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Christianity in America Today & The Rise of the Laodicean Church



With more than 20 years of research, The Barna Group is reporting a disturbing trend among Americans' spiritual beliefs and behaviors—their commitment to orthodox biblical perspectives is "slipping." Findings from a recent Barna study reflect a "spiritual profile" among Americans similar to that of the early church at Laodicea - a church which Jesus admonished for being "neither hot nor cold" and called them to repentance. Every year, The Barna Group explores the "state of America's faith," examining such factors as people's spiritual activity, faith identity, commitment, and religious perspective. This year's poll indicates that while Americans are remaining spiritually active, the percentage of those who hold orthodox biblical views has fallen to its lowest level in decades. "They've actually become less orthodox, less traditional," says Barna's David Kinnaman. "[M]any of their core biblical perspectives have changed." In this 2007 study, two-thirds (66%) of Americans say they believe that God is best described as "the all-powerful, all-knowing creator of the universe who rules the world today." That is down 5% from one year ago and represents the lowest percentage in more than 20 years of similar surveys, notes the report. In addition, says Kinnaman, "they are less likely to reject the notion that Jesus sinned (37%), and they're less likely to believe that Satan is a real spiritual entity (24%)." Both of those percentages are lower than last year and are among the lowest during the two decades Barna

has tracked Americans' views in those areas. Kinnaman states that while millions of Americans feel personally committed to God, they are "renegotiating" the definition of God. Kinnaman states, "They lack a consistent and holistic understanding of their faith...[They] say they are personally committed to Jesus Christ, but they believe he sinned while on Earth. Many believers claim to trust what the Bible teaches, but they reject the notion of a real spiritual adversary...." Kinnaman says most Americans seem to have one foot in the "biblical camp" and one foot outside it - placing themselves in what Kinnaman refers to as a "squishy middle." "They say they are committed, but to what? They are spiritually active, but to what end? The spiritual profile of American Christianity is not unlike a lukewarm church that the Bible warns about (**Revelation 3:14-22**)," says Kinnaman. The ultimate result, he fears, is that the shift away from biblical perspectives will cause America's youth to conclude that the Christian faith does not represent "deep, consistent truths about the spiritual and natural world." - OneNewsNow.com (5.23.2007)

Pray for the truth of Jesus Christ to be revealed to His Church, for revival and restoration to our call to be His Salt & Light!
Act in Faith as you live by faith, serving Him in serving others!
(Study God's Holy Word: Romans 13:11-12, 2 Timothy 3, Revelations 3:1-3, Ephesians 5:15-17, Matthew 24)

Acceptance of Homosexuality Rising in United States

Americans are becoming increasingly more liberal on the issues of homosexuality and "gay marriage," according to a new Gallup Poll conducted in May 2007. In fact, the study found Americans' tolerance (acceptance) of homosexuality at an all-time high. For instance:



- 57% percent of U.S. adults say homosexuality "should be considered an acceptable alternative lifestyle" (formerly 54%).
 - 47% percent say they personally believe homosexual relations are morally acceptable (formerly 44%). The poll found 49% believe homosexuality is unacceptable, the first recorded time this figure ever below 50%.
 - 59% say homosexual relations should be legal and 37% say they should not be legal.
 - 42% say homosexuality is "something a person is born with," matching the all-time high from last year while 35%, an all-time low, say it is a combination of upbringing and environment.
- Interestingly, a majority of adults, 53%, remain opposed to "gay marriage" legalization while 46% support it. In November 2007, seven states passed constitutional amendments prohibiting "gay marriage" with an average of 63.6%. - Baptist Press , 6.1.2007



...aCROSS His Land

United States - The American College of Pediatricians (ACP) is calling for an end to embryonic stem-cell research and recommends exclusive support for adult stem-cell research. "Not only does embryonic research require taking the life of human embryos, it also prolongs needless suffering by delaying the development of more promising adult stem-cell treatments and cures," said Dr. Michelle Cretella, fellow of ACP. Research using non-embryonic sources, including amniotic fluid, umbilical cord blood, placenta and adult blood has yielded impressive results, the

