views; was similar to those who bomb abortion clinics. Why make such comparisons and raise such suspicions when there is no evidence to substantiate these things? The answer is obvious.

Some astounding and alarming statements made by Ashcroft

One, Ashcroft admits that the government seizure of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple's properties was "the first incident in U.S. history in which a church was seized by the IRS for tax reasons."

Two, Ashcroft admits that he sacrificed the congregation of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple to prove that he was sincere at his Senate confirmation hearings. "For all the fuss during my confirmation hearings by the ACLU and other liberal groups fretting whether or not I would uphold the law in cases that touched on matters of faith, hardly a word was reported when the Christian attorney general enforced the law in the church tax evasion case."

Three, Ashcroft, a professing Christian and an Assembly of God lay preacher, admits that he used his power as the U.S. Attorney General to enforce his religious beliefs. "I was deeply concerned over the standoff. Yet on the other hand, Christians obey the law and 'render to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar.' In other words, pay your taxes! The Indianapolis Baptist Temple defied that scriptural injunction as well as the law of the land. And I was sworn to uphold that law."

Four, Ashcroft is double-tongued as illustrated by the following quote from a book by Dr. David Gibbs: "[Ashcroft] complicated his already controversial appointment as Attorney General of the United States, when he spoke at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. In this speech, Attorney John Ashcroft told the students the historical facts 'that America's greatness stems from the triumph of 'eternal authority' over 'civic authority' [and] said the United States was founded by spiritual patriots who bucked the king of England's tax collectors by saying, 'We have no king but Jesus.'" (*One Nation*

Under God, Dr. David C. Gibbs, Jr. President Christian Law Association, with Jerry Newcombe, Christian Law Association, 2003-06, p 317).

Interestingly, Ashcroft applauds the "spiritual patriots who bucked the king of England's tax collectors" for objecting to individual taxation and even commends them for proclaiming, "We have no king but Jesus." But in contradistinction, he applauds America's "tax collectors" for prosecuting Indianapolis Baptist Temple and seizing church properties for alleged taxes it did not owe. He further condemns Indianapolis Baptist Temple for its stand and proclamation that Jesus Christ is the sole Lord and Head of His Church and "We have no King but Jesus!"

Five, Ashcroft admits that it was his decision to seize the church. "The night before we planned to make a move on the church, we received word from the White House: they wanted to send a representative to negotiate with the church leaders. I thought that was a bad idea and told the White House so . . . I was finally able to convince the White House . . . Late that night, the White dropped their objections to our recommendation, and our plan proceeded. 'If you want to do this, the burden of responsibility is on you,' they said. . . . I gave the order to go ahead at dawn the next morning. Fully armed U.S. marshals stormed the church, executing the plan perfectly".

Six, in essence Ashcroft says that Indianapolis Baptist Temple is unlike Christ and he slanders pastors, churches, and Christians in general who believe that Jesus Christ is the sole Lord and Head of His Church.

It will be wise for every pastor and church in America to remember: What civil government can do to one pastor and church in America it can – and eventually will – do to every pastor and church in America!

Wake up, preachers! Wake up, Christians! Wake up, America!

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gation as terrorists, such as the World Trade Center Bombers and Timothy McVeigh and those who bomb abortion centers? Why does he accuse us of the criminal activity of tax evasion, when the IRS didn't even so much as mention such a thing? Why did he order the raid on our church, when the White House wanted to send a negotiator? Why didn't he do the Christian thing, and find out for himself what kind of people the pastors and members of the Baptist Temple were, instead of taking the word of private non-governmental agencies that have a stated anti-Christian agenda?

So when I found out that John Ashcroft was coming to Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana on March 15 to give a speech to the student body by invitation of the conservative campus group Wabash Commentary, I immediately began to formulate a plan by which I could meet Ashcroft personally. My goal was to give Ashcroft a packet of material that would give him the truth about my beloved Baptist Temple congregation, and not the distorted story that Ashcroft had received from the left-over Clinton aides inherited after his Justice Department appointment by President George Bush.

I picked up Greg Foyer, a high school friend and graduate of Wabash College, in plenty of time to make the hour and a half drive to the College where the famous Lew Wallace, author of *Ben Hur*, graduated. Foyer went to save a seat for us in the auditorium while I tried to locate Ashcroft. As I walked toward the college Library, I began to pray, "Lord, you said that you order the steps of a good man, so I am asking you to order mine and let me find Mr. Ashcroft." As I was about to enter the Library, I saw Ashcroft and four others walking towards me.

I simply walked up to Mr. Ashcroft and asked, "May I walk with you?" Ashcroft said, "Yes," shook my hand, and asked my name. I said, "Greg Dixon, Pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. I wanted to meet you and give you this in light of the things you wrote about our case in your book." At that point, I gave him a packet of information of the true facts about *U.S. v Indianapolis Baptist Temple*, containing a letter from me to Ashcroft; the booklet entitled *Indianapolis Baptist Temple: Right or Wrong*; the treatise

Render Unto Casesar; the pamphlet *Rethinking Romans 13*; and a music CD by my wife, Kathy.

