

REMINDER

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Rick Warren to Speak at Islamic Society Convention

The *Indianapolis Star* is reporting that Rick Warren, author of [The Purpose Driven Life](#) and Pastor of Saddleback Church in southern California, is going to be a featured speaker at the annual convention of *The Islamic Society of North America*, July 3-6 in Washington, DC. Warren's picture currently appears on the groups website.



Rick Warren

Warren will be in some very dubious company in Washington. Another speaker at the conference will be Dr. Muzammil Husain Siddiqi, the Director of the Islamic Society of Orange County (California), and former Director of Islamic Affairs for the Muslim World League Office in New York. Readers will probably remember seeing Dr. Siddiqi when he was chosen to address the world during the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance service held at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC just three days after the 9-11 attacks on Sept. 14, 2001.

As our nation mourned that day, he began with the standard Muslim greeting "*May the peace of Allah be upon America.*" What most American's didn't know then (and still don't know now) is that in Islamic beliefs every person is either a member of the "house of peace" (Muslim) or a member of the "house of war" (non-Muslim). In Muslim-speak this means, "*you will only be at peace when you convert to Islam - otherwise you are the enemy*"

Previously, in October 2000, Dr. Siddiqi protested outside the White House. In his speech he said "*The United States is directly and indirectly responsible for the plight of the Palestinian people. If you remain on the side of injustice the wrath of God will come.*" He then affirmed his support for the terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah. Earlier in 2001, Dr. Siddiqi also led a flag burning in Los Angeles where he spat on and cursed the American flag. This is the crowd Rick Warren is now friendly with.

Efforts such as the ongoing dialog coming out of Yale Divinity school to establish common ground with Islam are foolhardy at best. Yale position paper signers like Rick Warren, Robert Schuller, Bill

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Hybels, Leith Anderson, Jim Wallis, Brian McLaren, Richard Mouw and others have ignored the absolute fact that Islam and Christianity **do not** worship the same God. Thus, **any** common ground they may seem to find with Muslim is based on the false and dangerous assumption that Allah and Jehovah are one in the same.

Warren seems to embrace the Muslim world and reject traditional, conservative, fundamental Christianity. In an interview with *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on January 8, 2006, Warren likened Christian fundamentalism to Muslim fundamentalism and called it **“one of the big enemies of the 21st century”**.

In his interview on *Larry King Live* on December 2, 2006, Warren said: **“There are all kinds of fundamentalists, Larry, and they’re all based on fear.”** In an appearance at the *Pew Forum* on May 23, 2005, Warren called fundamentalism **“a very legalistic, narrow view of Christianity”**.

At the inauguration of Barak Obama on January 20th of this year, Warren prayed in the name of **“Yeshua, Isa, and Jesus.”** It seems the three names Warren used were to imply the three “Abrahamic Faiths” (as they are so-called), Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

What is significant is the name **“Isa”** being prayed by Warren that day. “Isa” is strictly Koranic and used by Arab Muslims. Even Arab Christians don’t refer to “Isa”, but to “Yesua”. The Arab Christian communities only refer to Jesus as “Yesua” and not “Isa” as the Muslims. “Isa” was not Jewish, but Palestinian.

“Isa” did not die on the cross but instead had someone die in his place. “Isa” is a Muslim prophet, and is found in the Koran. The name “Isa” doesn’t have any Biblical support or any meaning found in Biblical scholarship. Yet, Warren prayed in the name of “Isa.”

Warren is an influential promoter of the ecumenical movement, the heretical emergent church movement, and is friendly towards Islam, which vociferously is anti-Jew and anti-Christian. It will be through efforts of people such as Rick Warren and the false philosophies he and others like him are foisting upon the unsuspecting people in Christendom (Colossians 2:8) that the one-world religion of the AntiChrist will be acceptable and embraced after the Rapture during the Tribulation.

Until then, we are to test all teachings and teachers against the Word of God, hold fast to that which is good - that which agrees with the Bible (see I Thess. 5:21; II Timothy 1:13; Revelation 2:25 & 3:3), and expose - reprove - those things which are not in line with the Bible, because any teaching/teacher that does not line up with the clear teaching of the Bible is of god of this world, the devil -

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them”

- Ephesians 5:11



IN DEFENSE OF BIBLICAL, HISTORICAL CHRISTIANITY

by Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Pastor
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(continued from last week)

THE DONATISTS

The Donatists were named (again, by their enemies) after Donatus, who died in 355 A.D. He was a north African pastor and one of the leaders of the schism that began in Carthage in 311. A large group in the church protested at the ordination of Caecilianus as Pastor. This ordination was presided over by Felix of Aptunga, a man who had wavered badly during the Diocletian persecutions. Both Felix and Caecilianus were considered to be “traditores” - men who had surrendered the Scriptures to be burned in Imperial persecutions.

The protesting group ordained Majorinus as their pastor, then, following his death shortly hereafter, they ordained Donatus in 316. Donatus at first appealed to Emperor Constantine, but to no avail. The Emperor ordered their suppression - a move which fired them into a great separatist movement which covered the whole of North Africa and lasted until the Moslem conquest of that region.

The doctrines of the Donatists were very similar to the Novations in that they believed in church purity; separation of church and state; scriptural baptism; independence of the local churches; and freedom of conscience.