ACP said.¹ © (Study Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Psalms 82:3-4 & 127:3, 139:13-16, 106:38; Jeremiah 1:5, Exodus 20:13, Isaiah 5:20 & 3:11)

Illinois - The grandparents of a 12-year-old student who says she was forced to watch the R-rated, gay-themed movie *Brokeback Mountain* at school have filed a lawsuit against the Chicago Board of Education for psychological distress and false imprisonment. According to court documents, a substitute teacher told students at Ashburn Community Elementary School, "What happens in Ms. Buford's class stays in Ms. Buford's class." The suit claims Buford then shut the classroom door and showed the film about two



cowboys involved in a homosexual affair. Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said he's seen many news reports in recent months about elementary students being forced to take sex surveys or read pro-homosexual materials. "As government schools continue to be controlled by liberal educators, this encroachment upon parental rights will intensify," he said.² ☹ (Study Romans 1:16,24-27,1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Isaiah 5:20, Genesis 13:13, Mark 12:28-31, John 13:34, Hebrews 13:4)

Arizona - Anthony Sciubba, 18, is an honor student and athlete at Higley High School in Gilbert, Arizona. He was also one of 13 seniors to receive a special full-page tribute in the yearbook. But when he recently received his copy, he noticed something had been edited from his biography: God. Sciubba had credited God for his success, but his bio read, "He owed all of his success to others." Jennifer Wojtulewicz, the



News Sources for aCROSS His Land:

- ¹ CitizenLink, 5.15.2007
- ² CitizenLink, 5.14.2007
- ³ CitizenLink, 5.17.2007

yearbook's faculty adviser, told Sciubba that "God" could not be printed because of concerns over separation of church and state. She said Sciubba had been told in advance that references to God would not appear in his bio.³ ☹ (Study 1 Corinthians 15:58, Luke 9:26, John 15:17-19 & 17:14-15)



Prayer & Praise Points

♦Please pray about how God could use YOU in helping meet the critical spiritual & financial needs for CIM each month!
 ♦Thank you for uplifting our family before the Lord thru your faithful prayers for God's provision-strength-peace-healing for David's on-going health struggles/life battles (i.e. "thorns in the flesh;" 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; Philippians 4:13) which remain very intense!
 ♦Please uplift our church family & mission in your prayers — **Journey 2427** (please visit us at <http://journey2427.blogspot.com> for mission / ministry updates)!

Out of the HEART...

"What you say flows from what is in your heart." Luke 6:45, NLT

"The (partial-birth abortion) ban upheld by the (U.S. Supreme) Court is an ill-considered and sweeping prohibition that does not even take account for serious threats to the health of individual women. This hard right turn is a stark reminder of why Democrats cannot afford to lose the 2008 election. Too much is at stake - starting with...a woman's right to choose."

- John Edwards, Democratic Presidential Candidate, JohnEdwards.com, 4.18.2007



A Polish railway worker has astonished his doctors by waking spontaneously after 19 years and talking about memories of his time in a "coma." Jon Grzewski was injured at work and while he was hospitalized, his



doctors found cancer in his brain and predicted he would not recover. After his doctors concluded nothing more could be done for him, Mr. Grzewski's wife, Gertruda, cared for him at home, moving his body and feeding him by hand. After regaining his ability to speak, Mr. Grzewski told his relatives that he has memories of family gatherings while he was supposedly 'comatose,' at which they spoke to him, trying to elicit a response. Mrs. Grzewska, her husband's doctor said, did the work of an entire intensive care team, turning him every hour to prevent bed sore infections. "I cried a lot, and prayed a lot," she said. Grzewski's prognosis is positive and his doctors expect him to be able to walk soon. - LifeSiteNews.com, 6.4.2007



Sagacious* Sips of the Savior's Truth

*sagacious: defn. wisdom, discernment through deep reflection & experience

"Remember, Christ rebuked the churches in Revelation 2-3 who had tolerated false teachers in their midst (2:14-16; 20-23). He expressively commended the Ephesian church for examining the claims of certain false apostles and exposing them as liars (2:2). Churches have a clear duty to guard the faith against false teachers who infiltrate. Christ Himself demands it." - Dr. John McArthur, Pastor-Teacher of Grace Community Church, reprinted from *The Truth War*, 2007, pg. xxvi.



