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Dear ones,

Thomas Jefferson wrote that the survival of our form of government depends on an informed electorate. As long as I am able, I will attempt to keep you informed of unpleasant current events, yet reminded of the promises and providence of God. The immediate outlook can be dismal; but truth is still finding its voice, and there is hope.

### **UNSIGNED RECEIPTS**

In April, when I was working alone in the office one weary night, I signed and mailed a number of receipts/Thank-you notes for gifts to the ministry. I fear that in my fatigue I may have sealed and mailed some without personalizing and signing them. If this happened to you, please forgive me.

### **THE WAR ON CHRISTIANS GOES ON**

The war on Christians, with Muslims killing Christians simply because they are Christians goes on. In Kenya, normally thought of as a “safe” country in East Africa, in mid-June, at least 48 Kenyans were shot down and two hotels were set on fire in one Sunday night of horror. Like the gunmen who attacked Nairobi’s Westgate Mall last year, the attackers gave life-or-death religious tests, and killed all who were not Muslims. In formerly peaceful Kenya, the U.S., U.K, France, Australia and Canada have upgraded terror threat warnings. Sandbag machine gun bunkers have been added to the roof of the U.S. embassy by Marine guards there. (AP-ONN, et al)

### **AND THE WAR ON CHRISTIANS GOES ON HERE**

My friend, Tom Adcock of Sacramento, California, is one of the finest Christian men I have ever known. In his earlier life he was a street fighter; after meeting the Lord many years ago, he converted from street fighter to street preacher. He and his wife and children witness and hand out gospel tracts on the street; they do it also at “gay pride” and pro-abortion rallies; they go to meet evil head-on in the battle for godliness, decency and the soul of our sick nation. He has been beaten, stabbed and shot by the ungodly; like Saint Paul, his body literally bears the scars of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer famously called “the cost of discipleship”; Bonhoeffer was hanged from a hook by Hitler’s Gestapo with piano wire.

Tom goes in ministry where the faint-hearted won’t go, in danger of violence and disease. He led a woman who was dying with AIDS to the Lord, and, when he could find no church pastor who would touch or baptize her, he took her into his home and baptized her in his bath tub before she died.

He is also a largely self-educated thinker with a brilliant mind; he wrote an essay on the inseparability of the divinity of Jesus and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity that is the best thing of its kind I have ever seen. He

also publishes a periodic free newsletter when he has the money, and it is excellent.

Three years ago, Tom applied for a concealed carry permit for a hand gun because he goes uninvited into dangerous areas to preach, and he has waited with no response. Finally, after waiting for three years, he got his response: he was denied a concealed carry permit because he “does not meet the good moral character requirement.” He was told that he could re-apply next year. I doubt that there is anyone in Sacramento County with half the moral character of Tom Adcock.

Does this sound like an echo from the IRS and patriot groups applying for tax-exempt status? Maybe it’s because the name of his ministry, “Jesus People Information Center,” includes the word “Jesus.” After all, the Secretary of Homeland Security considers Bible-believing Christians, Catholics, and Torah-believing Jews to be a terrorist threat. (Letter from Tom Adcock-mauriomurilloministries.com-westernjournalism.com, et al)







Clockwise from top left (previous page), Tom preaching in the street. Tom's granddaughter, Evelyn, witnessing at a jazz festival. Kathy, Tom's wife, witnessing at a jazz festival. Above, Tom witnessing at a jazz festival.

### **JEREMIAH WRIGHT'S DAUGHTER CONVICTED OF FRAUD**

Jeri Wright, daughter of racist pastor Jeremiah Wright, for 20 years the pastor and mentor of Barack Obama and his family, was convicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago of fraud, money-laundering, grand larceny, lying to law enforcement officers, and lying to the grand jury. The money was taken from a \$1.25 million grant supposedly for training the unemployed in job skills and preparation for a GED certificate (equivalent of a high school diploma). The grant was made for "I Am My Brother's Keeper," a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Convicted with Miss Wright were former Country Club Hills Police Chief, Regina Evans, and her husband.

Among other things, Miss Wright used the stolen money for a "spending spree" in Las Vegas, buying vehicles and remodeling her home. (Breitbart-Reuters, et al)

### **PRO-HOMOSEXUAL TAKES THE HELM OF THE BOY SCOUTS**

Robert Gates, former Secretary of Defense who put into operation Obama's pro-homosexual policy of openly homosexual men and women's serving in the Armed Forces by the elimination of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, was installed in late May as the new national president of the beleaguered Boy Scouts of America (BSA). This once-proud, excellent organization was created to help train young boys up to become godly, resourceful and responsible young men, and to equip them to function in the outdoors, treat injuries and survive in the wilderness. For 100 years, it has done that; but no longer. Last year the BSA took the first giant step away from its founding principles and purposes by admitting openly homosexual boys into the program. The Boy Scouts immediately lost many members, leaders, sponsoring churches and financial supporters; alternative organizations began to form, based on the BSA's founding principles and rules.

