

Caesar Calls in the Chips

By Dr. Greg Dixon

Pastor Mark Holick and Evangelist Bill Keller are bold as lions, more than most Baptist preachers we know, even though their actions may fall into the "zeal without knowledge" category. Both find themselves in a running battle with the Internal Revenue Service over the content of their sermons and the direction that they believe God is leading them to conduct their ministries. Holick (31) is the Senior Pastor of the Spirit One Christian Center of Wichita, Kansas and Keller (40) conducts a non-profit TV and internet ministry in Tampa, Florida. As widely reported in the media, Holick said, "The IRS is turning into the Gestapo," and Keller said, "I have every right to speak on matters of life and culture, including political issues, and to educate people on the spiritual implications of those issues."



The IRS is concerned that these two men have violated the terms of their non-profit contract, which allows them to enjoy tax exempt status including the receipt of tax deductible gifts from donors. This agreement is very clear. There is no reason why anyone should be ignorant as to its terms, especially with all of the publicity and warn-

ings from many sources since Bob Jones University lost their tax exempt status in the early eighties. But for some strange reason, many preachers seem to think that the First Amendment protects them, and they continue to speak and act as if they are untouchable, screaming like banshees when they get their infamous Examination Letter from the IRS.

The bewildered Pastor Holick wonders publicly why the IRS can possibly be questioning his church's tax-exempt status. The young pastor said that the church would not stop teaching and preaching God's Word, "even if it relates to contemporary issues in the world," after the federal agency demanded answers to 31 questions about its beliefs and warned about "political" activity.

Evangelist Bill Keller was even bolder when he told his TV audience that a vote for Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney, a Mormon, was a vote for Satan. That statement brought a reaction from the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, who lodged a formal complaint with the IRS to investigate Keller. The group says Keller's anti-Romney rants violate federal tax law, and it wants the IRS to look into revoking the tax-exempt status of his nonprofit ministry. The law prohibits tax-exempt organizations from endorsing or opposing candidates.

Keller, who regularly refers to the Mormon Church as a cult, was unmoved by the complaint. "I have never told anybody who to vote for or who not to vote for -

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One of the Last Great Signs Before Jesus Comes Again

By Dr. Greg Dixon

There are many signs that point to the coming of Christ and the end of the age, such as the industrial revolution, the mid-east conflict, the rise of false christs and false prophets, the move toward a one-world religious system which will culminate in the worship of the Beast (Anti-Christ), and the rapid movement toward a one world government under that same Beast. Then there is the universal economic system that will require everyone on earth to receive a mark in the right hand or forehead as recorded in Revelation 13:16-18, which would have been impossible without the advent of the computer and the worldwide numbering system that is nearly in place now. Besides these, there are many others that we could mention, but I believe that the last great sign is one that has been

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Jo Hovind's Sentence "Enhanced"

By Patricia Stegman

Jo Hovind, the wife of Creation Science Evangelist Dr. Kent Hovind, was sentenced on Friday, June 29, to a year and a day in prison by U.S. District Court Judge Casey Rodgers after being convicted on 45 counts of what the government called "evading bank-reporting requirements." She was also ordered to pay \$8,000 in fines, and was given 3 years supervised probation when her prison term is up. She remains free on her own recognizance and is expected to begin serving her prison sentence on Aug. 31.

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Indy pastor watched Falwell unveil his plan

Dixon also recalls fellow college student's notoriety as a prankster

By Robert King

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Rev. Jerry Falwell

Gregory J. Dixon's earliest memories of the Rev. Jerry Falwell are from their days at a Missouri Bible college where the future head of the Moral Majority was a notorious prankster.

The best prank, Dixon said, was when Falwell went to the college administrator's house and hoisted all the furniture onto the roof. "He wasn't very happy," Dixon, now 75, said of the administrator. "But we needed all the students we could get."

It was years later that Dixon, as pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, would watch Falwell unveil a new plan to alter the way Americans saw politics and morality.

In a quiet hotel room, Dixon said, he and Tim LaHaye, future author of the mega-selling "Left Behind" series, listened as Falwell described ideas to awaken a conservative, moral consciousness he saw as dormant.

"He had already put it together in his mind," Dixon said. "He said he wanted us to come onboard."

By February 1980, enough people concerned about legalized abortion, pornography and demands for gay rights had jumped onboard that they convened in Indianapolis, at Dixon's church, for one of the earliest Moral Majority convocations. Later that year, they celebrated the election of Ronald Reagan as president and a wave of conservative Republican support across

the U.S.

"It was our little day in the sun, I suppose," Dixon said. "We were the moral conscience of this nation for a little while. To the best of our ability, we tried to be faithful to God and to call America to repent."

For Steve Davis, executive director for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Falwell's decision to align himself with the Southern Baptist Convention helped turn the tide in a denominational schism between conservatives and liberals.

"A lot of our pastors really identified with his conservative stance," Davis said. "He was just a real visionary and a giant of the faith. Across Indiana, he had a tremendous influence."

For state Rep. Woody Burton, R-Greenwood, Falwell's influence first became real to him when he was campaigning in 1988. A woman answered his knock on her door, he said, and immediately asked Burton whether he was a Christian.

Burton, now seen as a champion of conservative Christian causes, wasn't devout at the time but said he liked to think of himself as a Christian.

Unimpressed, the woman said, " 'You either are or you aren't,' " Burton recalled.

Falwell made that question an important one for candidates to answer, Burton said. And it got him to thinking.

"He fired up a lot of people in this country."

Editor's Note: In a future Trumpet, we will feature an article dealing with the Falwell legacy from our perspective, having been acquainted with him for over fifty years.

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Salvation Testimony of Hilda Grove

Hilda Grove was the mother of Pastor Jim Grove, Heritage Baptist Church, Loganville, Pennsylvania. "Grandma Grove," as she was known to all, went home to be with the Lord after a brief fight with cancer on May 23, 2007, at the age of 93.



