RESIDUE
OF ANOTHER GOD
Abraham Lincoln, kicking off his campaign for the United States Senate on June 16, 1858, presented a radical statement. The speech is noted in Donald T. Phillips recently authored book, Lincoln on Leadership for Today. Lincoln had chosen an expression from Mark 3:25 to describe the state of the Republic at that moment. His campaign managers were advising him against the possibly inflammatory remarks. With conviction, he responded to their hesitancy: “The proposition is indisputably true, and I will deliver it as written.”

“A house divided against itself cannot stand.’ I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved -- I do not expect the house to fall -- but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become alike lawful in all the States, old as well as new -- North as well as South.”

Phillips described Lincoln’s address as “bold, morally courageous” for the time. I believe there is a possible application to Lincoln’s remarks that we need to consider. I am hoping that our dear readers will take my thoughts as an appeal to contemplate the consequences of disunity as a matter that determines our ability as a body to succeed together. “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation” (Matthew 12:25).

The Pharisees accused Jesus of casting out the devil by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils. Jesus responds by saying, do you really think the devil is divided against himself? “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you” (Matthew 12:28). Therefore, there is no cooperation with the devil’s agenda. The objectives are incompatible. Bible commentator John Phillips says on this passage, “(Jesus) argued that what the Pharisees had just said in their jealous rage was inconceivable, inconsistent, and incongruous.”

Kingdoms divided against themselves fall. Division destroys all kingdoms, all nations, all churches, all businesses, and all families. However, Lincoln’s fear was not that the country would be dissolved necessarily, but that it would unite under slavery. As he put it, “It will become all one thing or all the other.” Because, only in some position of unity or agreement could the nation go forward. Unity was and is necessary to survive. Allowing disunity, especially as it pertained to this issue, was an accommodation of evil, and a half-free America was not a free America at all. To ignore the division or the division’s cause was a step closer to destruction.

Note Jude’s admonition: “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). Contend for that “one” faith. Lincoln might put it this way -- if we don’t stay unified under that “one” faith we will unify as something else. Eventually, if we haven’t already, our movement will decide – we will either be unified as Oneness, holiness, believers of the essentiality of Jesus’ name baptism and the infilling of the Holy Ghost or it will cease to unite us -- and we will be something else.

One of Lincoln’s most profound quotes, in my collection, is this: “Pulling people back from extremes is one of the most difficult jobs a leader can undertake, Presidents in particular.” As a pastor, friend and an organizational servant, I have found that the possibility of pulling someone back from an extreme position doctrinally or ethically is exceedingly difficult. I have tried, often to my sorrow and failure. The spark of disunity must be addressed immediately or we risk the flame of destruction. We cannot accommodate dualities for too long in our thinking or our expressions of faith – pulling it back, as history has taught us, will be nearly impossible. It is our Red Sea moment, our Jericho.

We do indeed “become one thing or the other.” On the command of Acts 2:38, holiness, worldliness, the matter of the Godhead and so on, we become one thing or the other. The prophet Amos put it another way: “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
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PREACHING WITH OR WITHOUT NOTES?

Truemann Hurley, Leesburg, FL - When I was a young minister, taking notes to the pulpit was by and large frowned upon. The purpose for that mindset was to assure that the Apostolic ministry would never involve reading entire sermons without giving the Holy Ghost freedom to speak through us, thus creating dead, dry, boring sermons. Many people cannot read detailed notes in a conversational manner. However, as I have grown older and my mind has become more cluttered, I find that notes are almost a necessity and more accepted by the brethren. Although I know my Bible, our doctrine and my subjects completely, it's easy for me to become distracted while delivering a message by people moving, temperature settings, sound issues, the many stories I have, so many experiences I love to re-live, etc. Although I do not read my sermons, I do refer to notes frequently. The best ones for me are in outline form, using bullet points. They allow me to stay focused, while giving me the liberty to speak freely as the Spirit moves. If I want to be relevant, deliver the message God has given me and stay within certain time restraints, notes help me do that, and my audience appreciates it.