"...a cord of three strands is not quickly broken" Ecclesiastes 4:12

Our Monthly Operating Needs: \$ 2,500.00 (\$82.20/day)

12 donations were received during April 2007 totaling: \$ 998.01

14 donations were received during May 2007 totaling: \$ 789.85

We Praise Jesus Christ for each family which faithfully entrusted this ministry with their gift last month! Without YOUR gifts of any size, CIM will be UNABLE to continue this critical mission for today's family! May God's people respond in great faith! <1 Corinthians 9:11-12, Acts 4:32 & 11:29> Thank EACH of you who faithfully support CIM!

Surfing for Net Nuggets (N²)...



Men are not called to just believe in God; they are called to follow Christ and change things by the power of the Holy Spirit. On October 6, 2007, Promise Keepers will host a national, outdoor sacred gathering of men—occurring in the seventh year of every decade- in Washington, D.C. Pray & attend if so led!

www.standinthegap2007.org

Doctors at a British fertility clinic will begin screening embryos for cosmetic defects, the first time a license to do so has been issued in the country. Doctors at the clinic were granted a license to screen for the cosmetic condition by the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority (HFEA). During the screening process, embryos conceived in a laboratory are tested at the eight-cell stage to see if they carry the potential for the unwanted disorder or characteristic. If they do, the embryo will be destroyed and doctors will test another for implant into the mother's womb. Previously, the use of embryo screening was limited to severe disorders such as cystic fibrosis or blood disorders. The procedure has been condemned by critics as a eugenics tool to eliminate those seen as physically unfit from society, with embryos showing genetic markers that indicate the child may develop a disorder discarded, in favor of genetically "pure" embryos. The international pro-life movement anticipated the eventual use of embryo screening to produce "tailor-made" babies. Prof. Geddis Grudzinskas, with the Bridge Centre clinic, said he would screen embryos for hair color or any cosmetic condition that caused distress to parents... [Hair color] can be a cause of bullying which can lead to suicide. With the agreement of the HFEA, I would do it.

- LifeSiteNews.com, 5.8.2007 "Choose Life..." Deuteronomy 30:19



"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in



Christ's sufficiency]." **Philippians 4:13**, Amplified
Radical Trust Demands a "CAN DO IN CHRIST" Attitude!



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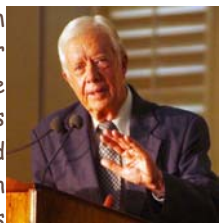
- I would like information about how I/Other can have a personal, abiding love-relationship with Jesus Christ (**John 15:1-17**)
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- Our family / church / small group has added you to our PRAYER list
- I would like to make a special donation In Honor / In Memory of ...



Christian Impact Ministries is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit ministry whose God-given vision/direction since 1996 has been "to engage today's culture with the timeless truth of God's Word." Operating from a biblical worldview, CIM seeks to help educate & equip Christians with a genuine understanding of the spiritual and moral issues in today's culture and equip them with both scripture and Biblically-based resources so that they may obediently "be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (**James 1:22**) Rev. David Haltom, a licensed/ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serves thru CIM as a Vocational Evangelist/Revivalist and the Executive Director and holds endorsements from the North American Mission Board (NAMB), the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) and the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (COSBE). In addition, Rev. Haltom serves as founding pastor of Journey 2427, an evangelical church plant based in the Concord-Kannapolis area (www.journey2427.org). Please prayerfully consider us for preaching-teaching-special speaking events as the Lord would so lead.



