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IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?

(Pastor's note: With the current disavowal of America as a Christian nation and the assertion that we are the world's largest Muslim nation, I thought it prudent to present the following article again.)

WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING IN the United States for three months or three years, you've probably been shocked at one time or another by the decadence, materialism, and violence of U. S. society. Perhaps you've also heard the U.S. referred to as a "Christian nation" and wondered what kind of religion would promote such a lifestyle.

To answer this question requires a short history lesson and a look at two very important documents written at the founding of the U.S.: the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States*. These documents set the framework for the country and are based on Judeo-Christian teachings. These, and all founding documents, laws, moral codes, and institutions, are based on Christian principles from the Bible. In fact, you could say the Bible is the "textbook," an "owner's manual," or the "book of instructions" for the United States.



To know the Christian basis of the U.S. is to learn what every school child **used to learn** about the history of our nation. Sadly, this important part of our heritage is no longer taught in schools. Here are excerpts from some of the documents of our country's past:

☛ 1620 - *The Mayflower Compact*, written by the Pilgrims before they set foot on this land, stated, "In the presence of God, Amen. We . . .do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves into a civil body politic."

☛ 1638 - *The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut* (often called the first American Constitution) said, "[We] enter into a combination and confederation together to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ which we now profess." It also stated for the first time that men's rights come from God, as later stated in the Declaration of Independence.

☛ 1776 - *The Declaration of Independence* says, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,
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that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men. . .”

1777 - *The First Continental Congress* called the Bible "the great political textbook of the patriots" and appropriated funds to import 20,000 Holy Bibles for the people.

This is the very essence of America - that there is such a thing as **Truth**, and that Truth can be known by man; that men are "created" and their rights come from God, their Creator, and that governments exist to protect these God-given rights.

It is no wonder that the U.S. national motto - "**In God We Trust**" - is found on all U.S. coins, engraved on walls of both houses of Congress, and that every session of Congress begins with a prayer by its chaplain. The **Ten Commandments** are emblazoned on the wall in the Supreme Court just above the place where the chief justice sits as a symbol of the source of all U. S. laws. Biblical quotations are etched on and in the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Library of Congress, and many other official buildings. The Pledge of Allegiance is to the flag of "*one nation under God.*"

The U.S. exists on the bedrock of biblical Christianity, and has so prospered. But, in spite of this strong spiritual heritage, as so often happens when man becomes prosperous and feels self-sufficient, he ignores his early teachings and begins to create for his own pleasure an immoral society. He turns his back on God.

Early in this century, a group of intellectuals in U.S. society became enamored with the writings of some European philosophers of the last century. They read the doctrines of Freud, the materialism of Feurbach, nihilism of Nietzsche, dialectic of Hegel, communism of Marx, and other proponents of behaviorist-socialism, existentialism, rationalism, Fabianism, and humanism.

Humanist teachings - atheism, autonomous man, amorality, evolution, and socialism - began to permeate America's education system, with the result that the moral and biblical teachings that made America great have been all but lost.

While religion and religious teaching were being forcibly removed from schools in communist China, in the U. S. they were being removed in more subtle ways. The U. S. has a spiritually apathetic society that hardly murmured when the liberal Supreme Court abolished prayer from public schools in 1962 and abolished Bible reading from the schools a year later.

Now, after two generations of this godless philosophy, what are the results? The rate of teenage pregnancy has shot up 556 percent. Venereal disease has spread. Divorce has tripled. S.A.T. scores have declined. The high principles that made America great have been all but lost.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED? Humanism (which was classified as a religion by the Supreme Court in 1961) has been substituted for Bible Christianity. The children of the 1960's grew to become

the parents, teachers, political leaders, and business people of today. They often found themselves ignorant of the great moral and religious strengths of the U.S. and thus unable to impart these to a new generation.

Some people blame television programs, drugs, alcohol, and family breakdown as the cause of the decadence in America. **But the problem is much deeper than that.** A nation that tosses aside its spiritual heritage must pay the price. Only when Americans rebuild the biblical foundations of their country and restore God to their schools, businesses, and government will the U. S. regain the blessings He promised.

Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, said, "**It is the duty of all nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.**"

Let us hope that both the U. S. and China will embrace Jesus Christ, the hope for all nations.

- Jay Rogers, President - Media House International

Faith of Our (founding) Fathers -

George Washington -

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."



"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

"Let my heart, therefore, gracious God, be so affected with the glory and majesty of (Thine honor) that I may not do my own works, but wait on Thee, and discharge those weighty duties which Thou requirest of me. . . Direct my thoughts, words, and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. . . daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ."

Henry Mulhlenberg writes of Washington's faith: *"Washington rode around among his army yesterday and admonished each and every one to fear God, to put away the wickedness that has set in and become so general, and to practice the Christian virtues. . . This gentleman does not belong to the so-called world of society, for he respects God's Word. . . Therefore, the Lord God has also singularly, yea, marvelously, preserved him from harm in the midst of countless perils, abuscades, fatigues, etc. and has hitherto graciously held him in His hand as a chosen vessel."*

In holding his army together at Valley Forge, Washington

credits God: *“It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to defend the cause of the United American States. . . it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the Divine Goodness, and celebrating the important event, which we owe to his Divine Interposition.”*

Upon Washington’s inauguration, he stated: *“It would be celebrating the important event, which we owe to his Divine Interposition.”*

Upon Washington’s inauguration, he stated: *“It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who presides in the counsels of nations, and whose Providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. . . We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained.”*

Upon Washington’s formal resignation of his commission before Congress: *“I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my official life by commending the interest of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, and of those who have superintendence of them to His holy keeping”* (Washington then wept).

Upon expiration of his presidency, Washington concluded: *“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. . . and let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. . . reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principal.”*

George Washington’s **“Farewell Circular Letter”** sent to the Governors of the 13 states: *“Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; and Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience. . . And without humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant out supplication we beseech Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*



John Adams,

Second President of the U. S. -

“We have no government armed in power capable of contending in morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government

of any other.”

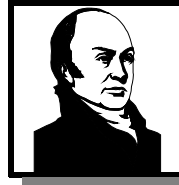
- from an address to the militia of Massachusetts, 1798.

“If we make religion our business, God will make it our blessedness.”

“The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

On the day the Declaration of Independence was passed - *“It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”*

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”



John Quincy Adams,

Sixth President of the U. S. -

“It is no slight testimonial, both to the merit and worth of Christianity, that in all ages since its promulgation the great mass of those who have risen to eminence by their profound wisdom and integrity have recognized and revered Jesus of

Nazareth as the Son of the living God.”

“. . . so great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when duly read and meditated on, it is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy - that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more steadily they pursue the practice of reading it throughout their lives, the more lively and confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country, respectable members of society, and a real blessing to their parents.”

“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were. . . the general principles of Christianity.”

“My custom is, to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. It employs about an hour of my time.”



Thomas Jefferson,

Third President of the U. S. -

“Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? I tremble

for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”

“The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart.”

“Of all systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to be so pure as that of Jesus” (to William Canby, 1813).

“Our free society depends on one essential element, the self-restraint of its citizens. And the self-restraint of the citizens

in turn depends on one primary belief, that God exists and that one day He will judge us and reward or punish us according to His divine standard.”

“My views. . . are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruptions of Christianity I am indeed opposed, but not the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be, sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others. . .”



Abraham Lincoln -

Sixteenth President of the U. S.

“Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

“Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance, are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty.”

“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”

“The only assurance of our nation's safety is to lay our foundation in morality and religion.”

“Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this Continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

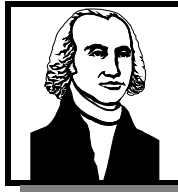
Lincoln was the first U. S. President to use the term “**This nation under God.**”

Dwight Eisenhower in 1954 initiated action in Congress to have Lincoln's comment “*One nation under God*” become part of the Pledge of Allegiance.