The charges made against the Donatists are few, but need to be addressed:

1. The Donatists were accused of being Circumcelliones. The Circumcelliones were a fanatical group of Christians in North Africa, existing around the same time as the Donatists, who sought a martyr’s death as a means of grace, often provoking this death wish through violent behavior. Mosheim writes: **“...nor were their lives less exemplary than that of other Christian societies, if we accept the enormous conduct of the Circumcelliones which the greater part of the sect regarded with the utmost detestation and abhorrence.”**

2. It has also been said that the Donatists arose only through a personality conflict, but history teaches us that a very important issue was, in fact, at stake - the qualifications of bishops.

3. It has also been charged that the Donatists practiced infant baptism. The writings of both Augustine and Optatus - both strong opponents of the Donatists - disprove this charge. Both writers charge that the Donatists insisted on rebaptism of those who came to them from the “established” churches, and further insisted on baptism of believers only by total immersion.

The Council of Milevi in 416 A.D. passed the following edict against the Donatists: **“Whosoever denies that newly-born**

infants are to be baptized ... let him be accursed." This edict proves that the Donatists denied the practice of infant baptism.

4. It has been charged by others that the Donatists sought a Church - State relationship. This accusation is based on Donatus' appeal to Constantine in 316 and a later appeal to the Emperor Julian in 384. These appeals were to the Emperor in his capacity as protector of life and property, and sought the lifting of decrees against them. The Donatists are credited with the following statement: *"What has the emperor to do with the church? What have the bishops to do with the palace? What has Christianity to do with the kings of the world?"* (J.W. Griffith, A Manual Of Church History, Volume II, page 40).

5. It has also been charged that the Donatists formed their own church "hierarchy." Jarrel states: *"Long, an Episcopalian historian: 'The Donatists rejected the Catholic liturgy and set up for themselves a more congregational way.'"* Reports of Donatist pastor's meetings indicate large numbers of pastors in attendance, something that would be foreign in a hierarchical arrangement.

The Donatists suffered great persecution, and were the first Christians to feel persecution at the hands of the State-Church. In 377 Gratian published edicts against Donatists, depriving them of their buildings and prohibiting their assemblies. They were noted for the fact that they patiently bore suffering for Christ, and did not retaliate with any persecutions of their own against Catholics.

By the end of the 4th Century, their teachings had spread abroad to Italy and Spain. The Donatists were often also called Puritans and Anabaptists.

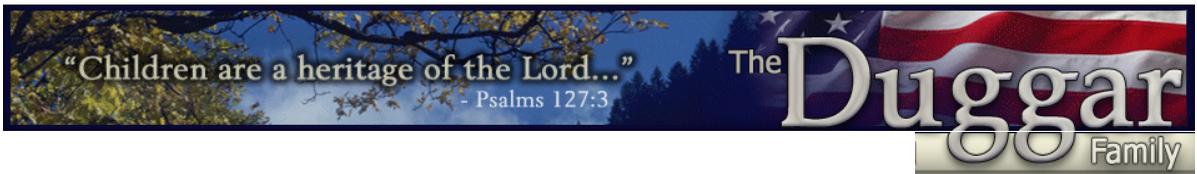
THE BRITONS

The old British churches were of great antiquity, originating around the close of the apostolic age, and remaining isolated from the mainstream of religious change. With the impending collapse of the Roman Empire, Britain was abandoned and its Roman garrisons sent home to Rome in 410 A.D. The churches, along with much of the population, were soon pushed back into Wales and Western Britain by the invading Saxons around 449 A.D. It is about this time that a Briton Christian named Patrick took the Gospel to Ireland (*Patrick was a Baptist, not a Catholic!*).

Patrick was born in Scotland in 387, his father was a deacon in the local Briton church. In 403 Patrick was kidnapped and taken into slavery in Ireland. In 410 he escaped from Ireland and returned home. In 432, Patrick returned to Ireland with 12 men to evangelize the Irish. Many were converted and baptized under his ministry. He died in 465, on the mission field, in Ireland.

The issue over the date of the Resurrection demonstrates that the Britons received their Christianity from Syria, possibly from the Montanists, and not from Rome. They rejected Catholic baptism, and obviously practiced congregational rule. Although these ancient churches were consigned to obscurity, they still played a role in subsequent events. ■

BE PLANNING NOW TO BRING SOMEONE TO MEET -



Rescheduled Date -

**Sunday Morning
August 2, 2009**

- ❑ *Duggar-family Musicians Will Play and Sing For Our Service!*
- ❑ *Jim Bob Duggar Will Be Speaking In The Morning Service!*
- ❑ *Michelle Duggar To Give Devotional At Rebekah White's Baby Shower At 1:30 p.m.*

PLAN NOW TO BE HERE!

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Merri Geroux
 Cradle Roll 2: Steve Geroux
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
 Cradle Roll 2: Brian Crawford
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Hannah White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of June 21, 2009

Sunday School ----- 16
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve. Service, 06/24/09 ----- 23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of June 21, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 973.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 20.00
 Total Received for Week of 06/21/09: \$ 993.00

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: \$ 1,446.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 570.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 335.00



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
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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