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Dear ones,

Once again, much of the content of this issue is grim; and that is because we are living in very grim times. But, I remind myself, God is still on his throne, and we must look to Him and trust Him. He never promised that our lives as Christians would be pleasant and trouble free; in fact, Jesus told us plainly to expect the opposite. But what He has promised is to be always with us in the dark and grim times.

And, once again, this issue ends with a story that will lift your spirits and renew your hope and trust in Him.

AMBASSADOR CHRIS STEVENS DIED HORRIBLY, WHILE HIS PRESIDENT, APPARENTLY UNCARING, DINED, SLEPT IN LUXURIOUS COMFORT, AND FLEW AWAY TO A POLITICAL FUND RAISER IN LAS VEGAS

You and I have been lied to about all aspects of the Benghazi tragedy. If it were not for the animals who conducted the attack we would know next to nothing about it. But, you see, those beasts were then, and are still, proud of what they did. Those photos I published in this newsletter at the time (Oct, Nov, Dec 2012, and which you can still see on the web site) were taken by the ones who perpetrated the atrocities and made available by them on the internet. But the lap dog, establishment, media pretended that they didn't exist, and continued repeating the lies of Obama and Hillary about a spontaneous riot, an obscure video and smoke inhalation.

While Ambassador Stevens and Sean Smith were calling for help, Obama was briefed on the situation by Secretary of Defense Panetta and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Reportedly, he said, "You guys do what you have to do," and disappeared. He had dinner in the family quarters, went to bed, and flew off the next morning to Las Vegas.

There were Army and Marine Special Operations Units with aircraft, ready to go; but they were told to stand down. Only the president could issue a cross-border order for the rescue teams to enter Libya, but he did not issue it.

So four men died, two of them horribly. The two former SEALs who violated "stand down" orders to rush to the scene and rescue more than 20 State

Department personnel, and after killing more than 60 of the attackers, were killed by two perfectly placed mortar rounds (the two locations had been pre-sighted before the attack).

The story about Chris Stevens' having been overcome by smoke and taken to a hospital where he died is a lie. He and Sean Smith were beaten, sodomized by those animals, and we now know that Chris Stevens was tortured to death. We know this because his murderers sent us a photo of him, naked, beaten, slashed, burned, and screaming, as electricity is being applied to an extremely sensitive place. The sub-human animals who did these things are proud of it. The photo is so terrible that I can't include it here. It will be posted on our web site; but I must warn you: even for those of us who have seen such things, the photo is difficult to look at, and hard to forget.



Four good and brave men, sacrificed to their president's indifference. Pictured above (from left) Chris Stevens, Sean Smith, Glen Doherty and Ty Woods.

BENGAZI



U.S. AMBASSADOR, CHRISTOPHER STEVENS, WAS RAPED, TORTURED, CATTLE PRODDED AND BURNED TO DEATH FOR SEVEN HOURS WHILE BARRACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON IGNORED HIS PLEAS FOR HELP.

MINISTRY, WIGS AND GUITARS

Our long-time friend, Mary Welton has had a most unusual ministry for a very long time. She has operated a wig shop, in Sparta, Illinois. Her customers have been women with cancer; having lost their hair to chemotherapy, they have needed wigs, so they came to Mary. But those needy women have always gotten more than just a wig from Mary; every customer also got the gospel message, and only God knows how many women received a wig and, much more importantly, received redemption and a saving relationship with the risen Lord.

Mary's husband, Webb, was a gifted guitarist, and he operated a guitar shop. Webb went to play in the Heavenly orchestra two years ago, and Mary has been getting rid of Webb's stock of guitars, but still has a few, both hollow body and electric. If you are looking for a guitar you can get one from Mary, and it will come with a blessing and prayer, at no extra charge. Contact Mary at 727 South Saint Louis St, Sparta, IL 62286.

A POINT TO PONDER

The last virtue of a sick and dying culture is tolerance. (TCMcK)

WHAT WE TOLERATE TODAY, WILL DOMINATE US TOMORROW

The United Methodist Church is very, very sick—perhaps terminally ill. Except for the South, and parts of the Lower Midwest, it is not an exaggeration to say that the denomination is apostate. The only part of the World where it is on fire and growing is in Africa, and they send missionaries to us!