Hilda Grove

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. – Psalm 40:2-3

First of all, I want to praise and thank the Lord for saving me, and giving me a new life in Christ Jesus.

I attended church and Sunday School all through my life, but was lost and on my way to hell. Through those years, I attended three denominations. Let me say here through all those denominations, not one preacher or any person in those churches asked me if I had accepted Christ as my personal Savior. I was able to join these churches with no profession of faith. If you had your name on a church roll, that would get you to heaven. But that will never get you to heaven. I was reading my Bible in a just hit or miss kind of way. I would attend church services. I'd go in dead and come out dead. But I had an emptiness in my soul.

I began to cry out to God to help me. I started to search the Scriptures, study it and meditate on it, and the Lord began to reveal to me the condition of my heart. As I kept reading and studying God's word, I came to the verses in Luke 13:3 & 5: *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

At that moment, I saw my sins before me and knew I had to repent of my sins and ask Jesus to come into my heart and save me. I never had such peace when I bowed my head and fully surrendered my life to Christ.

This King James 1611 means everything to me. When I started to read the Book of John, I saw Jesus as the Only Begotten Son - The Great I Am - the Holy One who died on the Cross and shed His blood for your sins and my sins. This is the sacred Holy Word of God. It will change your life and you will be a new creature in Christ, if you heed to the spoken Word of God.

When Jesus saved me, He opened my eyes to see all my sins before me, opened my ears to hear His call. He gave me a new tongue to speak of the Glory of God. He directed my hands and feet to do and walk His way. He gave me a new heart to love Him and to love my neighbors.

In the Book of Proverbs Chapter 6: 16 to 19, we read seven things God hates and are an abomination unto Him: *These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.* In searching the Scriptures, God showed me these verses. And I treasure them, but most of all I love every Word of God in the Holy Bible.

So when I accepted Jesus as my own personal Savior, I learned repentance and a will to surrender all to God. I now have peace in my heart and a definite goal and purpose in my life. To live for Jesus every day and to be obedient unto Him to do His will. I love God with all my heart, soul, and mind, and give my love freely to my brothers and sisters in Christ. And pray for those who are not saved, that they will come to Jesus and receive him in their hearts as their own personal Savior.

Hilda Grove, 1965

The Amish and Salvation

by Patricia Stegman

Central Pennsylvania, particularly Lancaster County, is Amish country. It's common to steer around horse-drawn buggies on winding rural roads, or to see bearded men with their distinctive straw or black felt hats walking behind horse-drawn plows. Blond-haired children – girls in pinafores and barefoot boys in black suspenders – help their mothers in the many farmer's markets, or weed their father's fields with simple hoes.



An Amish boy looks back as his sister drives the farm wagon.

Their plain dress and generally primitive lifestyle – little or no electricity, telephones, or modern conveniences – sets them apart from their "English" neighbors. Although commercial interaction is common, the Amish community maintains a strict religious and social separation.

This separatism, and the quaint accoutrements of their lifestyle, invokes an almost universal awe and reverence from the non-Amish. When the Amish were reluctantly thrust into the limelight after the 2006 Nickel Mines school killings, the media and the public responded with outpouring of adulation for what was perceived as deeply-rooted Christian spirituality.

And certainly they appear to be pious. Amish businesses are among the few to be closed on Sundays. Everything from hairstyles to shoes to transportation is strictly regulated (although they may vary from community to community, or among various sects of the Amish), based on the local bishop's rules, in order that the people not be prideful or draw attention to the individual. Their lives are geared toward the community; individualism is sacrificed for family and church. Certainly their

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lives are hard compared to an average 21st century family, conducting much of their work in the same labor-intensive manner as our pioneer forefathers. But the lifestyle is not simply due to tradition; it is a form of dying to self.

Sandra Cronk, in an article in the 1981 *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, stated, "For Amish and Mennonites the struggle to die to self was life-long. God's power was released only when the individual did not exercise his own will . . . membership in the community and participation in its rites was the means to salvation. God did not grant salvation because of inner experience. Salvation came only by actual participation in Christ, by suffering, yielding, dying to self as he did. They believed this was possible only in community and through the Ordnung [rules]."

However, this very self-denial can become a source of pride, and a stumbling block to true salvation.

In *The Puzzles of Amish Life*, author Donald B. Kraybill writes, "The fear of individualism touches many dimensions of Amish life. Personal Bible study is discouraged because individual interpreta-

tion of Scripture might challenge traditional doctrine. Persons who show off their Biblical knowledge by quoting too much Scripture are called 'Scripture Proud'. Personal evangelism, personal devotions, and personal conversion are missing from the vocabulary of Amish religion, for they threaten to elevate the individual above the community. The Amish take a rather modest approach to personal salvation. In their mind, it would be arrogant to say that one is certain of eternal salvation. Rather, they yield to divine wisdom, call for faithful living, and believe that in due time God will reward the faithful. The weighty matters of eternal life, they contend are best left in the hands of God."

Like the Catholics and Protestants whose persecutions they fled, the Amish have left their Anabaptist roots to become another "works" religion. How sad to live such a sacrificial church-centered life, and still die and go to Hell.

They would do well to heed the advice of little 93-year-old "Grandma" Grove, who knew for sure she was going to heaven, because she chose the Right Road – the one that leads to the Cross.

The Right Road

Sometimes the road we travel
Seems full of trouble and strife.
We seem to get discouraged
With all the problems of life.

But then I think of Jesus,
Who did so much for me.
When He gave His life at Calvary
To set the captive free.

Take that road that leads to Heaven
Where many saints have trod.
It's the narrow road to victory
That leads to the Lamb of God.