Tony Roberts, Alabaster, AL - I do find using notes while preaching and teaching to be helpful. There are three reasons why I feel it is helpful to use notes. (1) A written outline assists me in organizing my thoughts and putting them into order. By having written notes, it is much easier for me to visualize on paper than on an electronic device. Also, written notes can begin as just thoughts, scriptures or sermon starters and be modified over time. (2) By writing the sermon outline and notes on paper, it gives me a chance to use two different senses to increase the chances of retaining the words. Reading and writing involve two of the five senses and the more senses involved, the more likelihood of retention. (3) Notes used in teaching and preaching provide a visual reference to keep the subject on track and moving smoothly. I do not simply read the notes verbatim but use them as an outline and guide. By having written notes, I can choose to use something or skip an item, depending on the moving of the Spirit or time restraints. I also like to convert the written notes to an electronic file that can then be used with an electronic device for ease of use while preaching or teaching the subject matter.

Tim Pedigo, Indianapolis, IN - I use a hybrid style of notes when teaching/preaching. I include a great deal of content (details, illustrations, etc.) so that I can return to the notes later and make sense of the information. However, the overall style is an outline in which the preaching points are in bold type, highlighted, or otherwise marked so that I am not tied to the notes. This bolded/highlighted outline is what I actually preach from.

Timothy Lee, Cape Girardeau, MO - Paul told Timothy to “study to show himself approved.” I believe it is only natural to take notes as you are studying and preparing to minister to people. For me, if I type out my notes, I am able to remember most everything that I feel like I am supposed to preach. So, when I am preaching, I really do not need to look at my notes hardly at all. I believe that using notes in preparation helps me to focus without rambling on about a subject. I like to be able to go back over message notes from several years ago in order to add to a subject that I am teaching or preaching on now. On occasion, I have been able to send notes to minister friends who were able to preach it to their church. With the added convenience of voice recognition software, it has become easy to speak notes into my iPad. This helps during times of prayer when the Lord gives direction of what to preach. I have found that using notes for preaching is very useful in a menagerie of ways.

T.R. Kelley, Oakdale, LA - I am an advocate of the use of notes. I use extensive notes when preaching and teaching, and I encourage young and new ministers with whom I am working to use notes. Notes keep the preacher focused on the subject, leaving little room for chasing rabbits down endless trails. Notes, especially extensive or even exhaustive notes, years down the road leave no questions as to what you were saying when preaching or teaching on a given subject or Scripture passage. When looking back over the notes of a sermon you believed worth revisiting and possibly preaching again later, especially one having a personal illustration written out in detail, will be far better than simply seeing “Kid at Walmart,” and not being able to recall the story. Even if a preacher chooses not to take notes to the pulpit, he or she should study and memorize sermon notes as much as possible, and I would recommend the use of a pretty decent outline should they choose not to take manuscript notes to the pulpit to stay on point.

Wayne Huntley, Garner, NC - Unless a person is highly gifted and has a most rare speaking ability, notes are a necessity to stay on message and not become discombobulated. If notes are prepared after prayer and fasting for a specific message, place and time, to use them is no less spiritual or Apostolic than to not have them. Preaching from notes prompts greater focus and concentration of thought, thus producing greater power in the presentation. Notice I said “preaching from notes.” We must never become prisoners to paper or prepared context to the exclusion of extemporaneous Spirit influence. Notes allow us the security to return to our original message after the Spirit-directed diversion. Anointed and appointed notes given under the influence of the Holy Ghost can assure the voice of the Spirit rather than circumstantial distraction or fleshly interference. I believe that holy men of God can write while being moved on by the Holy Ghost even as they can speak by being moved on by the Holy Ghost.
Seventy years ago, there was a piece of property on Livingston Road in Ball, La. It was near a World War II base camp that often housed up to 30,000 troops at any given time. The owner of this property was a gentleman of the Malone family who had determined to cut himself some timber to build a home. However, after cutting the timber, he began noticing the great number of men passing his property from the camp. Filled with compassion for them, he sacrificially said that he would rather build a chapel for them than have a home for himself. This chapel was built and used for over 50 years to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, you can find this church has grown and moved to a new location in Ball, Louisiana where Lonnie Weidner Jr. (50) and his wonderful wife, Jeana, pastor the Church of Pentecost. Pastor Weidner served five years as Sunday School Secretary for the state of Louisiana. He and his wife have three children: Brenton, Clark and Mason. During their time in Ball, they have seen a great increase and are preparing for an even greater harvest.