John Wesley, the human founder of what would become Methodism, never

intended to establish another denomination; he was simply an Anglican who was deeply troubled over the lack of Holy Spirit fire, zeal for the Word of God, ministry to the needy in body and spirit, and holiness in the Church of England. So, with his brilliant brother Charles, he organized in Christ Church at Oxford University what he called "The Holy Club." It was just a group of students which met to pray, study the Bible, and practice what would be called today "accountability." The zealous young Anglicans were methodical about their religious disciplines and services to the poor, and came to be called, mockingly, "methodists" by the other students and some of the faculty.

But the Wesley brothers struck a spark into a vast and volatile cloud of hunger for something spiritually real, and the fire erupted and spread. Out of that fire arose Methodism. Although Wesley never thought of what he had wrought as a new denomination (he was buried in his vestments as an Anglican priest), there, nevertheless, it was. And in the 18th and 19th Centuries Methodist circuit riders and other itinerant evangelists carried the Good News throughout Britain and America, and it spread like a prairie fire.

But that was then.

Beginning in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries "enlightenment," skepticism, and "higher criticism" crept into Methodism, questioning the inspiration and authority of Scripture, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Christ and, in fact, miracles in general. At first this budding apostasy was allowed because of tolerance, academic freedom, grace and kindness. Gradually, however, this theological poison was allowed to spread into Methodist pulpits and seminaries. And, over the past century, these questioners and deniers of unchanging truth eventually became Methodism's dominant school of thought. Today, they dominate the faculties of Methodist seminaries, Methodist pulpits, and the Methodist hierarchy.

For example, the denomination's Board of Church and Society, with an expensive headquarters in Washington, DC and a fat budget, supports leftist, anti-family, anti-scriptural issues in general, including the aggressive "Gay" agenda. This Board not only supports "gay pride" parades, but some of its members participate. At the moment, this Board of Church and Society strongly supports Obama's attempt to force Catholic and other Christian institutions to provide contraceptives and abortion-producing drugs.

The result is entirely predictable. Today, although the Methodist "Discipline" (its book of canon law) still forbids homosexual behavior, "tolerance" has caused the Book of Discipline to be increasingly ignored as it gathers dust on the shelves of Methodist Officialdom.

There are also courageous, godly men and women who work diligently today to restore the Methodist Church to Wesley's holiness and the orthodoxy of Saint Jude; chief among these are the Confessing Movement, and Mark Tooley's Institute on Religion and Democracy. But they are an unwelcome annoyance to the Methodist Establishment, and are outnumbered, vastly out-spent, and are

despised and ignored by the Hierarchy.

But is it really this bad? Am I so upset and offended by the situation that I exaggerate? Although the General Conference, Methodism's highest authority, has yet to officially sanction ordination of homosexuals, the very fact that it is officially considered, year after year, tells us all that we need to know. And, the homosexual clergy, already in active ministry, are tolerated (if not celebrated) in some jurisdictions. Consider these examples: A retired Methodist bishop from California performed a same-sex wedding in Alabama, over the objections of the Alabama bishop. A same-sex clergy couple (note "**clergy couple**"—both of the "betrothed" were ordained ministers) were married in Seattle, with the "wedding" performed by the District Superintendent (in Methodism, he—or she—is one level of authority below a bishop).

It is a sad fact that John Wesley would not be welcome in most Methodist churches today. And, should he walk into one and look around, he would either fall to his knees and weep, or, like his Lord, he would make a whip, drive the apostates out of the temple, and overturn their tables.

The Rev. Talbot Davis, writing in the January-March issue of "We Confess," the newsletter of the Confessing Movement, brilliantly summarized the problem: "What you tolerate today will dominate you tomorrow."

(Editor's Note: All of the older, "main line" denominations, including the Roman Catholic Church, are, to some degree, afflicted with the same sickness of unbelief and tolerance of sin; this is testified to by their shrinking membership, diminishing clergy, and closed parishes.

I am simply using Methodism as an example of what is happening in all of them, partly because I greatly admire the Wesleyan tradition. Marty and I are very active in our Marion Methodist Church; and my study guide to the Bible, a 15-year project, is the product of a Bible class that I have been teaching in Wesley Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, all those years. But I especially chose Methodism as my example because the Methodist Hierarchy has become the very antithesis of Wesley's Methodism and its "Holy Club" beginnings at Oxford.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S WAR ON CHRISTIANS

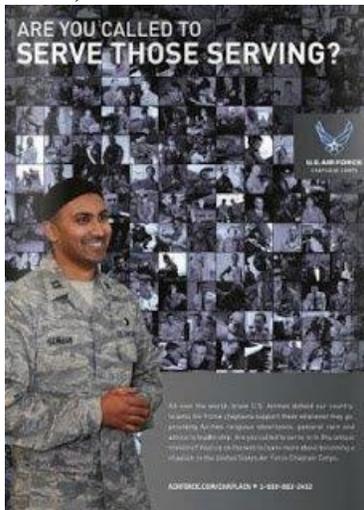
This topic is so vital (and so unthinkable to those of us who wore uniforms as recently as 15 years ago), and the evidence for it is so vast that in my limited space here I can only summarize. While Islam is being encouraged in our armed forces, Christians have become a persecuted majority.