Jesus walked that lonesome road,
The cross He did bear.
Have you followed in His footsteps?
At the cross did you kneel to Him in prayer?

If you want victory in Christ,
Just let Him lead the way.
His grace will be sufficient
As you walk with Him each day.

Just feed upon the Bread of Life
And you'll be satisfied.
Take God and His Holy Word
And in His love abide.

If you have never received Him,
Come humbly and make your cry.
Then you can dwell with Christ forever
In a mansion up on high.

~ Hilda Grove

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Banks are required to report all transactions of more than \$10,000. Mrs. Hovind was convicted of making withdrawals of *less than* \$10,000 (most were several hundred dollars less than the stated limit). As we said in the previous issue of the *Trumpet*, the so-called "crime" of "structuring" in the Hovind case is like 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. Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

Although sentencing guidelines called for a 0-6 month sentence, the prosecution recently petitioned the judge to give Mrs. Hovind an "enhanced" sentence of up to 10 years. While Judge Rogers didn't go that far – "merely" doubling the recommended sentence - she did tell Mrs. Hovind that she was giving her extra time because she considers her a "tax protestor."

The Hovinds were investigated by the IRS and charged with failing to pay FICA (Social Security) and other withholding

taxes on staff members who worked for their Creation Science Museum. The Hovinds characterized the staff as "ministers," making the payment of any applicable taxes the responsibility of the individual – and in fact, the evidence showed that staff members had all paid their own taxes. But despite that, the IRS insisted they were "employees" and thus subject to tax withholding and reporting by the Hovinds.

Dr. Kent Hovind was convicted in November 2006 of 58 federal counts and is serving a 10-year sentence, in addition to a \$1 million fine. Rogers also ordered the forfeiture of the Hovinds' properties, including the Pensacola property where their theme park, Dinosaur Adventure Land, is located.

Since his original incarceration in a Florida jail, Dr. Hovind has since been moved 5 times and is currently over 500 miles away from home in a South Carolina facility. He has been kept in solitary confinement on several occasions, supposedly "for his own protection," although he disputes that allegation. (See the separate article entitled "Diesel Therapy" on page 5.)

Both the Hovinds are appealing their verdicts as well as their sentences.

Mrs. Hovind wrote a poignant email on the eve of her sentencing:

I wish that "Faith for deliverance" reflects what I truly believe about faith. However, it does not. Faith only for deliverance is not faith at all. True Faith means that whether I am delivered or not, I will stick to my belief that God is in control.

Unfortunately, some things are best learned in a fiery furnace. I don't like the furnace. My human emotions say that I will be consumed by a furnace like that. But God offered to give me strength to live by faith each day when he said in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

George Muller once said, "Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends." For me, my power in all of this, ended a long time ago. I am trusting God to work through the attorneys in ways that will astonish even them. I am asking God to spare me if possible from going to prison. If He chooses not to do this, I am praying for His mercy to carry me through.

Deisel Therapy

Kent Hovind Moved for the Fifth Time

Even though Judge Casey Rogers recommended a prison close to Dr. Kent Hovind's family in Pensacola at his January sentencing, it just didn't work out that way. A group of concerned believers contacted Miss Nora Shepherd of Campbellsburg, Indiana, who gave the following information to the *Trumpet*.

After his sentence, Dr. Hovind was moved from the Escambia County Jail to the Saufley's Field Prison facility in Pensacola, Florida. However, while there, he was put in solitary confinement because he had a discussion with the chaplain over the good cleric's religion. That caused him to have to sleep on the concrete floor with no blanket. And then on May 11, he was moved to a facility in Marianna, Florida, then to Tallahassee, Florida, then to Atlanta, Georgia, then to the Federal Correctional Institution in Edgefield, South Carolina.

At one point, Dr. Hovind's wife Jo showed up at prison for visitation, only to be told that he was no longer there, and they wouldn't tell her where he had been taken. Needless to say, she was quite distressed. A flurry of phone calls resulted in conflicting information and stonewalling by prison officials regarding his whereabouts, why he had been moved, and whether he could receive visitors.

This is called "diesel therapy" by the feds, because of the buses used to transport the prisoners. It is done all of the time, especially on their favorite political prisoners, "tax protestors" like Bro. Hovind, who have been targeted by federal prosecutors. In fact, at Jo Hovind's recent sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Casey Rodgers told Mrs. Hovind that she was giving her extra time beyond what the federal guidelines called for because she considers her a "tax protestor."

Bro. Hovind had been found guilty by a jury who had deliberated for two hours on November 3, 2006 convicting him of 58 counts of employee related tax charges involving withholding taxes and social security taxes on those that were serving

in their ministry. The evidence showed that those who served there had paid their own taxes. Following is Bro. Hovind's current address. We are sure that he would appreciate an encouraging note.

Kent E. Hovind 06452-017
FCI EDGEFIELD
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 725
EDGEFIELD, SC 29824

The following excerpts were taken from Kent Hovind's messages at www.cseblogs.com:

I have been moved several times, and my mail has not followed me. It has been weeks since I have gotten mail. Someone decided I should be separated from another inmate who is apparently fighting the IRS so that we don't get involved in "criminal activity." We have different judges and different issues and I am sure that neither of us want to get in any "criminal activity" separately or together.

I had begun sharing Christ with this man and he was beginning to ask questions. Although I barely know him and had spoken with him only a few times, I was earnestly praying that God would allow me to be instrumental in his salvation.

Instead, I was moved to Marianna, Florida. The only place they had to keep me was the suicide watch cell in solitary confinement! It was a seven foot by fourteen foot cell. Its concrete slab in the middle to sleep on was surrounded by steel rings used for tying people down. I got out one hour a day to exercise in a bigger cage, but for eight days, it was just the Lord and I.