William J. Wolf writes concerning Abraham Lincoln: “**No president has ever had the detailed knowledge of the Bible that Lincoln had. No president has ever woven its [the Bible's] thoughts and its rhythms into the warp and woof of his state papers. . .**”

On the north wall of the Lincoln Memorial are inscribed many of Lincoln's comments. Concerning the Civil War: “*The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan.*”

Abraham Lincoln, in 1863 by Act of Congress, set apart the last Thursday in November as the official annual observance day for each American to give thanks to Almighty God for His bountiful blessings upon our land.



James Madison,

Fourth President of the U. S. -

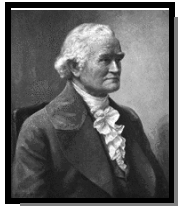
“We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten

Commandments of God.”

“Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe. And to the same Divine Author of every good and perfect gift [James 1:17] we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land.”

“We've staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us . . . to Govern ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded.”

Madison's writings, as those of Jefferson, clearly outlined what the issue, which led to the First Amendment clause, really was: separation of church from interference by the state in its mission, goals and outreach for Christ. In other words, it is a guaranteeing of liberty of worship of different denominational groups within the Christian community outside the civil jurisdiction and interference of the state.



Noah Webster,

Founding Father, Lexicographer, Assembled the first truly American Dictionary, unifying our language as a people -

“Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion.”

“The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and law. . . All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles. . . This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”

“It is extremely important to our nation, in a political as well as religious view, that all possible authority and influence should be given to the scriptures, for these furnish the best principles of

civil liberty, and the most effectual support of republican government. The principles of all genuine liberty, and of wise laws and administrations are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by it's authority. The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer. . . .”

“The Bible must be considered as the great source of all the truth by which men are to be guided in government as well as in all social transactions. . . .”

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“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and his apostles, which enjoins humility, piety and benevolence; which acknowledges in every person a brother, or a sister, and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity, and to this we owe our free constitutions of government. . . .”

“It is the sincere desire of the writer (Noah Webster) that our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.”



Benjamin Franklin -

“In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. . . and have we now forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we imagine

that we no longer need His assistance? . . . I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of man. . . I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”



Patrick Henry,

Founding Father, Patriot, Great Christian

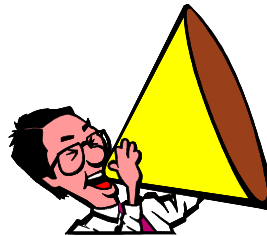
Patrick Henry was the only governor in American history to be elected and re-elected five times. Much of his popularity was sparked by his being the most activist attorney in the Colonies

regarding religious freedom issues.

“The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.”

“Whether this [new government] will prove a blessing or a curse will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God hath bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable. Righteousness alone can exalt them as a nation [Proverbs 14:34]. Reader! Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself and encourage it in others.”

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We shall not fight alone. God presides over the destinies of nations. The battle is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, ALMIGHTY GOD! Give me liberty or give me death!” ■



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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

❑ **HOW THE POP CULTURE HAS DUMBED DOWN SOCIETY** - The rock & roll pop culture has been dumbing down society since its inception in the 1950s. The pop culture image of cool is the individual who excels in foolishness, the Elvis Presleys, the James Dean's, the John Lennon's, the rock & roll playboys, the Hollywood starlets. Influential pop culture movies such as "Blackboard Jungle," "Rebel Without A Cause," and "The Wild One" emphasized irresponsibility, insubordination, free sex, and scholastic laziness.

"The Blackboard Jungle" used a Bill Haley soundtrack to encourage young people to forget their studies and "rock around the clock." In "Rebel without a Cause" James Dean exuded the essence of pop cool: unisex sensuality, narcissism, and rebellion to authority. "The Wild One," played by the very cool Marlon Brando, glorified self-centered living and neglect of education. Chuck Berry's hit "School Days" encouraged young people to exchange their boring studies for the glories of rock & roll partying: "Hail, hail rock and roll/ Deliver me from the days of old/ Long live rock and roll/ The beat of the drums, loud and bold/ Rock, rock, rock and roll/ The feelin' is there, body and soul."