Examples must suffice. In recent times an Air Force officer was disciplined because he had a Bible on his desk, in plain sight. In April of last year an Army training syllabus taught soldiers that evangelical Christians and Roman Catholics are "extremists" and terrorists, in the same category as al Qaeda." Later the same month the web site of the Southern Baptist Convention was blocked on all Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force bases for its "hostile content." The web site of al Jazeera Network, promoting Islamic jihad, was not (and is not)

blocked. After an outcry of protest from Christian groups and some members of Congress, the SBC web site was un-blocked. A directive was issued within one Army unit listing the American Family Association and the Family Research Council as “domestic hate groups.” Christian-hating activist Mikey Weinstein, a former Air Force Advocate General, is often seen in the Pentagon and is, at least, an informal advisor to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel concerning religious affairs in the Armed Forces. In a column for the Huffington Post Weinstein called Christians “monsters of human degradation.” In 2012 the publication “Defense News” listed Weinstein as one of the “100 Most Influential People in US Defense.” In the Army, for a Christian to share his faith with another soldier is “a punishable offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.” An Army Master Sergeant was punished recently for holding his promotion party at a Chic-fil-A restaurant (the founder of Chic-fil-A is a Christian and all of his restaurants are closed on Sunday so his employees can go to church). There is much more, but this must suffice. (AP, WSJ, WND, Fox News, HuffPost, et al)

YET THE DOD PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS ISLAM

As the DOD war on Christians goes on, there is a simultaneous program to energetically promote Islam and recruit Muslims. Not only are there now Muslim chaplains in the Armed Forces, but the Department of Defense is actively recruiting more, and DOD is taking recommendations from the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), an arm of the violent terrorist organization, the Muslim Brotherhood (these are the people who, not long ago, were crucifying Christians in Egypt). Two Muslim chaplains endorsed by the ISNA have been selected to recruit more Muslim chaplains. They are Sergeant Mustapha Rahouchen for the Army, and Captain Rafael Lantigua, for the Air Force. (ClarionProject.org, 27 Feb 2014)



Air Force Muslim Chaplain recruiting poster

DOD OK'S LONG HAIR, BEARDS, TURBANS AND PRAYER BEADS IN UNIFORM. HONEST! REALLY!

The Department of Defense, which continues to persecute Christians while it panders to Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and even to Wiccans (that's witchcraft and Satanism). These groups can be "in proper uniform" with these outrageous violations, but don't expect to see soldiers, Marines and the others of our Armed Forces wearing a pectoral cross with their uniforms. They would, immediately, be charged with being out of uniform and punished.

And remember that all of this madness flows downhill; it can be traced directly back to the Muslim-in-Chief who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in a certain city on the Potomac River.(Fox News 22 Jan 2014)

(Editor's Note: An outraged Marine Gunnery Sergeant, a battle-scarred veteran, recently declared, "When I enlisted, sodomy was a crime. Now it is permitted. I am going to retire before it becomes mandatory.")

ANOTHER GIANT STEP BY THE PC (USA) INTO APOSTASY

The Presbyterian Church (USA), the "old line" Presbyterian denomination, has taken a giant step downward into apostasy. In late October the denomination's highest judicial body issued a decision concerning the "marriage" of the Rev Laurie McNeill to another woman, with whom she lives. The court's finding is that she has done/is doing nothing wrong, and affirmed her position as minister/Teaching Elder of her Presbyterian church in New York. (pcusa.org, et al)

MARTY'S CORNER

Government is not reason. Government is not eloquence. It is force. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. - George Washington

While the fires of freedom began to spread in Ukraine (which is called the Bible Belt of the former Soviet Union), the fearful master, Russian Pres. Putin sent Russian troops into the country and quickly claimed part of it for Russia. Our own Pres. Obama and his administration did nothing but read from a teleprompter, saying that "all people have a right to express themselves." Doing nothing when fire becomes the master rather than the servant is foolishness at best. The attack on the Embassy at Bengazi is the most egregious example of Pres. Obama doing nothing (except to fly to yet another campaign fund raiser). Keep in mind that an Embassy is sovereign American territory, no matter where it is located and an attack on an American Embassy is an attack on *our* country. The fires of freedom have ignited in countless places all over the world but the only tough foreign policy the Obama Administration has is directed at Israel, America's ally. At the same time, the Obama administration slowly becomes the fearful master here at home, taking freedom after freedom from the American people.