Former President Jimmy Carter issued a statement yesterday urging the United States military drop its "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexuals in the military. "The nation's commitment to human rights requires that lawmakers revisit 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' the current policy that prevents lesbians, gays and bisexuals from serving openly in our armed forces," Carter said in an exclusive statement to the homosexual activist group, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). Carter told the SLDN that the current prohibition "regulates a group of citizens then prohibits them from identifying themselves and speaking up on their own behalf." The Department of Defense has long defended its policy against permitting homosexuals in the military, arguing that permitting homosexuals in the armed forces would disrupt vital cohesion, discipline, and morale in military units and "seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission." Former President Jimmy Carter has been a recent outspoken advocate of homosexual "rights", supporting homosexual civil unions and has indicated an openness to same-sex "marriage." In 1992 he agreed to serve as honorary co-chair of a fund-raising dinner for one of the nation's leading homosexual advocacy groups, the Human Rights Campaign. In doing so, Carter became the first president of the United States to associate himself with a fund-raising effort in the homosexual "community".



-LifeSiteNews.com, 5.16.2007 (Study Proverbs 14:7, Jeremiah 8:8-9)

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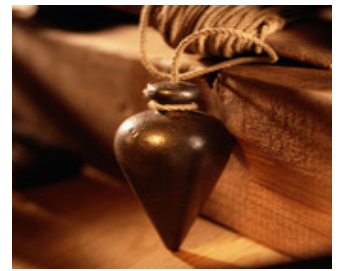


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"We will speak the truth in love, growing (deeper) in every way more and more like Christ..." (Ephesians 4:15, NLT) Seems like with each passing year, "speaking the truth in love" becomes more unpopular. Since our founding in 1996, CIM has sought to faithfully honor our God-given duty to "speak His truth in love" amidst today's culture wars. Yet my heart is heavy today over the unrepentant attitudes and apathy so prevalent across America and throughout many of her community lighthouses (i.e. churches). The prophet Jeremiah penned similar feelings for his God-given desire to see God's people heed the bugle cry of the watchman on the wall (Isaiah 21:6) of the approaching enemy and possible destruction, "My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have

heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry." (Jeremiah 4:19b) In nearly every direction and on many battlefields today, the enemy—Satan—seems to be scoring "easy" victories...some thru brief skirmishes, most thru ground surrendered with little to no resistance from God's Soldiers of Light! Why? Some say because they are just too busy; some say they are not 'called' to be out there on the battlefields; and many others simply don't see the battlefields before them and don't hear the battle cry for every believer to daily "Fight the Good Faith!" (1 Timothy 6:12) Yet we hear the warning repeated from God's Word, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes." (Matthew 13:14-15) We are—without debate—living in "perilous times" (2 Timothy 3)

which are affirmed by the headlines of our day. Yet it seems with each passing month, more of God's soldiers are choosing to walk off today's spiritual battlefields ... disheartened, debilitated, distraught, and many defeated! Through our family's Kingdom service for ~12 years, we know first-hand the challenges, setbacks, and sacrifices which often follow a Soldier of Light onto the spiritual battlefields. But we know our Commander-in-Chief PERSONALLY...and He assures victory (1 Corinthians 15:57) to every soldier under His command! Each day, we must choose to pick up His "sword of truth" (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12) and engage the culture through His timeless truth! In the last days before Christ returns, God's Word tells us that "sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12, NLT) May none of Christ's soldiers of light leave the battlefields of today—for many POW's still need to be freed (Colossians 1:13-14)!



God's Word—Our Spiritual Plumb Line for Life <Amos 7:7-8>

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"Let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us...keeping (fixing, NIV) our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish."
Hebrews 12:1-2, NLT

The ABC's of a Personal Love Relationship with Jesus Christ

A - Admit that you have sinned (i.e. disobeyed God's Law; 1 John 1:8, Romans 8:23)

B - Believe that Jesus Christ is the sole Son of God, your Lord (i.e. ruler of your life) and your personal Savior (John 3:16, Acts 16:31)

C - Confess (i.e. agree w/God) & Repent (i.e. change of heart-mind-actions) of your sins (1 John 1:9, Acts 3:19)

'S - Surrender to and Commit your entire life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:13, Luke 9:23)

"Today is the day of Salvation!" <2 Corinthians 6:2>



1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men (& women) of courage; be strong."

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James 1:22

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