That was quite an experience! God was so good. I sang every song that I could remember and read the "Good News Bible" that they had there. It was a very hard experience, but a time of revival for me as well. I pray that I do not have to endure it again.

Then I was told I was being moved. I had leg irons, hand cuffs, and a waist chain for the entire six and-a-half hours. The restraints get real uncomfortable real quick. I was moved to Tallahassee, a much nicer holding facility with about forty other men. There was a small library area with a small table where I could read and study. It was clean, well-lit, and quiet. The best CO's I have encountered were there. They treated the men firmly but with respect.

Next, I was told I was being moved to

South Carolina via a transfer in Atlanta. After being taken out at 4:45 a.m., God answered my prayer to be allowed to be "the orderly" for the trip. The orderly passes out drinks and cleans up the messes. I was very grateful I was granted this privilege, because it meant that I did not have to be chained for the three hour trip.

At present I remain in the United States Penitentiary, a maximum security facility. I am told that I will again be moved without notice at some future time.

I continue to plead to God for my wife's sentencing, for the CSE Team and the Creation Ministry, for a Stay request to be granted while our case is on appeal, and for our case to be overturned.

Above all, God is still in charge. Thank you to those of you who have been faithful in supporting us with prayer and finances. Thank you!

The prison system is an incredible mission field! The needs are so great that it is overwhelming. The federal system gives long sentences; because of that, many inmates are very depressed and angry. I continue to try to minister to the many, many hurting people with whom I come in contact. Let's each continue yielding each day to HIS leading for HIS glory.

Kent

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Keller writes a daily devotional published on his Web site and e-mailed to more than 2 million subscribers. His live, call-in program is televised weeknights at 1 a.m. in the Tampa market. "Having Romney as president is no different than having a Muslim or Scientologist as president," Keller wrote in a recent column.

"These are not political issues, these are Gospel issues, Christian issues," Holick said. He said the issues the church addressed – and will continue to address – concern issues that the Bible addresses, such as killing and protecting the defenseless.

Will IRS Probe RI Bishop for Giuliani Comment?

For the most part, the IRS attack on churches for so-called political activity has centered on Evangelicals and Fundamentalists, and has totally ignored the Catholic churches, which have been up to their eyeballs in political activity from the day they stepped on to the shores of America. One of the most recent examples has been their blatant support of open borders in the immigration battle, which is nothing but a thinly veiled scheme to Catholicize this nation.

One of the most stupid statements ever made was the theologically bankrupt remark made by a Catholic priest on CNN's Lou Dobbs Show that Galatians 3:28 – *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus* – means that there should be no national borders. Obviously that verse refers to the Lord's church, not national boundaries. The priest should reread Acts 17:26: *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.* . . .

Having said this, the IRS now has an opportunity to prove that they do not discriminate in enforcing the so-called tax exempt code, so Bishop Tobin may get to be the fall guy for the Catholics after all, according to the following article from NewsMax.com posted Thursday, June 14, 2007; however we won't hold our breath.

"A political watchdog group asked the Internal Revenue Service yesterday to investigate whether a Roman Catholic bishop in Rhode Island broke the law by writing a scathing column in a church newspaper condemning presidential contender Rudy Giuliani's abortion views.

Providence Bishop Thomas Tobin blasted Giuliani in the May edition of the Rhode Island Catholic, criticizing the Republican candidate for saying he personally opposes abortion but wouldn't support an outright ban if elected president.

In the column, Tobin called the former New York City mayor's position pathetic, confusing and hypocritical. He even drew a parallel to Pontius Pilate.

"I can just hear Pilate saying, 'You know, I'm personally opposed to crucifixion but I don't want to impose my belief on others,'" Tobin wrote.

"Those comments broke federal laws banning tax-exempt religious groups such as the Diocese of Providence from endorsing or opposing political candidates," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which filed the complaint.

"The bishop is not a political boss, and he shouldn't be telling his flock with church resources which candidate to oppose," Lynn said. "This letter is a completely over-the-top example of a politicization of the pulpit of the bishop." Tobin's spokesman said the complaint lacks merit.

The federal tax agency will not confirm an investigation until it makes a ruling in a case.

In the meantime, back to the Evangelicals. In a June 2, 2007 interview, Holick told World Net Daily that the IRS letter challenged a variety of the church's activities, including the posting of various pro-life messages on the building marquee. Holick said, "A Christian organization needs to be able to talk of the moral issues of the day – including abortion. The [marquee] just told of Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' connections to the abortion industry."

"[The IRS] felt like they had a reasonable concern that we had been involved in political activity," he said. "But politics are of no interest to the church; issues of moral character addressed in the Bible are."

In his reply to the IRS, Holick stated, "The church does not intend to engage in political intervention activity as prohibited by federal law and the United States Constitution. But the church will not stop

communicating its Biblical message, even if it relates to contemporary issues in the world.

"Thus," Holick continued, "the church cannot agree to not engage in any activity that may favor or oppose a candidate. Simply preaching the word of God on a moral issue which a candidate is opposed, may be deemed to oppose a candidate. While it is the church's policy not to oppose or endorse a candidate for office, it will not stop preaching God's word."

He continued: "The United States Constitution guarantees that Spirit One [Christian Center] will be able to freely exercise its religion, and that Congress will not pass any law restricting that right. This is all Spirit One wants to do – communicate God's word.

"The 1st Amendment of the Constitution is a respected and renowned oracle celebrated all over the nations of the world. It is quite specific and clear; 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press....'" Holick said.

He said the IRS also raised questions about a voter information guide that was handed out in Wichita, although his church did not sponsor it, as well as an abortion-issue related e-mail he had forwarded.

"These are not political issues, these are Gospel issues, Christian issues," he said.