I then said, "You went to school with my uncle John Hillenburg in Springfield, Missouri." (He did not remember him). Ashcroft asked if we went to Baptist Bible College. I said, "Yes, my father graduated in 1953 and I did in 1977." He went on to ask me about W.E. Dowell, a past President of BBC. He said he was from the other side of town, speaking of Central Bible College or Evangel College.

He said he was glad that there were no problems at the church when my dad was carried out on the gurney. He asked if I was there also and I said yes.

Before we parted ways, he asked how the church was doing. I said very well. He said, "Did you buy the building back?" I said, "No, they sold it and bulldozed it down."

Then he said, "You know I had nothing personal against the church." I said, "I believe that."

Mr. Ashcroft said they were concerned about some of the fringe groups that were associated with us. I said sometimes liberty has strange bedfellows. However, we were concerned about that also. That is why we met with the U.S. Marshal five times, so he would know who we were and why we were doing it.

Finally, I said, "I would like for you to use your influence to stop the IRS's continual harassment." He just smiled. We shook hands and left.

NOW THIS IS THE LIVING BIBLE

Submitted by Wayne & Nancy Davies

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill.

Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion.

When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

"Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!"

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The IRS Changes Its Rules on Pastors

By Dr. Greg Dixon

According to ARTICLE I Section I of the U.S. Constitution, only the Congress of the United States of America is granted the power to legislate – that is, to make laws – and then only pursuant to the written Constitution, which includes the Amendments. Many of our founding fathers, including Anti-federalists such as Patrick Henry and others, warned repeatedly of a runaway court system that would eventually be the downfall of the new nation.

This prophecy probably began to come to pass less than seventy-five years after the ratifying of the Constitution; now after 230 years, it is at more than flood tide. It is not unusual to hear U.S. Senators and even the President say that he has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution *and* the laws of the U.S. – in other words, add-ons. These include: laws passed by Congress that have not been tested by the courts, regulatory laws by various agencies; and Supreme Court decisions. But it's even worse than that, so hold on to your hat, Sadie.

IRS *Publication 1828 Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations* is now the undisputed bible on this subject in America today. It says on the cover page, "The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers this quick reference guide of federal tax law of procedures for churches & religious organizations to help them VOLUNTARILY [*emphasis mine*] comply with tax rules. The contents of this publication of tax laws enacted by Congress, Treasury representatives, and court decisions. Until...differing interpretations are resolved by higher court decisions, or in some other way, this publication will present the interpretation of the IRS."

At this point it would do well to re-quote the religious liberty clauses of the First Amendment. *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...* Obviously this is the reason

that they had to use the word "voluntary" in Publication 1828 pertaining to Churches and even Religious Organizations. However, in that they have the armed might of the U.S. arsenal behind them, "voluntary" now apparently means "mandatory."

There was a time when preachers could have stood on their First Amendment guarantees, and not paid a price of fines and imprisonment, even in not paying the tax as self employed. But most of the preachers caved in and began paying as self-employed, and now their churches are going to be expected to treat them as employees whether they like it or not. Even as late as 2001, pastors were considered self-employed for tax purposes, except United Methodist Pastors because they lost a court case and did not appeal it to the Supreme Court. However, the IRS in 2006 is using the Methodist case as precedent to determine that now all pastors, with few exceptions, are employees for tax purposes, and their churches must treat them the same as non-ministerial employees such as school teachers, secretaries, custodians, etc.

The following is from *Minister's Tax & Financial Guide* by Dan Busby, CPA - Zondervan, 2006, pg. 34

Income Tax Status of Ministers

Are ministers employees or self-employed (independent contractors) for income tax purposes? The IRS considers all ministers to be employees for income tax purposes (but self-employed for social security tax). Employees receive Form W-2 each year. The IRS generally applies a common-law test to ministers (and nonministers) to determine whether they are employees or self-employed for income tax purposes. Ministers are generally considered employees for income tax purposes if they:

Must follow the church's work instructions; receive on-the-job training; provide services that must be rendered personally; provide services that are integral to the church; hire, supervise and pay assistants for the church; have an ongoing work relationship with the church; must follow set hours of work; work full-time for the church; work on the church's premises; must do their work in a church determined sequence;

receive business expense reimbursements; receive routine payments of regular amounts; need the church to furnish tools and materials; don't have a major investment in job facilities; cannot suffer a loss from their services; work for one church at a time; do not offer their services to the general public; can be fired by the church; may quit work any time without penalty.

In 2001, a pastor from the State of Louisiana contacted me and told me that the IRS had moved against his church for failing to withhold taxes on what the church paid him as the pastor of the church. All should understand that he was only part time, and they had no other "employees." They had no Christian school teachers, no secretary, no janitor, etc.

You can be assured that we are seeing a quiet revolution all across the land as pastors and churches silently come into compliance, meekly without a whimper, so as to be able to continue "winning the lost, sending missionaries and preaching the gospel," not realizing that the powers that be will continue to make demands until the message of the church is so "lukewarm" that God Himself will vomit them out of their beautiful buildings that they tried to protect.

And as they hide behind the words of the Lord Himself – "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" – they forget that He also said that the children of the free do not pay tribute (taxes). (Mt. 17:25, 26) When our preacher fathers, though good men, were free, they voluntarily paid tribute; now we must pay involuntarily or be severely punished.