Principles of Growth and Revival

“In the last year we have really started moving toward the small group activities,” said Pastor Weidner. “First, we want to have a powerful Sunday morning worship service. And second, our desire is to connect new people to the church.” To keep the cohesion, this past year the Church of Pentecost launched seven basic groups: men, women, youth, prayer, addiction recovery, marriage and outreach. One of their greatest methods for growth and increasing attendance is guest follow-up. Working in both the church and in the business field until 37, Pastor Weidner states that they have followed a business model in some ways. For example, they strive to have office hours or time where they can just be in the office and stay focused and structured, not including important time spent in prayer and study.

Organization and Management

Some of the ministries of the Church of Pentecost include Kingdom Kids and Blast for children, 24/7 for student ministry, Hyphen for college students, Younity for young marrieds, and a 50+ group. All ministries fall into three categories: creative, discipleship and outreach. Each department has a leader and a team that meets once a month for a couple of hours on Sunday with Pastor Weidner. Weekly, there are two emails sent out to these leaders and teams with a brief outlook of the next week’s events and programs. In addition to the Sunday monthly meetings, Pastor Weidner often meets with his ministry leader and outreach leader during the week to do more dreaming and talking about the future. Pastor Weidner states, “Tuesday is usually a long day for us, spending at least half of the morning in the office just really talking about how things are going and getting ideas in place to pass on to the other leaders.”

One particular ministry that is taking off at the moment is their homeless ministry. This started with one young lady who got connected to the homeless by making sandwiches and feeding them. She eventually gained their trust, and they allowed her to see another side of the homeless life. Now she is with them continually, seven days a week in touch with them and helping them get their needs taken care of. Pastor Weidner states, “It simply started organically with just one young lady getting personally involved and developing a burden.” This personal ministry has been taken under the umbrella of the church and many have come, received the Holy Ghost and been healed.
Special Miracles

The Church of Pentecost has experienced many miracles throughout the years. A lady with an aggressive brain cancer did some treatment and came very near death but recovered miraculously. A year later she is in full remission and recovery and even some other health issues she had disappeared. More recently, during a service with an evangelist, a homeless man who had no feeling in his hands for years was prayed for, and the feeling returned completely.

Personal Ministry

Pastor Weidner was raised and spent 25 years at the Pentecostals of Alexandria (POA) before moving to Ball and has spent the last 25 years there. He recognizes that stability has been key to get them really planted in their area. As a preacher, Pastor Weidner has a heart for encouragement and families. He states, “People have such a heaviness with drug addiction and families torn, and I can relate to that coming from a divorce home. It is important to keep families connected.”

Pastor Weidner has always strived to have a personal Bible study going on. He states, “I have found that while I enjoy my pulpit ministry, many times it is the one-on-one evangelism where change happens.” In this, he shows the importance of getting down to a more personal level of building a relationship to really establish new converts.

Current Facility

It was the early ’90s when the Church of Pentecost began to look for a new place to build. The story goes that then-pastor Bro. Wheatly was driving and passed a piece of property. His wife said, “One day we will have a church here.” To which he replied, “I hope you have a lot of money.” She responded, “I know who does.” Shortly after, she passed away, and money that had been set aside for possible treatment became the down payment on the property she had claimed.

The current facility for the Church of Pentecost was built on this property and in 1999 they moved from the Malone Chapel into it. It is a 10,000 square foot metal building, with a few brick columns, that seats 280. At one end there is a fellowship hall and at the other end is a sanctuary. As they have continued to grow, they expanded their Sunday school and youth departments to three additional buildings.

For future growth plans they talked about several things. One idea they attempted but did not find success in was having multiple services. Currently, they are looking at the possibility of expanding and building with a vision of a 500-seat auditorium. They still have two-and-a-half acres of land that are untouched and, with their growth of 5% per year, they will soon need it. Their current attendance is at around 240 with 60 already having received the Holy Ghost this year.

Personal History

Nurtured up under both elder and younger Pastor Mangun at Pentecostals of Alexandria, Pastor Weidner received the Holy Ghost at 12 years old on September of 1979 at a children’s revival. His grandfather was the district secretary of Louisiana for 23 years and his grandmother, Clara Clark, was a soul winner for POA. Pastor Weidner states, “I definitely grew up in a ministerial-based home. Church was our thing and any extracurricular activities also revolved around the church.” Pastor Weidner graduated from a local high school and took some college hours before working in the business field and getting married at the young age of 19.