The problems are obvious: how can a practicing homosexual obey the Boy Scout Law, which requires him to be "clean and reverent"? How can he live up to his oath, which requires him to do his duty "to God and country" when God hates the sin of sodomy?

Incidentally, the Mormon LDS Church was a behind-the-scenes pusher for the BSA to admit homosexual boys into the program. Officially, LDS policy considers homosexual behavior a forbidden sin; I wonder why

they would secretly promote it?

The next step and, in my opinion, the fatal blow, will be allowing open homosexuals as scoutmasters and other adult leaders; the results in what will remain of BSA are obvious and easily predictable; and the new president, Robert Gates, has already gone on record as being in favor of that final, fatally destructive move.

I was once proud to be a Boy Scout, and still have my Boy Scout ring. I was going to give that ring to one of my great-grandsons (or let them share it); but now it is just a souvenir of what once was a fine program. (HuffPost-CNN-Fox-ONN-World, et al)



**The new Boy Scouts president,  
Robert Gates**

### **CAN WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT ANYTHING?**

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii, is responsible for locating and returning the remains of US service personnel unaccounted for in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Theoretically, the remains, in flag-draped coffins, are flown in to Hickam Air Force Base where they are met by an honor guard. An emotional “welcome home” ceremony is held, a prayer is prayed, the national anthem is sung, and “Taps” is played. The flag draped coffins are then placed in blue Air Force buses, which then drive away, supposedly to the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) for forensic identification.

The truth is that, for more than seven years, to make it look like something is being accomplished, many—perhaps most—of the ceremonies are faked; that’s right—a complete sham.

First discovered by nbcnews.com, and since more deeply investigated by other agencies, the following is what actually has taken place in most cases:

1. Before 6:00 AM the honor guard assembles behind JPAC Headquarters; they then load empty, flag-draped coffins into blue Air Force buses and drive to the hangar. A C-17 transport with tail ramp down is pre-positioned as if it has just flown in from some distant battlefield; the C-17s are actually towed into position, and many of them can’t even fly.

2. The flag-draped, empty coffins are placed aboard the C-17 as if they had been flown in from a distant land, the honor guard rehearses, and then stands by the aircraft.

3. At 9:00 AM the public is admitted to the site, including politicians, media, and families of the missing. If the crowd is too small, JPAC employees are bused in to fill out the crowd.

4. The fake ceremony is carried out, with tears shed in the crowd, and the honor guard, with great ceremony, carries the empty coffins off the C-17 and puts them back into the same blue Air Force buses that brought them there.

5. The blue buses drive away with saluting, supposedly to the identification lab.

Among the civilian and military staff stationed there the scam is well known, and they call it “The big lie.”



And what are those JPAC people doing when they fly all over the battlefield world? The Associated Press found JPAC to be “acutely dysfunctional,” with some missions “little more than paid vacations” to exotic places.

To my knowledge, since this was exposed last Fall, no one has been relieved or fired for conducting this cruel bit of political theater. (nbcnews.com-AP-Stars and Stripes)

**Editor’s Note:** In the next issue there will be a true and heart-warming story of the return of a warrior’s remains from a distant battlefield.

### **SEED COMPANY CREATED GIANT FLAG OF FLOWERS**

As an expression of its patriotism, following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on 11 Sept 2001, the Bodger Seed Company of Lompoc, California, created a 6.65 acre American Flag of red, white and blue larkspurs. And it was not the first time that such a flag had been made by the company; they were planted 4 times during WW II and once during the Korean War. From the air, this gigantic flag is breathtakingly beautiful! (cityoflompoc.com)



**Giant Flag of Larkspurs, Lompoc, Calif.**

### **HOW LONG WILL GOD TOLERATE OUR ONCE-GODLY NATION?**

In the 400-year History of the kings of Judah and Israel, there are revealed the long-lasting effects of both righteousness, and wickedness, in the mind of God, and in His dealings with nations.

Because of David’s righteousness and his unflinching love of God, succeeding kings, most of whom were wicked, were tolerated and protected, “for David’s sake.”