And yet I am convinced if we could see an army of great men of God who would stand up and be counted in this hour and simply say, "No, I am a servant of God. I am not a hireling. Do what you will, here I stand, I can do no more." Would we not see God do a great work in the land!

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. (John 10:12, 13)

Say it Ain't so, Rick - Surely You're not an Insider CFR Member?

By Dr. Greg Dixon

Megapastor Rick Warren's Damascus Road experience – Joseph Farah

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Worldnetdaily.com

WASHINGTON - Rick Warren, the superstar mega-church pastor and best-selling author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, had a Damascus Road experience last week – and like Saul of Tarsus, one of the after-effects appears to be blindness.

Warren went to Syria and could find no persecution of Christians. He could find no persecution of Jews. He could find no evidence of extremism. He could find no evidence of the sponsorship of terrorism.

This was the beginning of an article that appeared on the World Net Daily News Service recently. This sort of article reminds us of another well known Christian leader who went to Russia some years ago, and within a stone's throw of the Russian Christians who had cast themselves on the mercy of the American Embassy, said that he was not aware of any persecution of Christians in that communist land.

Obviously Farah's words are a play on the Apostle Paul's Damascus Road conversion experience as recorded in Acts chapter nine. But where as Saul of Tarsus saw Jesus, Rick Warren saw an angel in Syrian Dictator Bashar Assad, as he could find no persecution of Christians or Jews, no extremism, no sponsorship of terrorism, etc. and then became quite agitated when Mr. Farah called his hand on it by playing the 'just a dumb preacher card.' Well, it didn't work, because the astute Farah called it right by saying that Warren was guilty of "betraying his own country in a hostile foreign land and of being a propaganda tool of the Islamo-fascist regime in Damascus." It was after this stinging rebuke that Warren revealed the startling information about his connection with the CFR (Council on Foreign Relations) insiders. Farah wrote the following exchange:

He let me know he is a close friend of

President Bush and many, if not most, of the generals at the Pentagon.

He also told me he did not tape anything while in Syria, "because it was a courtesy call, like I do in every country."

Warren explained that he had also counseled with the National Security Council and the White House, as well as the State Department, before his little courtesy call for a neighbor.

"In fact," Warren added, "as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Oxford Analytica, I might know as much about the Middle East as you."



Sadly, Rick Warren is one of the most influential religious leaders in the world today.

After denying that there was a video of his activities in Syria, someone produced a YouTube Video for Farah's benefit, which showed Warren saying how that Damascus, "does not permit extremism of any kind." After Farah tried to contact Warren without a response, he found that the video had been removed totally from the site with no explanation.

We do not have the time nor space to explain to our younger readers what the CFR is all about, but since the issue has come up in this context; and in that outside of Billy Graham and the Pope, we are dealing with the most influential religious leader in the world today, and a supposed Baptist, we are going to be doing a series of articles on the CFR and other insider organizations such as the Oxford Analytica in the future. And when we are through, maybe we will find out if there has been a deliberate attempt to pervert true Gospel preaching churches or not.

Our Lord warned us to not just pray, but to "watch and pray."

Paul said, *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.* – Rom. 13: 11-14

Paul also gave a strong caution in his epistle to the Corinthians, *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.* – 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

"The First Five People I Want to Meet in Heaven"

A Sermon by Dr. Greg Dixon

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Two of the people mentioned in this sermon were involved in the most grisly murder in the history of Indianapolis. Never before told publicly in 40 years, it is the amazing story of how a murderer and her accomplice son were saved through the ministry of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. Hollywood is now planning a movie about this terrible event. God in his providence has allowed us to get out in front with this incredible conversion testimony to neutralize their effort. **Feel free to download and use it any way you feel led of God.**

Pastor Mike Slattery of Freedom Baptist Church, Belleview, Florida, called this sermon "a moving evangelistic message about the 5 most personally stirring conversions to Christ that the Lord blessed Brother Dixon to be a part of Please preach it again to as many as will have ears to hear in these last days!"

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Rebuilding the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit

By Dr. Dan Hardin

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Dr. Dan Hardin

On May 31, 1972, when Dr. G. B. Vick licensed 20-year-old street preacher Daniel Hardin for the Ministry of the Gospel, Hardin never imagined God might use him to rebuild the once great Temple Baptist Church.

"I had been troubled and burdened that the church has not existed now for seven years," Dr. Hardin commented. "The Bible says, 'Where there is no vision the people perish,' so I wondered why no one had a vision to continue what J. Frank

Norris and G. B. Vick had established. I would speak often to old friends and former members of how someone should start the church back up. Finally, several friends said they thought I should do it, so I seriously began to seek the Lord about it until I finally surrendered to the idea and prayed, Lord, here am I, send me!"

The Temple Baptist Church of Detroit ceased to exist when Pastor Brad Powell convinced the membership in 2000 to relocate and change to a "Non-denominational" approach. Dr. Hardin believes Powell's "Northridge Church" has sky rocketed as one of the top American 100 mega-churches in Sunday attendance, as the results of compromise from the fundamentals of the Word of God, and buying a franchise into the entertaining "Willow Creek Simulcasts."

"I know there are hundreds of people all over the world that are still in Christian service because of the past Bible believing influence of the Temple Baptist Church," says Pastor Hardin, "and I hope to restore that home base for more world wide ministry into the Twenty-First Century."

