

Savior's Seasonings

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His boldness/confidence & His Wisdom in being an obedient follower of Jesus Christ in these "Last Days" before His return!

Lastly, take a few moments to **contact McDonald's in Christian love** and thank them for reversing their corporate

McDonald's Boycott Ends — Family Friendliness Returns

The American Family Association (AFA) recently announced the end of a successful boycott against McDonald's Corporation. McDonald's has severed its ties to a homosexual business group and declared neutrality in the culture wars per AFA's request. AFA's five-month boycott ended after Richard Ellis, former McDonald's vice president of U.S. communications, left his seat on the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC). McDonald's, which was offered the seat after donating \$20,000 to the NGLCC, has announced there are no plans to replace Ellis on the board. In an email to its franchise owners, McDonald's said, "It is our policy to not be involved in political and social issues. McDonald's remains neutral on same sex marriage or any 'homosexual agenda' as defined by the American Family Association." "The franchise owners understood very early that this was an issue that McDonald's did not need to be involved in from a corporate level and they needed to stick with serving good food products in a convenient way, at a good price," said AFA's director of special projects Randy Sharp. Although McDonald's still appears as an official partner and sponsor on NGLCC's website, the burger giant told the AFA that the restaurant chain does not plan to renew its membership after it expires in December 2008.

— LifeSiteNews.com, 10.10.2008 and AFA Action Alert, 10.9.2008

OUR FAITH RESPONSE...

First, spend time **reflecting / studying over God's Holy Word**: Leviticus 18:22& 20:13, Romans 1:16,24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 4:15, Isaiah 5:20

Next, **PRAY** a prayer of praise for believers who chose to take a righteous stand for our Lord Jesus Christ in supporting and honoring the boycott of McDonalds! Pray for His strength,

policy to actively support/promote the homosexual (gay) agenda and the destructive lifestyle it promotes. Encourage them to select pro-family policies in their corporate operations, Remember His Holy Word— *'be doers of the Word!'* (James 1:22)

You can contact McDonald's at:

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Remember to speak **IAW Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 4:15, Psalms 37:30 & 49:3 and 1 Corinthians 13:1!**



We just learned of a marine on deployment that needs a blessing from each of YOU!

Sadly, this marine is the **ONLY** member in his group stationed in Iraq who has **NOT** received a *single* piece of correspondence from home. We must each realize that this man — as with thousands of military and DoD men and women like him, puts his life on the line for his country, our country every day—a truth that many of us have taken for granted! We do not know any of the circumstances involved, and honestly don't need too! But whatever the circumstances, this man needs to know families back home support him and all our US troops at home and abroad!

Take a few moments of your "free" time and send him a card/note of encouragement, thanking him for his bravery/courage/service and share a special prayer for he and all the troops, especially those in theater in the "REAL" War on Terror!

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"I thank my God every time I remember you." **Philippians 1:3**

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers" **Philemon 1:4**

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them."



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California First Graders Treated to 'Same-Sex Wedding'

A first grade class in San Francisco recently took a school-sponsored trip to a same-sex "wedding." Eighteen first graders - ages 5 to 6 - traveled to San Francisco City Hall for the wedding of their teacher and her lesbian partner. The school sponsored the trip for the students, ages 5 and 6, taking them away from their studies for the same-sex "wedding." "Taking children out of school for a same-sex wedding is not customary education. This is promoting same-sex marriage and indoctrinating young kids. I doubt the school has ever taken kids on a field trip to a traditional wedding," said Frank Schubert of ProtectMarriage.com. Telling the *San Francisco Chronicle* that the field trip was "a teachable moment," the school's principal believes it is perfectly appropriate for first graders to attend a same-sex "wedding." The lesbian teacher's wedding was officiated by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. Newsom is featured in a television ad in which he declares of same-sex "marriage": "The door's wide open now. It's gonna happen, whether you like it or not." - OneNewsNow.com, 10.15.2008 and LifeSiteNews.com, 10.14.2008 ☹

<📖Leviticus 18:22& 20:13, Romans 1:16,24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 4:15, Isaiah 5:20>

A New Wind Is Blowing Across the 'Windy City'

A battleground is forming in Chicago over a proposed "gay"-friendly high school for homosexual, lesbian, and transgendered students, or any other students who want to attend. According to reports, taxpayer money would be used to fund the school. The school would be called the Pride Campus of Social Justice High School, and plans are under way to possibly open its doors in 2010. Advocates of the school say it is needed in order to combat the bullying, dropout, and depression rate among homosexual students. The *Chicago Sun-Times* quotes a member of the school's design team who says students at the school would be taught about "gay and lesbian historical figures" so those students "have heroes." Not surprising, the new school's prospective Principal - Chad Weiden -



is not surprisingly 'openly gay.' ☹ - OneNewsNow.com, 7.25.2008 <📖 See related scriptures in above story>