While we have the deepest respect for all of these men who no doubt are trying to do God's will, whether we agree with all aspects of their doctrinal tenets or not, we are appalled at their ignorance of the contract that they entered into with the IRS when they accepted their 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status and took the tax deductible gifts for their ministries.

Apparently they are not aware that when they signed the contract, they waived their First Amendment God-ordained rights for government benefits and privileges, which is embodied on page 24 of IRS Publication 1828:

Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations

The contract reads as follows: "The IRS makes no attempt to evaluate the content of

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whatever doctrine a particular organization claims is religious, provided the particular beliefs of the organization are truly and sincerely held by those professing them and the practices and rites associated with the organization's belief or creed are not illegal or contrary to CLEARLY DEFINED PUBLIC POLICY. [Emphasis ours]

Now let's look at the clear language on political activity as explained by the Christian Law Association in the April 1998 issue of *The Briefcase* by Attorney David C. Gibbs, which is still in effect for those churches that are operating as tax exempt organizations rather than the Lord's churches. "Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) provides for the tax exemption of certain organizations, including churches and schools, if they meet seven (7) criteria. These criteria are easy for the church to meet, if the church knows and understands them.

1. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE A FORMAL ORGANIZATION.

This means the church must be organized as a trust, an unincorporated association, or a corporation;..." Since then the IRS has added Charitable Trusts to the list.

You will notice that he says that it is "easy" for the church to meet these "criteria." Why would the Lord's church want anything from the IRS, which no doubt is one of the most wicked and ruthless agencies of government that has ever existed in the history of mankind? Can the human mind think of anything more evil than the Lord's church entering into league with these cutthroats in order to receive benefits? Is there no embarrassment, no blush, no thought of receiving provisions (taxes) from the public trough to finance the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? This socialistic program is nothing other than a violation of the eighth commandment, Thou shalt not steal.

2. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EXEMPT PURPOSES.

3. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EXEMPT PURPOSES.

4. NONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S NET EARNINGS MAY INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIVATE INDIVID-

UAL.

5. THE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT INFLUENCE LEGISLATION.

6. THE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

7. THE ORGANIZATION MUST NOT ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITY CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY.

Now in light of the clear wording of this contract, let's examine what Pastor Holick did as the representative of the congregation of Spirit One Christian Center. Following are some of the signs that were displayed on the church marquee. (Ed Note: Morrison, Canfield, Barnett, & Sibelius are candidates or incumbents in or for political office.)

Morrison accepts blood money from abortionist Tiller. How many babies?

Canfield supports life and traditional family, Barnett does not.

Paul Morrison early release of felons. Reginald Carr multiple murders.

Abortionist Tiller has given \$300,000 to Sebelius. Price of 1,000 babies!

Both Holick and Keller expressed surprise at the attack by the IRS. Holick was quoted as saying that he didn't know who would have filed a complaint about his church with the IRS. "We're a very vocal pro-family, pro-life church, that creates enemies."

These men of the cloth may have never thought about the words of the Psalmist that talks about swearing to your own hurt. It actually says, *...but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.* [Psalm 15:4b] Also the scripture is clear that when a person or a group of people make a vow or signs a contract that they have a responsibility before God to keep it. *"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."* [Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5]. These churches left the protection of the First Amendment when they accepted the protection of the State for tax exempt status. Now they want to run back under the umbrella of the First Amendment when Caesar calls in the chips in the big poker game that the church entered years ago when they walked into the big Tax Exempt Casino, thinking that they

could play and never have to pay. Well, as Dr. R.G. Lee used to preach that famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day" all of a sudden pay day is NOW.

This attack by the IRS is bringing religion in America into very clear focus. How many preachers are going to risk a lawsuit which could result in the loss of property and a decline in membership, over what many believe are side issues unrelated to the preaching of the gospel, which many say only includes the death, burial and resurrection of Christ - in other words, a simple salvation message. Even now, the Joel Osteens and Robert Schullers of the world have made it clear that their sermons do not include sin and hell, etc. Even Billy Graham took the fire out of hell many years ago. Also how many televangelists are even saying that Jews do not have to come by the way of the cross because they are under special covenant with God?

This problem didn't start with our generation. It started five or six generations ago, especially in the large city churches when the preachers distorted the doctrine of government by misapplying Romans 13 in the matter of church property, incorporation, building permits, fire and health inspections, and is now grown so big that it can't be controlled. Now government has not stopped until they have invaded the pulpit itself, and it is probably too late to put the fire out without losing our ornate and beautiful buildings. Some already have.

Be assured pastors are not even safe within the confines of their own church sanctuaries any longer. The time has come when they will be turned in by their own members who are tired of hearing so-called "politics from the pulpit," or by trustees who have the fiduciary responsibility for the church property and who believe that they are doing "God service" [John 16:2] as they think they have the responsibility to save the church from a preacher who is running members away.

We were shocked in a recent midweek service when a brother gave a testimony that he had received a call from a nationwide polling service offering \$20 if he would answer some questions concerning his pastor and church. Without hesitation, he began to sing like a canary. One of the questions was, "Does your pastor ever tell you who to vote for?" The last question was, "How do

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you feel about Moslem Fundamentalism?" Now who do you think was behind this poll? The pastor has encouraged him to bring in the check when it comes so he can trace the polling company.