With the full support of the Gateway Anabaptist Church, Monroe, Michigan,

where Dr. Hardin has pastored the last 15 years, a Bible study was started the first week of January 2007 in South Lyon, west of Detroit. Presently, this Temple mission is meeting in Farmington Hills, a suburb of Detroit, with about 33 persons in attendance this last Sunday of February.

Pastor Hardin says it is really the same as pioneering any new work, as most of the fundamental former members have been absorbed into neighboring Baptist churches throughout the Detroit community.

"We hope to make the last Sunday of June our anniversary Sunday, when we will be birthed as a full-fledged church," Pastor Dan continued. "That was the date back in 1935 when J. Frank Norris had pulled the church out of the compromising Northern Baptist Convention."

Please pray for the restoration of "The church that teaches the Bible only!" Anyone interested in contacting Dr. Hardin or learning more about the times of services and reassembling of the church can email pastordan@cleaninter.net or write: Temple, P. O. Box 531, Garden City, Michigan 48136.

Preachers Support Jailed Pastor

Unconstitutional Ordinance Challenged

By Patricia Stegman

After Pastor Billy Ball was arrested on March 23 for street preaching in Hendersonville, North Carolina, over 40 preachers from 4 different states came to town to show their disapproval of the unconstitutional ordinance that put Bro. Ball in jail.



Pastor Ball peers through the window of the County Detention Center after his arrest

Ball, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Primrose, Georgia, is no stranger to conflicts with Hendersonville law enforcement, having received citations on

two previous trips to preach in the public areas of that town. Hendersonville has had an ordinance in place since 1971 requiring a permit, to be approved at the sole discretion of the police chief, to "deliver a sermon, lecture, address or discourse . . . on the streets, . . . sidewalks . . . or any public grounds of the city."

The permit could also be revoked, according to Police Chief Donnie Parks, if the speaker used "any terminology that is inflammatory to the general public, such as making reference to sexual orientation in a derogatory nature."

Joel Thornton of the International Human Rights Group, who is Ball's attorney, said, "According to that ordinance, you almost cannot stand on that sidewalk without the chief of police's permission."

Police Chief Parks, Mayor Greg Newman, and the City Council see nothing wrong with the ordinance, and refuse to review it. City Manager Chris Carter claimed that the ordinance "doesn't try to restrict speech, it just asks that if people are going to occupy a sidewalk or public

right-of-way, they get a permit." Parks urged the preachers to read Romans 13:1. Perhaps Chief Parks should read the book of Acts.

Ball is fighting another First Amendment case in Atlanta after being charged with criminal trespass for preaching on public property at a Sodomite parade last year. He was also cited in April for an ordinance violation in Cleveland, Georgia.

Bro. Ball was held in the Hendersonville County Detention Center over the weekend after declining to post bail, and was released on Monday. He plans to bring legal action against the city to force a change to the ordinance.

Randy Bane, an evangelist from nearby Zirconia, North Carolina, said it best: "I preach and pass out tracts on Red Square in Moscow without any problem. I come home to my hometown and I'm in violation of a local ordinance."

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL ID

WHEREAS, the prophetic teaching of Scripture warns of a coming one-world government, one-world economy and a one-world religion according to Revelation 13 in which no one will be able to buy or sell save they receive an identifying mark (*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.* - Revelation 13:16-18);

Whereas, the Congress of the United States deceptively passed Public Law 109-13 known as the "Real ID Act", which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on May 11, 2005;

Whereas, the Real ID Act mandates that all U.S. citizens will receive a National ID card by May 2008 without which no U.S. citizen will be able to:

- Drive their car;
- Board an airplane, train, or bus;
- Enter a Federal Building;
- Open a bank account; or
- Hold a job;

Whereas, a national identification card will allow the federal government to inappropriately monitor the movements and transactions of every American. Governmental claims of protection of privacy ring hollow. As an example, the Social Security number was introduced with solemn restrictions on its use; however, it has become a de facto national identifier, and a precursor to this even more invasive Real ID;

Whereas, history shows that governments eventually use their power to monitor the actions of its citizens in harmful ways, and to impose totalitarian controls on the populace;

Whereas, the Federal Government has no Constitutional authority to require law-abiding Americans to present any form of identification before engaging in private transactions;

Whereas, a National ID would not prevent terrorism, but would create a false sense of security, enabling individuals with an ID, who may in fact be terrorists, to avoid heightened security measures;

Whereas, a National ID would:

Depend on a massive bureaucracy that would limit our basic freedoms, while integrating huge amounts of personal information to be included in state and federal databases;

Direct resources away from more effective counterterrorism measures, such as securing our dangerously porous and unguarded borders, and enforcing present immigration laws. It is quite hypocritical for the administration and Congress to limit law abiding citizens' freedoms while allowing illegals to run free;

Contribute to identity fraud and make it more difficult to remedy;

Require all Americans to carry an internal passport at all

times to "show our papers";

Compromise our privacy;

Limit our freedoms while moving us further toward a surveillance society;

THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That every God-fearing, freedom-loving citizen should abhor and detest this unconstitutional, totalitarian, supposed "voluntary" system being thrust upon us by "politics as usual" using bribery, extortion, intimidation and threats from the Federal Government. Rather than imposing a direct mandate on the states, the federal government blackmails them into complying with federal dictates;