By the 1960's, the modern teenage culture was well established, with its own me-first attitude, Dionysian philosophy, oft ridiculous fashions (anything to differentiate the teenager from his elders), and particularly its own music. The modern teenager has always been driven by pop music. Rock stars set the tone. A serious education is downplayed for the sake of having "fun, fun, fun." I was dramatically influenced by the pop culture from the time I arrived in junior high school in 1962. Though I had some God-given intelligence and love for reading, I soon realized that being a diligent student was not cool. I became far too busy being a proper pop culture teenager to give serious attention to my studies and as a result I was a mediocre to poor student.

Nothing has changed since then. The term "nerd" comes from the climate of teenage cool. It defines a young person who is serious about scholarship and probably doesn't fit in too well with the foolish but oh-so-cool crowd. I was reminded of this by a recent Associated Press report entitled "I Love Nerds" about the 2009 National Spelling Bee contestants. It observed that the bright students "stand out as a bit dorkey back home." Jose Cabal of Miami said, "It's like back home I'm a nerd. Up there, everyone else is a nerd." The serious spellers have memorized tens of thousands of words and have sharpened their intellect and perfected their use of the English language, but they aren't cool.

The entire concept of the "nerd" exposes the vanity and foolishness of the pop culture. It is the "nerd" that is using his or her life sensibly, whereas the cool crowd is dedicated to vanity. The pop culture teenage philosophy typically leaves young people ignorant and deeply scared with sin. But the power of teenage cool is enormous and the average young person is not wise enough to withstand its appeal. Many reports have been written

on the decline in education in America. In 1994 the editor of Harper magazine characterized the national test scores as "a coroner's report ... [that] returned a finding of mortal ignorance." But most studies on modern American education neglect one of the most powerful influences, which is the pop culture. When the Herman's Hermits sang in the 1965, "Don't know much about history/ Don't know much biology/ Don't know much about a science book," they were expressing the philosophy of teenage cool.

❑ **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND APPROVES THE ORDINATION OF A HOMOSEXUAL PASTOR** - On May 23, 2009, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland approved the appointment of a homosexual pastor. The vote was 326 in favor and 267 opposes. The homosexual pastor, Scott Rennie, was ordained the pastor of Queen's Cross Church in Aberdeen in 2008, but his appointment was protested and brought before the denomination's ruling body. Like Vickie Gene Robinson, who was ordained a bishop in the Episcopal Church of America in 2003, Rennie divorced his wife to live carnally with a man.

This is a double sin. First, there is the sin of breaking one's solemn marriage vows before Almighty God. Second, there is the sin of sodomy. Yet these men are so spiritually blind that they claim to hold the moral high ground! Following the vote, Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa, voiced his approval saying that churches should not be discussing "who goes to bed with whom" ("Desmond Tutu Endorses Homosexual Ministers," LifeSiteNews.com, May 29, 2009). Scotland's Equality and Human Rights Commission commented that the Church of Scotland has proven itself to be "a modern church for a modern Scotland" (OneNewsNow.com, May 24, 2009). Indeed, it has, and it has also proven itself to be an apostate religious harlot that loves this present world more than Jesus Christ.