Arkansas Voters Have Opportunity this Fall for CRUCIAL Pro-Family Legislation

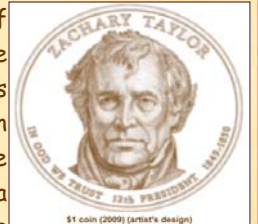


To mark the 30th anniversary of the New International Version of the Bible, which has sold 300 million copies worldwide, Zondervan has launched a cross-country bus tour with the goal of recruiting 31,173 people to each handwrite one verse of the Bible. The huge, blue RV will make 90 stops in 44 states over a five-month period. Even Billy Graham has agreed to write out one of the verses. Zondervan plans to publish the unique handwritten Bible in time for Christmas 2009. - The Pastor's Weekly Briefing, 10.3.2008

<📖Isaiah 55:11, John 5:24, Romans 1:17, 1 Peter 4:11, Hebrews 1:3 & 4:12, Luke 1:27, James 1:21-22, 1 Thessalonians 2:13>

National Motto Returning to Face of 2009 Presidential Series Dollar Coins

The U.S. Mint recently announced that the phrase "In God We Trust" will be officially returning to the face of the 2009 presidential dollar coin set for circulation early next year. The words "In God We Trust" will be returned to the face of the coins instead of being inscribed on the edge of the currency as was the previous design. While he was serving in the House, Senator Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi) successfully sponsored an amendment that reversed the previous policy of displaying the national motto on the rim of the coins. "To me that just represented an example of further erosion of our religious heritage in this country," he shares, "a further diminishment of the acknowledgement of God in public discourse." Representative Wicker says getting the U.S. Mint to change course was a "great accomplishment." "This national motto reflects our country's strong religious heritage, and it has been prominently displayed on U.S. currency since 1864," says the Republican lawmaker. "I just think it was wrong to take it off, and I think the American people agreed with that overwhelmingly." - OneNewsNow.com, 10.13.2008



<📖Study Matthew 10:22 & 16:18, Mark 13:13, Luke 6:22 & 21:17, John 7:7 & 15:18-20, Psalms 37:32-33 & 1 Chronicles 16:11>

Sagacious* Sips of the Savior's Truth

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

"Whenever we seize a divine moment, we magnify the presence of God. To act on God's behalf is to express what's on His mind and on His heart...Our obedience creates a spiritual epicenter through which God shakes up the world around us and others come to know Him."

- Erwin Raphael McManus, Pastor of Mosaic-Writer-Speaker, excerpted from *Seizing Your Divine Moment*, 2002, pp. 189, 191



Quotable Quote for this month ...

"No matter what the circumstance, any number plus God is a majority. When the battle is won by God's hand, the number of people needed to fight is irrelevant."

- Dr. Henry Blackaby, reprinted from FRC's 'The Watchmen Report,' October 2, 2008



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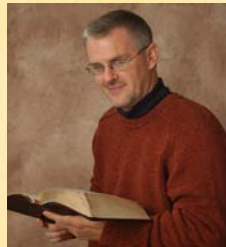
New Jersey — An abortion center that performs abortions up to the sixth month of pregnancy has worked out an arrangement with two area hotels to provide substantially discounted room rates for women seeking abortions. Based on reports from local citizens participating in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the Cherry Hill Women's Center, New Jersey Right to Life has confirmed that the **Clarion Hotel in Cherry Hill** offers a reduced rate of \$59 for a room originally priced at \$109 to those women who provide a receipt from the abortion mill that says they have to stay overnight. In addition, the **Quality Inn in Maple Shade** offers a discounted rate of \$74.95 for a room originally priced at \$99.99 plus a free breakfast of eggs and pancakes for women who present a stamped pamphlet from the clinic. Good Counsel Homes, a Catholic agency that assists homeless pregnant women, recently cancelled its banquet at the Clarion upon learning of the hotel's arrangement with the abortion clinic. Cherry Hill Women's Center performs many methods of abortion which result in the violent killing of innocent unborn babies. One of the methods, used at 20 or more weeks, is injection of the dangerous drug digoxin directly into the baby's heart to kill the baby. If digoxin is accidentally injected into the bloodstream of a woman or young girl, it can cause infection and death. Local pro-lifers who have spoken to women exiting the clinic report that many women and minor girls are alone, crying and in extreme pain, but are nonetheless discharged from the clinic after the digoxin injection. They are instructed to return the next day so the abortionist can deliver the dead baby. The clinic refers these women to the area hotels offering special discounted rates.¹ ©

United States — Virginia Governor Tim Kaine is defending how his administration forced the sudden resignation of five Virginia State Police Chaplains because they prayed publicly "in Jesus' name." Police Superintendent Col. W. Steven Flaherty single-handedly created, then enforced, a strict "non-sectarian" prayer policy at all public gatherings, censoring and excluding Christian prayers, then accepted the resignation of five chaplains who refused to deny Jesus or violate their conscience by watering down their prayers. Former Navy Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt, who was also fired in 2007 for praying "in Jesus' name" in uniform (but won the victory in the U.S. Congress for other military chaplains), weighed in: "Governor Kaine campaigned like a Christian to get our votes. But now, instead of governing like a Christian, or respecting his own chaplains' First Amendment rights, his administration forced the resignation of five police chaplains, simply because they prayed publicly 'in Jesus' name.'" "These five chaplains lost their jobs for honoring Christ. They're heroes of the faith, because they refused to deny Jesus when ordered to by the Kaine administration."² ©

¹LifeSiteNews.com, 10.20.2008 ²LifeSiteNews.com, 9.25.2008

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Rev. David Haltom

CIM seeks to help educate 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 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 to serving at CIM, Rev. Haltom serves as founding Pastor/Elder of Journey 2427, an evangelical church plant in the Concord-Kannapolis area (www.journey2427.org). We welcome the honor to serve you and your church community through God's power in preaching-teaching-speaking events as the Lord would so lead.