That every God-fearing, freedom-loving citizen immediately contact their Federal Representatives and Senators and demand repeal of Public Law 109-13;

That every God-fearing, freedom-loving citizen immediately contact their State legislators and demand that they draft legislation similar to New Hampshire's (see below) in their attempts to prohibit participation in a national identification system;

That the Real ID Act is the precursor to the Mark of the Beast system, which is designed to rob us of our free agency and bring us into bondage and under the rule and reign of the Devil;

That if and when a demand, for whatever reason, is made for the American people to take a physical mark in their body for identification purposes, we recommend that they not receive it regardless of the consequences. We also urge all believers everywhere to covenant with God that they will come to the economic assistance of such believers whenever possible if such a procedure is mandated.

See also: Marbury v Madison; U.S. v Lopez; Printz/Mack v U.S.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Six

AN ACT prohibiting New Hampshire from participating in a national identification card system.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: Prohibition Against Participation in a National Identification System. The general court finds that the public policy established by Congress in the Real ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13, is contrary and repugnant to Articles 1 through 10 of the New Hampshire constitution as well as Amendments 4 through 10 of the Constitution for the United States of America.

Therefore, the state of New Hampshire shall not participate in a national identification card system; nor shall the department of safety amend the procedures for applying for a driver's license under RSA 263 or an identification card under RSA 260:21. (Text of bill follows in the original.)

The Unregistered Baptist Fellowship (UBF) is a fellowship of pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and Christian laymen and not a denomination that holds any authority over local churches. The Resolution Concerning National ID is a consensus of those present, and is recommended to be acted upon by local churches as they deem appropriate.

Please send this Resolution to your elected representatives in the federal and state governments to register your opposition to the National ID. Permission is granted to copy and distribute.

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Bellevue, Florida where Bro. Mike Slattery pastors the Freedom Baptist Church, to pick up Donnie Barber, a young preacher who serves on his church staff and used to serve in Bro. Hovind's ministry. We were met in Pensacola by Dan Young and Daniel Cleghorn from Campbellsburg, Indiana. Both are members of the New Covenant Baptist Church, where Daniel's father Duane is pastor.

The morning of the 19th was quite cold as we arrived early enough at the Federal Court house to make sure of front row seats, after we left most of our earthly possessions with the security men at the front door. As the male bailiff opened the court for business, there was no mention of God as in many federal courts. After a long grueling day, Judge Rogers actually exceeded the maximum of the federal guidelines in her sentencing of Bro. Hovind. She showed her extreme bias toward the fundamentalist evangelist in the following remarks as reported by the *Pensacola News Journal*: "Furthermore, Rogers contended Kent Hovind had failed his fellow citizens and the men and women of the military – who fight to defend his freedoms – by refusing to pay taxes. With these rights and privileges comes a great responsibility and one of those responsibilities is to pay taxes."

In other words, the Judge was saying that your government is your god, and provides all of these blessings and benefits, and you should be happy to pay your taxes to such a benevolent benefactor. Few could or would see through this subterfuge. She was giving the impression that the case was about the Hovind's personal taxes, but it was rather about their ministry being a tax collecting and paying agency for the government, contrary to the scriptures and our U.S. Constitution.

Also, as in the Indianapolis Baptist Temple case, the record showed that the people who served Bro. Hovind's ministry paid their own taxes. There were no taxes to be paid. Judge Rogers knew this. This is the same tactic that Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Heldmyer had used against the uninformed Hovind jury in her closing argument when she thundered, "Nobody likes to pay taxes but we do because it's the law, and he is not above the law." And of course the *Pensacola News Journal* got into the act by including within the body of

the Hovind article the following misinformation concerning a business man and his wife who were sentenced the previous day for their personal tax conviction.

The sentence follows on the heels of Thursday's conviction of Pensacola residents Fred "Sport" Suttles and Mary R. Ham, on charges of tax fraud. Suttles was convicted on 10 counts of tax conspiracy to defraud the IRS, evasion of tax payments, failure to pay employee taxes and obstruction of due administration of tax revenue laws.

Most of the government's case against Suttles centered around the operation of his jewelry store, Diamond Brokers of Northwest Florida Inc., on U.S. 98 near Blue Angel Parkway.

Ham, with whom Suttles has a 17-year-old daughter, was a co-defendant on one charge of conspiracy to defraud the IRS.

IRS spokesman Norman Meadows said Hovind's case was not run of the mill and "tax protesters like this are a threat to the nation."

During the hearing, Judge Rogers also kept hammering at this "tax protestor" theme, which Bro. Hovind publicly denied by saying that his ministry would gladly pay the tax if they would show him in the law that his ministry owed the taxes. Then he repeated what he has been saying for years, how that he has written the IRS letters, he has talked to them in person including the federal prosecutors in this present case, and no one can show the law that makes his ministry liable for the tax. This means that he and his wife have been convicted of a law that doesn't even exist - and amazingly enough, still most of the churchgoers in Pensacola are against them including the pastors.