Conversely, because of the extreme wickedness of Manasseh, and his unflinching passion for pagan gods, the Lord finally withdrew His tolerance and protection from subsequent kings, even though some were righteous; and, as a result, the Lord decreed the final defeat of the Kingdom of Judah, and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Could not this principle apply today to our nation? After all, God does not change.<sup>1</sup> Our nation was founded by Christians, guided by the Word of God, giving honor to Him unashamedly, in both public and private life, opening all deliberations with prayer. Indeed, our Supreme Court, after an exhaustive study of all available historical documents, concluded in 1892 that, “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. . .this is a Christian nation.”<sup>2</sup>

Does this mean that everything we have done as a nation, and as individuals within this nation, has been pleasing to God? Of course not! But it does mean that we, as a nation, and most of its citizens, have never rejected God for a pagan god, or elevated ourselves to the level of deity as the gods of secular humanism. With

all of our faults, sins, and times of unfaithfulness, we have not, as a nation, abandoned the God of the Bible for a lesser one. But this is rapidly changing, and for the worse. At least twice, our current President of the United States has said to the World that we are **not** a Christian nation.

There seems to be a time lag in these cosmic relational changes—changes of values, allegiance and limits to God’s tolerance. The separated Kingdom of Judah muddled on after the death of Solomon, waxing worse and worse, for approximately 300 years, living on the dwindling inheritance of the righteousness of David and his unified kingdom at its beginning.

God’s people went on, in a downward trend, from the beginning of apostasy during the latter reign of Solomon, and with brief periods of repentance and godliness in times of desperate need.

God finally abandoned his divided earthly kingdom. And when He did finally abandon the nation, He delivered it up to be destroyed and enslaved by its pagan enemies: Syria/Assyria, Babylon (Iraq), and Persia (Iran).

Our nation, founded on the Word of God and birthed in prayer like David’s, has been on the downward trend for more than 200 years now, with periodic outbreaks of repentance and revival, and those same enemies, plus others just as dangerous, are at our gate. If we do not repent and turn back to our God-honoring beginnings, how much longer will it be before God finally delivers us up to them? Our nation’s final years may be winding down as we read these words; and this is a point worthy of our pondering.

“Blessed is the nation whose God (Elohim) is the LORD (YAHWEH-JEHOVAH)...” (Psalm 33:12a); and the inverse is obvious: cursed is the nation which follows any other god (Allah, Buddha, Krishna, Osiris, Satan, Diana, the Earth, or the god of secular humanism, i.e. ourselves).

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1 Malachi 3:6.

2 U.S. Supreme Court, *Church of the Holy Trinity v. the United States*, 1892

## **A PRECIOUS PROMISE**

In one verse of Psalm 27 there is the precious promise that, although men may betray and abandon us—although even our mothers and fathers may forsake us—the LORD (YAHWEH) never will. We will never be left alone, for the LORD, and the LORD alone, is utterly faithful, when no one else is. (Psalm 27:10)

## **A POINT TO PONDER**

“It is possible to tell the truth without love; but it is not possible to love without telling the truth,” (Maurio Murillo)

## **WHY DON’T MEN SING IN CHURCH?**

There is a fairly universal and long standing complaint by Christian women: it is that men, as a rule, don’t sing in church. And it is true; most men don’t sing in church. But the reason, it seems to me, is quite simple: in almost all hymnals, the hymns are written in four-part harmony. The melody played and sung in most churches is the soprano part, and very few men are sopranos.

## **JOE WEIS RETIRES**

Our old friend in ministry, Joe Weis and his wife Thereza, of Zachary, La., after many years of ministry in Brazil and the U.S., are retiring from active ministry and ceasing the publication of their newsletter. They have been a beacon of the light of God wherever they have lived and ministered.

## **MILESTONES**

### **BORN**

19 June - **Hazel Rue Beasley** @ 7 lbs 20 oz to Emily and Josh Beasley in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Emily is the daughter of our late dear, friend, Susan (Rue) Combs and her husband, Bill.

### **DIED**

21 June – **Wallace Arflack**, 96, of Marion, Ky., after a fall. Wallace was the oldest member of our church

in Marion, was in good health until the last few days, and always greeted us with a smile like sunshine, and a warm, strong handshake. We will miss him.

7 Nov '13 – **Angela Pucheu**, 31, in Long Beach, Miss, beloved, sweet, severely handicapped daughter of our dear Christian friend of many years. Judy Pucheu, and the late Doug Pucheu. Because of my traveling I failed to know of Angela's leaving us for several months and then, in the rush to the last issue, I forgot to include her.

But Angela herself was unforgettable. As so eloquently expressed in her obituary, "She never spoke a word, but taught us more than the greatest teachers that graced our lives. She owned nothing, but gave us more than money could buy. She never walked, but her footprints can be seen where she danced all over our hearts." She is dancing now, over meadows of green and streets of gold, and her singing and laughter sweeten the rare air of Heaven, and warm the heart of God.

## **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); Brightbart-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-Natioinal 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; WND-World Net Daily; and WT-Washington Times.)