We ask what we can do, how can we stop the fearful government here in the United States? A starting point would be what we can learn from just this one event in Ukraine. When Christian leaders began to hand out copies of John's

Gospel in Ukraine to thousands of people congregating in Kiev, they were met with opposition by those pastors who thought that they would just end up in the bonfire. They were wrong. In just a few hours, 10,000 were handed out and eventually 90,000 more were handed out. “People were grabbing them and kissing the scriptures” said one man and “people are a lot closer to God when there is turmoil next door.” There is turmoil in America and the time is now to be spreading God’s word.



Embracing

God’s Word

A TRULY WONDERFUL STORY!

As many of you know, my son, Jefferson, is a missionary surgeon in the jungle of Honduras. His ministry, Cornerstone Foundation, publishes an excellent newsletter, which I highly recommend; like the Good Word, there is no charge for it. In his current issue he tells a story of the violence and banditry among which he and his family live in remote Honduras, and of God’s amazing, utterly supernatural, preservation of his own people.

It is the true story of a poor Honduran lady who had gone to a nearby village a little over 2 months ago to buy 2 bars of soap and a small amount of feed for her pig (all that she could afford).

On the return trip, in a tiny vehicle that passes for public transportation in the jungle, a group of 5 bandits with guns stepped into the road, blocking their way. With no warning, one of the bandits raised his pistol and shot Dona Rubinia. The bullet passed through her arm, breaking the bone, and penetrated her chest. He shot her from such close range that it set her best blouse on fire; he intended to fire again and kill her. She shouted out, “The blood of Jesus covers us!” and the gunman froze, finger on the trigger, with Dona Rubinia looking down the barrel of the pistol. The gunman was still frozen in place, even after the leader

ordered him to kill one of the other passengers, a teenaged boy (a vengeance vendetta); he could not move. Frustrated, the leader put his pistol to the kid's head to kill him, and Dona Rubinia shouted "Vengeance is the Lord's!" and called upon the Holy Trinity. With this, an invisible force hurled the murderous leader backward into the bushes, unconscious. But I won't tell you the rest of the story; read it on my son's web site, www.crstone.org, click on "Newsletter," and read the true story of a modern-day miracle.

For those of you who do not have computers or internet access, let us know and we will mail a paper copy of the complete article to you.

MILESTONES

Died

27 Nov 2013 – **Gloria Casperson**, wife of my friend, Army Sergeant First Class (Ret), Art Casperson, of Pensacola, Fla. Art and Gloria were faithful friends and supporters of this ministry, and our friendship goes way back to the ministry of our mutual friend, the late Anna Lee Carlton, founder of the ministry, Bread for Children.

28 Feb 2014 - **Susan ("Rue") Richardson Combs**, wife of Bill Combs, in Murfreesboro, Tenn in an auto accident on an icy road. Rue was a dear and long-time Christian friend, and college roommate of our daughter, Melissa. Rue was a faithful servant of the Lord, and Heaven must be a little brighter now, with her smile.

A FINAL WORD

Treasure and use each day as if it were your last, and never give up hope; God has a limitless supply of new beginnings, and He makes beautiful things out of broken pieces.

Tom

(Sources: AP-Associated Press; BBC-British Broadcasting Corp.; BP-Baptist Press; Fox (Fox News); Breitbart-Breitbart News; FOF-Focus on the Family; FRC-Family Research Council; HE-Human Events; HC-History Channel; HuffPost-Huffington Post; IMG-Israel My Glory; JP-Jerusalem Post; LAT-L.A. Times; NA-New American Magazine; NM-NewsMax.com; NR-National Review; NW-Newsweek; NYP-New York Post; NYT-New York Times; ONN-OneNewsNow; PWB-Pastors' Weekly Briefing; USAT-USA Today; VOM-Voice of Martyrs; W-World Magazine; WN