There is no doubt that Bro. Hovind received this harsh penalty because he refused, in Judge Rogers' words, "to take responsibility for his actions." In other words, he wouldn't admit guilt. If he had crawled into the courtroom and licked her feet and thrown himself on the mercy of the court, she would no doubt have given him a much lighter sentence. They actually played 31 minutes of tape recordings of his jail conversations between his wife, son and daughter, which should be a warning to any one incarcerated to be very careful of the manner and content of their phone and other conversations. Statements such as, "I'm going to make them pay," referring to

suings government agents, can and will be interpreted as threatening government employees.

We also need to realize that our "public servants" have developed very thin skins. They can dish it out but they can't and won't take it, if they have the opportunity to retaliate. That is evident with count 58 against Bro. Hovind, which is for threatening federal agents. The raid on the Hovind home on April 14, 2004 involved around 20 armed agents, who came in unannounced at 7 a.m. like storm troopers, with several members of the staff present getting ready for their daily devotional time, and Mrs. Hovind still in her robe. The agents even refused to allow her to use the bathroom. In her own words, "It was terrifying." Of course, they went through every drawer in the house including the bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. The ordeal went on until 6 pm.



Dinosaur Adventure Land, a ministry of Dr. Hovind's Creation Science Evangelism, is still open and welcoming visitors from all over the world.

The next morning on the radio, Bro. Hovind prayed an imprecatory prayer against them from the Psalms that God would "smite" them. Now that precedent law prevails over the Common law of the Constitution, do you think that in time other preachers will not experience incarceration or worse for their prayers, preaching or written sermons in which they cry out to God in the same manner? That's why it's so important that we pray much that this case will be overturned on all counts.

Kent Hovind, in his orange prison jumpsuit, quitted himself like a man and stood strong on his religious convictions. The issue was very simple. If he had declared government to be God, then he

would have been shown mercy; but because he declared Jesus Christ to be God, then he must be punished most severely. It was my privilege to stand up publicly and vouch for the integrity and honor of this true servant of Christ on behalf of the Bible believing preachers of America, although only one or two bothered to show up at the court house, besides his own staff. His son Eric showed himself strong by giving a touching tribute to his father, saying among other things, "My father is not a man who is in love with money, he's in love with God. He is a man who loves this country and loves others."

The Judge set sentencing for Mrs. Hovind for March 1, but because of a conflict in sentencing guidelines, she gave all involved extra time to brief her on the issue. However, March 1 has come and gone, and she has not been sentenced yet. This is extremely good news, and court watchers believe that there is a possibility that she may not be sentenced at all, which will be explained later in this article.

STARTLING NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Bro. Hovind was transferred to the Saufley Field's prison facility in Pensacola, part of the federal system, on March 8. The following information was provided to the Trumpet by Lindsey Springer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the Hovind's legal advisors, involving a subsequent hearing for Kent and Jo Hovind before Judge Rogers on February 28. This represents a dramatic turn-about in the outcome of this bizarre court room drama. But, you might have guessed it, there wasn't a peep in the local *Pensacola News [Infernal] Journal*.

Judge Rogers called the February 28 hearing to give the government the opportunity to explain why charges 13-57, which are the structuring charges, should not be dropped against the Hovinds. Counts 13 through 57 are the only charges against Jo Hovind. These are also the ones where Judge Rogers changed the jury instructions from "more than \$10,000" to "less than \$10,000," referring to the bank withdrawals. These instructions to the jury were also given after closing arguments began, which is against federal rules of procedures.

Another thing about the crime of "structuring" that the friends and enemies of the Hovinds should know is that no

crime was ever committed. They were charged under what they call the RICO statutes, which were designed for drug dealers and organized crime syndicate types. In order for structuring charges to stick, there has to be evidence that the money was earned illegally such as from the sale of illegal drugs, gambling, prostitution, etc. Obviously this wasn't the case with the Hovinds. In fact Prosecutor Heldmyer said in court that she thought a long time before bringing charges against the Hovinds for this very reason. This no doubt is why the government had to go before three grand juries before they could get an indictment. It takes time, you know, for a cooperating media in an area to soften up the local yokels to comply with the wishes of their masters. In other words, this was nothing but a witch hunt to begin with. And if counts 13-57 go, the \$430k pertaining to this portion of the sentencing goes with it. Thank God for small blessings. And all the people said... Amen!

According to Springer, the 10 year sentence that Bro. Hovind received, and the remaining \$650k, is on appeal to the 11th Circuit. These should be reversed, based on a recent Supreme Court decision. Let us all pray diligently that this will be the case.

Letter From Kent Hovind From the Escambia County Jail Before He Was Moved to the Saufley Federal Prison on March 8

Matthew 19:20 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Here is an update on my status. I am still in the Escambia County Jail just over four months now. Our attorneys are still filing motions with District Judge Rogers Rogers to drop the charges, acquit the case, and release me from jail. When all of these are ruled on, if she does not overturn the case, it will go to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. The attorneys are still confident that we have broken no laws and will prevail. I am still not free to explain our side, but you can get many details on www.penaltyprotestors.com. Praise God! My wife's sentencing has been postponed indefinitely. We covet your prayers for my release as in Acts 12:5 and James 5:16.

The CSE Ministry Team is still doing well, in spite of the devastating blow. My

son Eric has done an awesome job filling in for me during my extended leave! We still get dozens of reports every week of souls being saved and lives being changed. That is our main purpose on earth. We praise God for using us even during this great time of trial and testing.