Now is the time more than ever for preachers to stand up and say, not only to their congregations, but to the IRS and to the entire world, "Take every thing we have; if I have to preach in a field like Whitefield, I will, if I must go to prison like Bunyan, I will, if I am beaten like Obadiah Holmes, I will not bow." But one thing for sure, when government agents step into the pulpit and give preachers their marching orders, it's not only time for churches to give up their 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status, it's way past time. *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.* [Heb. 13:12-14]

This article has been written in a spirit of meekness, and not in that spirit that Paul spoke of, where knowledge "puffeth up." We have nothing to be proud about. Most of what we have learned has been on the anvil of persecution. Even though the Baptist Temple had given up their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status voluntarily, we still saw everything that we held dear from the human standpoint swept away in a moment's time when federal marshals raided our church sanctuary on February 13, 2001. They had already seized our family home the previous November. We fought them through the courts clear to the Supreme Court, which refused to hear our case. We sat in face to face meetings with IRS officials and heard from their own lips what their plans are for the churches of America. Our only desire is to help the pastors and churches of our land to keep from going through what we did and keep their property without compromise so that they can continue to preach the gospel of Christ and send missionaries around the world. If it can't be done, so be it, but we believe that we must try.

The Biblical Law Center stands ready to help all who are interested in our help to get their church organized or reorganized to operate as the Lord's church rather than a "USDA approved" State run organization. Anyone interested should contact us at drgregdixon@earthlink.net.

IRS revokes 3 Wichita non-profits; investigating Spirit One

An article dated July 7 by Joe Rodriguez of the Wichita Eagle (www.kansas.com) stated the following:

"At least three Wichita-area nonprofits have had their tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS over the past 2 ½ years.

"Now the IRS is investigating whether a Wichita church, **Spirit One Christian Center**, violated IRS code prohibiting nonprofits from engaging in some political activities, such as endorsing candidates and contributing money during elections."

The 3 revocations included the pro-life group Operation Rescue West; a halfway house for Vietnam vets; and a sports foundation.

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overlooked, but is clearly revealed for all to heed almost at the end of the Bible.

One of the last signs

Revelation 16:13-16 says, *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

OUR BLESSED LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS SPOKEN.

"HE WHO HATH AN EAR TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR."

"BLESSED IS HE THAT WATCHETH, AND KEEPETH HIS GARMENTS, LEST HE WALK NAKED, AND THEY SEE HIS SHAME."

One last great sign before the Lord Jesus Christ comes again will be world wide nakedness. The whole world will take off their clothes and walk around naked. This is the first time we have seen this phenomenon in the history of the world. 6,000 years of human history went by, and women and men dressed basically the same. In medieval times, one had to go to the theater to see a woman's legs. Now with TV, movies, magazines, the internet, etc., nakedness is commonplace everywhere. I recently asked a youth pastor's wife what their greatest problem was, and she said keeping the girls inside their shirts. It used to be when we

were kids that we had to look at *National Geographic*; now we just go to Wal-Mart to see the same thing. God says when the whole world takes their clothes off, church, keep yours on. Don't spiritualize this verse, interpret it literally. Read it literally in the context. Read it exactly as the Holy Spirit reveals it.

Let's look at some other scriptures in light of this truth. The Lord Jesus said concerning Sardis, *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.* [Revelation 3:4] However, notice the problem that the end time church at Laodicea has. *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy NAKEDNESS do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* (Emphasis added)

Since the garden of Eden, man's problem has been pride and rebellion, and nakedness has always been man's greatest outward demonstration of that rebellion. It was the first evidence that Adam and Eve had sinned. *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked* [Genesis 3:7].

One thing is clear – Man loves the flesh, but God hates it. You will note the necessity of the New Birth. Jesus said, *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.* [John 3:6,7] Paul, the apostle said, *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.* It is not hard to prove that the flesh is nothing but flesh. Certainly, it is no more and no less than flesh. All flesh is corrupt-

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ible. According to Webster "corruption" means *spoiled, contaminated, rotten, morally unsound or debased, perverted, evil and depraved*. That's not a very pretty picture, is it? My friend, you can do anything to the flesh and it's still flesh. You can wash it, paint it, perfume it, doctor it, clothe it, exercise it, educate it, but it is still flesh.

Listen to what God thinks of the flesh: All flesh is corrupt. [Genesis 6:12] All flesh shall perish together. [Job 34:15] There is no soundness in the flesh. [Psalm 38:1] The flesh faileth. [Psalm 73:26] The flesh is weak. [Matthew 26:41] The flesh profiteth nothing. [John 6:63] In the flesh dwelleth no good thing. [Romans 7:18] To be fleshly minded is death. [Romans 8:6] They that are in the flesh cannot please God. [Romans 8:8] If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die. [Romans 8:13] The flesh lusteth. [Galatians 5:17] The flesh reapeth corruption. [Galatians 6:8] We are not to put confidence in the flesh. [Philippians 3:3]

Noah's son Ham looked on his father's nakedness when he was sleeping and brought a curse upon upon an entire race of people [Gen. 9:22, 25]. In the Old Testament, the Priests were to set the example in the area of modesty. *And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness;* [Exodus 28:42]. Moses gave strict instructions under the law in the matter of looking on the nakedness of relatives. [Leviticus 18] There is a Christian culture determined by the scriptures that has influenced not only Western civilization, but the entire world.

When the Lord Jesus came into the coasts of Gadara, he encountered a man who had an "unclean spirit." This man had no respect for himself or others. But when Jesus saved him, there were three specific things mentioned. He was sitting (he had peace with and respect for God), he was clothed (he had respect for himself), and he was in his right mind (he had respect for others). He could be reasoned with. Before his encounter with Jesus, the scriptures said that *No man could tame him*.

When you see people going around half naked, it is obvious they have an unclean spirit or spirits. They have given themselves over to these demons of wickedness. Satan has taken them captive at his will. [2 Timothy 2:26] When you see young girls and women wearing immodest clothing,

bearing their midriffs, showing their bosoms, and every thing else they can show, remember what Paul said about silly women. *For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts* [2 Timothy.3:6].