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2

CIM Continues Our Calling from the Lord...



Ephesians 5:15-16

Thank all of you who pray for CIM and our family and for those who so faithfully support His work in and thru CIM! The last few years have truly seen some of the most challenging times in our 13-year ministry tenure, yet God has divinely sustained our family and ministry callings. I want to

thank those of you who did take the time to send a note or e-mail of encouragement after the last edition of Savior's Seasonings regarding the importance and impact of the mission work of CIM. We are praying too for 2009 to be a season for reclaiming some 'administrative efficiency' which has been a struggle during 2008. For those sending donations in 2008, we will be working on receipting those in upcoming weeks before year's end. We apologize for the delay, but have simply been overwhelmed by ministry/life demands, health challenges and limited time/workforce. It is surely a miracle that CIM has continued despite so many major challenges—clear evidence to God's favor and heart for this vital calling to continue, now perhaps more than ever before! We deeply appreciate your prayers and financial support as you are able and led of the Lord. Please feel free to let us know if you would like additional copies of this newsletter for distributing to others in your church, workplace and/or local community. Thank you for the trust to minister to you thru His Holy, Inerrant & Living Word!

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"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." Proverbs 15:22



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Proverbs 29:18

"He (God) changes the times and the seasons; *He removes kings and sets up kings.* He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding!" (Daniel 2:21, Amplified Bible) As I pen this month's column, our nation stands within days of what may well be one of the most critical election cycles in our country's history. By the time you read this, the election will be an indelible part of history. Who will be placed in authority—only God Himself knows at this point. In

fact, this month's Bible text reminds us that it will be Him who actually gives us the leaders which He sovereignly knows will reflect the true spiritual condition of our hearts. **Exodus 18:21a** commands us to "select men who fear God, trustworthy men ('men of truth,' KJV) who hate dishonest gain ('covetousness,' KJV / 'who are trustworthy and honest,' CEV) and appoint them as officials over thousands (federal), hundreds (state), fifties (county) and tens (local)." Whoever our nation selects during this recent election — from local leaders to the U.S. President - will be representative of Paul's words penned in **Galatians 6:8** that "a man reaps what he sows." Will godly men and women have been selected to govern/rule, or will the ungodly? In **Proverbs 29:2**, we are reminded of a truth that perhaps many have forgotten—"When the righteous rule ("godly are in authority," NLT), the people rejoice; when the wicked rule ("are in power," NLT), the people groan." Regardless of who is elected, our Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ—remains in control, and it is in Him that we MUST place our full (complete) trust, not elections nor any man. His Word reminds us in **1 Corinthians 16:13** to "be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men (& women) of courage; be strong." Ronald Reagan, our 40th President, shared in 1984: "Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is

a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot endure...if we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under." It is our prayer that you and your family remember the Lord and not forget His many blessings (**Psalms 103:2**), regardless of those who sit in leadership. Every believer must remember this great truth—Jesus is 'Lord'* (*'ruler over everything...and everyone!')

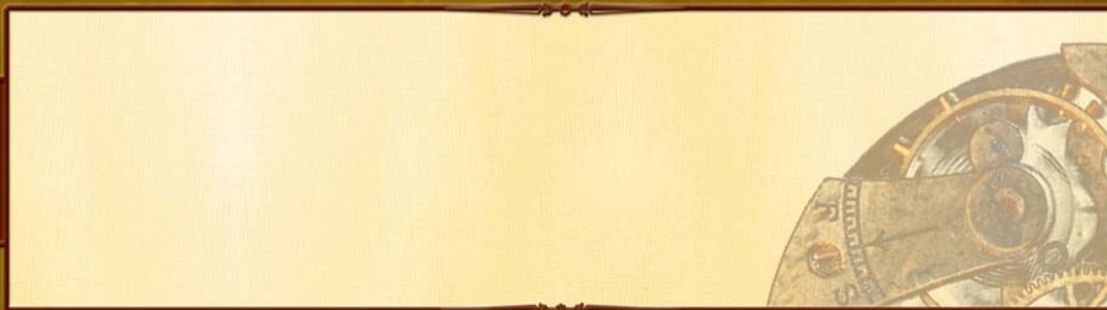
The ABC'S of Having a Personal Love Relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ...

- A** — Admit that you have sinned (i.e. disobeyed God's Law; **1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23**)
- 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 daily to the Lordship of Jesus Christ (**Romans 6:13, Luke 9:23**)



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