In response to an overzealous newspaper article, Mark Twain once wrote, "The reports of my recent death are greatly exaggerated." Likewise, Dinosaur Adventure Land still has visitors from all over the globe, in spite of many false reports about it being closed.

The church at G2O is doing well also. (*Editors note: When he refers to church in his letters, he means services that he has started in the prison.*) Our three times per day Bible Study and Prayer Times are a great joy! The Holy Spirit is changing lives in unbelievable ways. The jail offers a six week class to help those with addictions. It is taught once a week in this particular jail pod. Therefore, men who request this class are placed in this pod in order to most efficiently teach the class. This keeps a continued flow of men to my pod, yet God has kept me in the same place. I guess you could say the Church in G2O is very transient!

If you have never read the book, *Peace Child* by missionary Don Richardson, you should, available from the CSE web-site. I re-read the book every few years to renew my evangelistic zeal. In the book, missionary Don went to reach the head-hunting, cannibalistic Sawi Tribe in the swamps of Papua New Guinea.

He soon discovered that he had to learn not only a new language and culture, but a totally new way of thinking. In the Sawi culture, treachery using the basest deceit was the highest virtue! As Don shared the gospel story with the Sawis, they came to the conclusion that Judas Iscariot was the hero! Based on their worldview, this was a logical conclusion. Read this amazing book to learn how he overcame this great obstacle.

My last four months in jail have been similar in many ways. Most of the men God sent me to reach in here have a very different way of viewing the world and thinking about many things. In one Bible study, I mentioned that God's plan is for both the man and the woman to be virgins on their wedding day and to stay faithful for life. I said that is what my wife and I have done for

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over thirty three years. No one in this jail pod had ever heard of such a thing! One man said, "That would be so cool! You could really trust your wife and have a great relationship, couldn't you!"

Just as Don had to spend hours listening to the Sawis to understand their culture before he found the key to reaching them for Christ, I have spent untold hours listening to men who were raised completely opposite of me, describe their world view. It is important to sit where they sit to really reach them (Ezekiel 3:15). Understanding the reasons behind why they take drugs, wear pants halfway down with their boxers showing, have gold front teeth, have 16" long dread locks that they have not combed in eight years, or flock to the TV for the local news to see if their home-boy was arrested, is all part of my current missionary assignment.

I have seen men shake and sweat as they come off some of the worst drugs known to man. I learned that black men can shave with a plastic spoon! I see the results of the failure of our society, school system, and churches. Why weren't these men reached when they were kids?

I've been able to witness to Muslims, Buddhists, Nazis, drug dealers, Jehovah Witnesses, whoremongers, adulterers, child molesters, and homosexuals, as well as men who have no clue who their father is and whose mother was a prostitute. Most have never been to church or read the Bible in their entire life.

Watching them get excited about learning God's Word after they trust Christ is a sight of which I never tire! God wakes me up about 3:30 every morning so I walk to each man's house and pray for them by name. The fact that many have probably never had anyone pray for them, breaks my heart every day. What a mission field!

Thank you for continuing to pray for me and the CSE Team. Keep spreading the gospel!

For Souls, Kent Hovind

You can write to Dr. Hovind at:

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Response to Tax Debate

We have received the following responses to the tax debate, **Is Paying Taxes a Religious Duty?** We will continue to print responses as we receive them. See box at the end of this article for instructions.

Preacher, Male, age 58, Baptist

This is a very touchy area for many. Taxes are first mentioned in 2 Kings 23:35. *And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaohnechoh.*

They were under bondage in a foreign land; they were slaves.

Taxes are mentioned again in Dan. 11: 20. *Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.*

In both these cases taxes are not mentioned as a "duty."

In the New Testament taxes, also called "tribute," is mentioned several times. In Luke 2:1-3:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Of course, we recognize this as part of the Christmas story. Again, this taxation is under bondage to an occupying power. This is also referenced in other of the Gospels.

In Matthew 22: 15-22 we read:

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful

to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

In Mark 12: 14 - 17, and Luke 20 - 26 the same event is documented. Jesus uses true wisdom to answer those who were seeking to trick him into saying something they wished to try to use against him before Ceaser or other Roman authorities (...Jesus perceived their wickedness). Again, Israel was under Roman domination and control. Jesus also called them "hypocrites." What is a hypocrite? It is someone who wants to condemn you for doing something they are doing themselves. Were the Pharesees not paying taxes? Just a thought. Of course, Jesus was speaking of their all-encompassing hypocrisy, also.

In Luke 23:1-4 we read: *And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.*

Notice they LIED about what Jesus was teaching his followers. Never did he forbid them from paying tribute to Ceaser. BUT, also notice that Ceaser never questioned Jesus about that. He only questioned him as to whether he was the King of the Jews. Then Ceaser announced, "...I find no fault in this man."

Many use Romans 13: 1-7 as Jesus requiring believers to pay tribute or taxes to the ruling powers. Please read these scriptures carefully: Romans 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the

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power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

God's ordained powers over Israel, in His economy, was ordained by Him to keep His justice. It was for the purpose of protecting those who were obedient to just (righteous) law. God stated that those who were performing their duty as being the ministers of God; revengers to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil, were to be subjected to ("... for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.") He said: (verse 6) "For for this cause pay ye tribute also...."