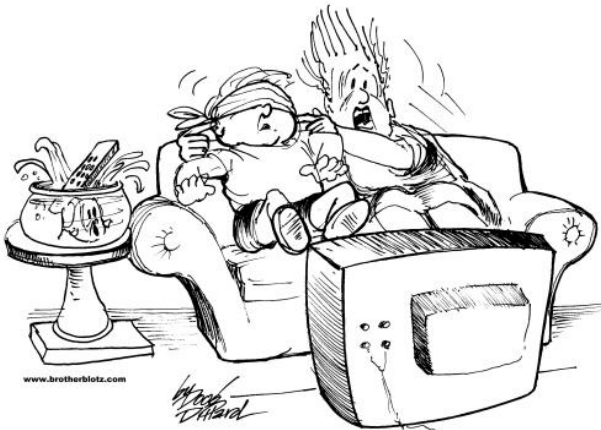
❑ **BOMBING KILLS TWO AT CHURCH IN NEPAL** - A Hindu organization took credit for a bombing on May 23 that killed two and wounded 15 others at a Catholic mass in Kathmandu, Nepal. An unidentified woman entered the church just before mass began and left the bomb behind in a bag. A second bomb was disarmed by police. The Nepal Defense Army took responsibility for the murders. This is a radical Hindu group with probable ties to extremist Hindus in India that have viciously persecuted Christians. It was formed in 2007 with the objective of reinstating a Hindu state in Nepal (hindujagruti.org, Sept. 13, 2007). The Nepal Defense Army has demanded that all Christians leave Nepal and has stated its intent to "fight against the foreign religious invaders" (telegraphnepal.com, May 30, 2009). The NDA murdered a priest in July 2008. They have also bombed a mosque and another church. Police have quietly visited the churches in Kathmandu and warned them to be on the outlook for suspicious packages.

❑ **JERUSALEM RABBI QUOTES EZEKIEL'S VISION OF DRY BONES** - During the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to

Jerusalem, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar said, *“Who would have imagined, in the wake of the Holocaust, that our nation would not only return to its land, but also begin to fulfill the mitzvot [commandments] given to them from God. We, those who merit living here today, see this happening to us. Our nation is standing on its feet, like the dry bones, taking on ‘skin and sinews,’ with the banner of Torah and Judaism waving above it”* (“Vatican to Stop Missionizing Jews,” The Jerusalem Post, May 12, 2009).

This Jewish leader thus recognizes that Ezekiel’s prophecy of the dry bones is being fulfilled, but what he fails to see is that though the Jews are back from their captivity and have a place in their ancient land, they are spiritually blind and dead. Amar referenced Ezekiel 37:8, which says, *“And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.”* The prophecy in Ez.37 is fulfilled in two stages - first, Israel will return to the land but in a condition of spiritual death, and then she will be converted and come alive. The second stage is yet future and will occur during the Great Tribulation, which is called the “time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7). Before Israel is converted, the majority will be purged (Ez. 20:37-38; Zech. 13:8-9) and only a remnant will enter into the conversion described in Zech. 12:10-14.

❑ **OUT OF WEDLOCK BIRTHS HIT RECORD LEVEL IN AMERICA** - In 2007, the percentage of out-of-wedlock births in America hit 40%. That is double what it was in 1980 and eight times what it was in 1950. This is a reflection of the destruction of the institution of marriage through socialism, no-fault divorce laws, and the pop culture’s “new morality.” America is following closely on the heels of Europe’s pathetic example. In Iceland, 66% of births are to unmarried women; in Sweden, 55%; in Norway, 54%; in Denmark, 46%. The Word of God warns, *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”* (Proverbs 14:34). ■



Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea:

A great High Priest, whose name is Love,

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,

My name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,

And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look, and see Him there

Who made an end of all my sin.

Because a sinless Saviour died,

My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me

To look on Him and pardon me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One,

Risen Son of God!

Behold him there, the risen Lamb

My perfect, spotless Righteousness,

The great unchangeable I am,

The King of glory and of grace!

One in Himself, I cannot die

My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high,

With Christ, my Saviour and my God

With Christ, my Saviour and my God!

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
 Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White
 Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of May 31, 2009

Sunday School ----- 20
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 37
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve. Service, 05/27/09 ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of May 31, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,057.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 40.00
 Parsonage Renovation Fund ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 05/31/09: \$ 1,102.00

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00** 🇺🇸

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,406.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 570.00

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Total Received, To Date: \$ 335.00

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3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



**Please Remember To
 Be Faithful to Give!**

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - **OK?** Thank you.

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