Abiding with Jesus is a cure for the sin of nakedness. It cured Peter. He was out fishing with a group of men when Jesus showed up, and when he realized that it was the Lord, he wrapped a coat around himself and jumped in the sea. [John 21:7]

There are some things that the believer in Christ is supposed to hate and one of those is the garment that is even spotted by the flesh. *And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.* [Jude 1:23]. You will notice that this admonition is given in this text dealing with soul winning. In other words, our sanctification is involved in evangelism. How can we expect God to use a dirty vessel? When we go out to represent Christ in this matter of soul winning, he expects us to dress right, which means that the men are not to have coffee stains on their shirt, and the women are not to have flesh spots or stains on their dresses or blouses. In other words, you shouldn't see the flesh when you look at their clothes. The problem today is, it isn't just spots but big blotches that you see, and its not just Wal-Mart, but Sadie close your eyes, it's down at the Church House.

The Scriptures emphatically teach that believers receive eternal salvation at the time of their born again experience but we need to live in a manner in which we would not be ashamed for Him to return at any moment. *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.* [1 John 2:28]

Folks, I've got good news for you. If you've got some of those garments spotted by the flesh, I know where there's a Red Cross Cleaners that you can take them to, and I'll guarantee you that if you'll throw those garments in that washing machine, there is a big old agitator in there in the shape of a cross made of wood that's got the best cleanser on it called the blood of the lamb. Just throw those old garments in there that are all spotted by the flesh, and see if they won't come out all clean and white like fine linen. All who go to that

cleaners will one day be called to join that great multitude to sit down with the Bridegroom at the Marriage of the Lamb.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. [Revelation 19:6-9]

WHITER THAN SNOW

(Traditional Christian Hymn - Lyrics by James Nicholson)
Based on King David's prayer of repentance at Psalm 51:7 - *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,
I want thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every Idol,
cast out every foe,
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow,
Yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Thy
throne in the skies,
And help me to make a
complete sacrifice;
I give up myself, and whatever I know,
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I
most humbly entreat,
I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet;
By faith, for my cleansing,
I see Thy blood flow,
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait,
Come now, and within me a
new heart create;
To those who have sought Thee,
Thou never saidst "No,"
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow,
Yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Response to Tax Debate

We have received the following response to the tax debate, *Is Paying Taxes a Religious Duty?* (Entries may be edited for space and clarity.)

Tax Attorney, male, age 49, Church Affiliation: Nondenominational

Is paying taxes a religious duty? In a word; no. If the question is narrowed to "income taxes," then in two words; absolutely not!

Unfortunately, year after year we hear preachers from the pulpit remind us to "Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's." Lets take a look:

Matthew 17: 24 -26 *And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.*

Clearly God wants his children to be free of taxation. Our founding fathers established the first, and the only nation in the history of the world that both acknowledged the Creator (God) and that man is endowed by the Creator with inalienable rights. In other words, our rights come from God, not government. If this wasn't the promised land, then it certainly was close.

In Matthew 17:27, Christ appeased the Roman tax collector, an idolater, with money offered to a pagan god, costing he and Peter nothing. At that time the pagan god Dagon was believed to be personified in the form of a fish. Those who wished to appease Dagon would cast coins into the water. The "Saint Peter's fish" (aka Tilapia, or Nile Carp) is a form of carp prominent in the mid-East which would often swallow these coins. That is where Christ instructed Peter to obtain the coin for the tax collector. The reason is obvious, the foreigner was to pay the tax.

Again, the children are free. Our tax code only taxes foreigners and those who voluntarily participate in the Social Security fraud. The children, citizens, are free.

Matthew 22: 15 - 21 *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.*

Look at a Federal Reserve Note. Nowhere does it indicate that it is the property of the federal government, because it is not. The Federal Reserve Bank has been recognized by all competent authorities as a private banking institution with a charter to issue "legal tender" for the United States. The "money" in your pocket is NOT United States Treasury notes, backed by gold or silver specie. Rather, it is Federal Reserve Notes, printed by the U.S. Dept. of Treasury, but OWNED by the Federal Reserve Bank. Does it bother you to think that if every person in the country paid off all their debts, that we would have no money in circulation? Give to Caesar what is Caesar's. We the People have been deceived to the point that we do not even own our own money.

The taxes paid under the so called "income tax" are not used to run government and never have been. Government is funded by duties imposts, excises, and certain apportioned direct taxes. In fact, most people forget that for almost 120 years, the United States government ran just fine without an income tax. In almost every year except during war time, the United States treasury ran a surplus. In 1910, the year that the 16th Amendment was proposed on the house floor, the Secretary of Treasury reported that the treasury was running an "embarrassing

surplus!" So where do the taxes go? A good portion of the taxes are used to pay interest on the national debt. But the bulk of the money goes to fund an illegal "Ponzi" scheme called Social Security by which a myriad of social programs such as Planned Parenthood and Medicare are funded.

What most Christians fail to recognize is that the Social Security system is patently satanic and specifically forbidden in the scriptures. Not only is it idolatrous in it very concept and fraudulent in its actuarial assumptions, but the very notion of numbering people is forbidden by God. When we stop to consider that paying "income taxes" in essence is merely a contribution to fund Social Security and its subordinate social engineering programs, then it is incumbent upon us to examine just what this ubiquitous and pervasive "Social Security" system really is from a scriptural perspective.

God intended the children, the citizens, to be free of taxation and the foreigner engaged in commerce with them to be taxed. That is how our tax system was designed. There is no religious duty to pay any tax. Then when one considers that "income tax" money is used to fund a satanic and Biblically proscribed Social Security system, I would argue that Christians have a religious duty NOT to pay taxes.

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Romanism is the "One True Church," Claims Pope

Pope Benedict XVI issued a document in June saying that the Roman Catholic Church provides the only true path to salvation. He says that all other churches are "defective" because they lack apostolic succession and do not recognize the primacy of the Pope.