I personally have no problem paying any taxes legally owed, but in the Scriptures I do not see the paying of taxes as a specific "duty." I also do not see NOT paying taxes a specific "duty." I believe the Holy Spirit is the ultimate guide for Christians to follow. (It is a fact that billions of tax dollars are going to very un-Christian things, including funding abortions, ill run and unsuccessful drug programs, un-Christian sex education programs, many of the welfare programs, etc., etc.) He will not lead anyone to violate God's Word, so all Christians are to follow what they believe the Holy Spirit is guiding them to do.

Where our founding fathers were concerned; ministries were not to be tax "exempt," they were to be tax IMMUNE!

Go after the charlatans and deceivers and leave God's true ministries alone.

Pastor, Male, age 48, Baptist

I appealed in writing to the IRS nine years ago to provide me with a valid Certified lawful assessment.

According to Title 26 of the United States Code, section 6203-1, no tax liability can exist without such an assessment.

As you read about that which is required it's very plain that the "duty" is on those presenting themselves to be the government to prove such a liability exists and the duty is not on us as we have been led to believe.

One of the requirements cited is a "live" signature by a duly authorized representative of the Secretary of the United States Treasury under the pains and penalty of perjury. MAYBE no one pretending to have taxing authority to impose an unconstitutional direct tax is in a hurry to commit perjury?

In July, 1999 I received an answer from the IRS as follows:

"We apologize if we have caused you any inconvenience, we have not been able to provide you with the research you requested from us. At this time there is nothing further required of you."

Why?

Why is it that the IRS and US Dept. of Treasury cannot provide that which is required of them by law for there to exist a valid tax liability?

It's because our tax laws derived from our Supreme law, our US Constitution, are based on Holy Writ and direct taxes are not only unconstitutional, but, unscriptural as well.

Genesis 12:1-3 *"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

Principle #1: God blesses whomever He chooses and no one is to "enforce" a collection and redistribution of such blessings to another.

In Exodus 16:15-31 we read about how God blessed the children of Israel with manna to eat for Forty years. Everyday all they had to do is scoop up their daily "portion" of food. It's vital to

understand that it was unthinkable for anyone to steal another man's daily "portion" of manna. It's still unthinkable today.

The US Supreme Court has ruled in several cases that the fruit of a man's labor cannot be taxed because the fruit of a man's labor is recognized as a right (blessing or portion) from God. *Butcher's Union Co. v. Crescent City Co.*, 111 U.S. 746, at 756-757

Principle #2: Government's "duty" is to secure its citizens rights to receive and enjoy whatever "portion" or blessings God gives them and not to take any of it away.

Editor's Note: We invite our readers to submit their views on this subject. See the box below for further information.

Is Paying Taxes a Religious Duty?

We are going to continue a debate in the pages of the Trumpet entitled: *Is Paying Taxes a Religious Duty?* Anyone may enter. Keep your answers as short as possible. Be liberal with the scriptures. Names will not be used, but we must insist on names and addresses on entries. We will post age, gender, denomination (Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, etc.) and occupation. For instance: Pastor, M, age 43, Baptist, etc. We will not print any personal or acrimonious attacks or unkind or intemperate language. Send entries by email to drgregdixon@earthlink.net.

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UPDATES

Evangelist Mike Greene went home to be with the Lord on Sunday evening, January 21. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November 2006. His homegoing was peaceful, surrounded by his wife Ruth and his family singing praises to our great God. Services were at North Hills Community Church in Taylors, South Carolina.

Richard Mooneyhan has recovered sufficiently from his stroke to sing at the Mid-Winter UBF meeting in Belleview, Florida in February. He still undergoes strenuous physical therapy and uses a one-handed walker, but has made a lot of

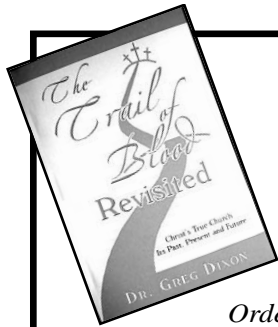
progress since his August 2006 stroke.

Paul and Heidi Zander's 3-year-old daughter Mary, after spending 5 months at Hershey Medical Center (Pennsylvania), will be transferred to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for a lung transplant. For more information, go to the website www.carepages.com – sign in and visit the page **maryzander** (all one word).

Dennis "Doc" Meador's fractured vertebrae is mending, but the knee he injured in the fall from a horse is still bothering him. **Mrs. Meador** spent 4 months in Pennsylvania to help care for granddaughter Cynthia Zander while daughter Heidi stayed at the hospital with Mary, but is now back home in Iowa to help her husband.

Pastor Jim Grove of Heritage Baptist Church in Loganville, Pennsylvania won a summary judgment from U.S. District Court Judge Sylvia Rambo against the city of York, Pennsylvania. Damages still remain to be determined. This is the second time Judge Rambo has ruled in Grove's favor against York.

Everett Sileven-Ramsey, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Houston, Missouri, and his wife Tressie will have their 50th wedding anniversary on May 18. If you wish to send a card, mail to: Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Ramsey, 16800 Sunset Drive, Houston, MO 65483.



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