(Reported in the London Times, July 11, 2007)

Judge Sarah Evans Barker Strikes Out at God Again

Justice Department Files Amicus Brief

By Patricia Stegman

Sarah Evans Barker, Chief Federal Judge of the Southern District, Indianapolis – the same judge whose ruling against the Indianapolis Baptist Temple resulted in the 2001 seizure of the church – has struck another blow against God in a zoning case involving a tiny satellite church of IBT.

The Baptist Church of the Westside, pastored by Toby Digrugilliers, has been leasing a small house located in a commercially-zoned neighborhood since July 2005. In February 2006, Indianapolis city officials sent a letter saying that the “religious use” of the property violated the city’s zoning code. In order to meet at that location, officials explained, they would have to obtain special permission.

The city indicated that they would pursue legal action against the church, which could result in an injunction preventing them from worshipping in addition to fines up to \$2,500 a day.

David Langdon, an attorney associated with the Alliance Defence Fund, says the city’s actions violate the Constitution because they do not require nonreligious groups to obtain special permission.

“They treat religious uses much more onerously than they treat other very similar uses,” he asserts. “For example, any kind of assembly hall or any place where people might gather to discuss politics or [hold a meeting such as] Kiwanis, they’re permitted to meet as of right in most places in the city,” Langdon explains. “Whereas a church, no matter where it is – whether it’s a residential district, a commercial district, anywhere in the city – they have to get special permission.”

Langdon is appealing Judge Barker’s refusal to halt enforcement of the zoning code, seeking a preliminary injunction to allow the Westside church to continue to

meet at that location. In her ruling, Barker lamented that, if the church is allowed to be at that location, it might hinder someone from getting a liquor or “adult entertainment” (pornography) license, due to a Marion county law that forbids those activities within 200 feet of a church.

An Unexpected Ally

On April 4, 2007, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department filed an Amicus (“friend of the court”) brief, arguing that Indianapolis had violated the RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act) by refusing to permit religious assemblies in a commercial area while allowing similar secular uses.



This little Westside church has the Devil in an uproar.

The Justice Department stated, “The District Court erroneously concluded that the Church’s RLUIPA and Constitutional claims were identical and the District Court erred when it concluded that the zoning ordinances treated religious groups on equal terms with non-religious groups.” They further stated that the denial of the Preliminary Injunction should be vacated by Judge Barker.

“The fact of the matter is,” said Pastor Digrugilliers, “that the City of Indianapolis did discriminate against our Church on the grounds of religious content and speech.”



And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

– Mark 9:42

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

America’s Government Within

By Dr. Greg Dixon

In this issue of the *Trumpet*, we are going to begin an article on the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), which will be continued in many *Trumpets* in the future. Not only do most of the present generation of preachers seemingly have no interest in what they call “conspiracy theories,” they don’t even believe that they exist. In fact, they have equated them with the Easter bunny and Santa Claus. In my opinion, the reason that we cannot win the so-called war against terror in Iraq is because Americans don’t know who their real enemy is. We are fighting an enemy 8000 miles away, spending \$600 billion a year, spilling American blood – yet the real enemy is right here at home, and we don’t even know it.

Every day, we hear the so-called “friends of liberty” and conservative talk show hosts such as Limbaugh, O’Reilly, and Hannity, scoff at the conspiracy nuts. The word conspiracy is one of the dirtiest words in the English language to these people, and that’s also true of many Christian Right leaders.

Many have known for over sixty years that there has been a shadow government in our country that controls both political parties, and for all practical purposes, the political and economic direction that our nation has gone, regardless of which party controlled the Presidency or the Congress.

To say the least, we were quite surprised to know that Rick Warren, one of the leading Evangelical leaders in America today, is by his own admission a member of the CFR. (See the April-June 2007 *Trumpet*). Is this man a plant to neutralize the pastors and churches of America as we move into the New World Order (i.e. World Government)?

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UPDATES

Paul and Heidi Zander's 3-year-old daughter Mary will be returning home on July 11. She had been hospitalized since November for a lung transplant – but the Lord worked a miracle in her, and she no longer needs a transplant! For more information, go to www.carepages.com – sign in and visit the page **maryzander** (all one word). Mary is the granddaughter of Dennis “Doc” Meador and wife Cindy.

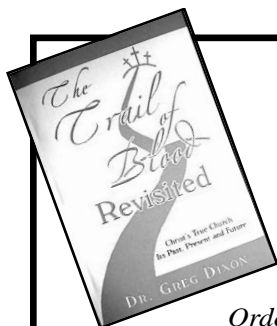
Evangelist Greg Davis was found Not Guilty by a local judge, and will pursue a lawsuit in federal court regarding his public preaching arrest at Schenectady (NY) Community College last year. The

judge stated that Davis' video of the incident was “extremely important” in the decision. Street preachers, take note – a video camera is an essential tool for public preaching.

Summertime means Sodomites, and “**Gay Pride**” festivals are in full swing across the country, with all manner of perversion and nakedness being publicly displayed. However, rather than restrain these offenders, the police have arrested several street preachers in various cities. **Julian Raven** and 6 others in Elmira, New York, were arrested after they prayed in the public park where the Gay Pride festival was to be held the following day; an officer told him he had no free speech rights in the public park. **Mark Holick** of Spirit One

Christian Center had received permission to pass out tracts on a public sidewalk in Wichita, Kansas, but was subsequently arrested. **Billy Ball, Doug Pratt** and others from Faith Baptist Church in Primrose, Georgia, were arrested in St. Petersburg, Florida, for carrying signs wider than their torsos and refusing to be confined to a designated “free speech” area. Both the ACLU and the ADF are challenging the ordinance that criminalizes free speech during certain events.

Gaza Baptist Church has been seized by Palestinian Authority police during battles between the secular Fatah and the Islamic Hamas factions. The church has an outreach to the many refugee camps in war-torn Gaza.



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