He first felt called into the ministry when his Grandfather Weidner passed away. He states, “Bro. James Kilgore said some words to me at the funeral that started a fire inside me that I never forgot.” He began his ministry by teaching Sunday school and preached his first message at the age of 16 in a youth service at POA. When he and his wife moved from Alexandria to Ball, they became the youth leaders and everything organically grew from there until June of 2010 when he became the senior pastor of the Church of Pentecost. Those who have impacted his ministry the most are G.A. and Anthony Mangun, Lara Clark, and J. Roy and Opal Reever.
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Missions was another component at work in Sis. Dorf during the formative years of her life. In high school, she went on two missions trips to Spain. The medical missions burden for her began in 2014 during her first exposure to healthcare in a missions setting when she traveled to Ghana, West Africa as part of an Apostolic Youth Corps (AYC) trip. “We visited a local hospital while there. That was really the moment when a desire was ignited to combine my training as a nurse with missions work,” she said. It was also on this trip that Bro. James Poitras was sharing missions opportunities and one of those he mentioned was CSI. Quickly, Sis. Dorf transferred her burden into action. She took her first trip in 2015 and since then has taken part in five CSI medical missions trips: to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Ecuador, Haiti, and most recently Puerto Rico.

“It’s the opportunity to do both physical and spiritual work,” she said when asked about why she chose CSI for medical missions. “CSI works closely with humanitarian workers/missionaries in each location. This allows for a longer lasting effect on the communities we visit.” While the medical relief and service is an important component to these trips, what stands out most to Sis. Dorf is the ability to pray with patients and make lifelong friendships with like-minded CSI team members.

When asked how these CSI medical missions trips have changed her, she said, “I have a fresh and renewed outlook that people in my own community need Jesus. I am reminded to share the love of Jesus and to be His hands and feet to everyone. I started volunteering at our local women’s shelter after traveling with CSI. Do it. It is very rewarding. You will not be disappointed.”

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Why would someone consider short-term missions as opposed to becoming a fully appointed missionary?

I don’t think the two are mutually exclusive. In my experience, the shorter has often led to the longer. Perhaps, in the past, the absence of easily accessible short-term missions opportunities contributed to the phenomenon of people feeling a call and moving straight into the fully-appointed path. Increasingly, however, I think people are less and less willing to make a giant leap into the great unknown. Short-term missions provides opportunities for individuals who may be feeling out the call of God; allowing them to explore it while at the same time limiting risk. Participation in multiple short trips, or even trips of several months, allows them to get their feet wet. Participants get to know the work, the people they’ll work with, and the area to which they’ll potentially be bringing their family.

What is the goal of short-term missions?

The goal or purpose is three-fold: short-term missionaries provide more “manpower” than may normally be available for ministry undertakings on the mission field. As “outside voices,” they come alongside global missions staff and national ministers, enhancing the training of national believers, essentially helping achieve the five-fold ministry locally.

Secondly, short-term missions provides excellent training and personal growth opportunities for participants; training and growth which can bear fruit at home as well. Sending churches, upon a participant’s return, are able to benefit from their ministry experience abroad, thereby enhancing their own ministry locally. This flow of believers to and from the field also augments the overall global missions awareness of the church.

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Church Growth: Developing Your Church “Brand”

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Losing a Whole Generation

“We’re losing a whole generation – I call it mass murder.” These are the words of a brokenhearted mother who buried her son at just 34 years old due to an opioid drug overdose. Yet, despite the crises, there are few places readily available to support the families who suffer due to this epidemic. Struggling to deal with her loss, she placed calls around her city for a support group or someone to help. No one called her back.

This mother’s words, taken from an article in Alban Weekly, a publication of Duke Divinity School, were jarring to my spirit. The phrase is not new, I’ve heard it used over and over in the context of losing the battle for this generation’s mind through media indoctrination, losing a generation to pornography or losing a generation to worldliness – but at least in my case, I hadn’t really ever considered that our church families would be at risk of losing a whole generation to drug addiction and overdose. I realize this is not a new problem, but the rate at which it is escalating is new and it should be alarming to all of us. The kids in our pews are not immune. These numbers are jarring to our community. When someone asks one of your members where they attend church, your church’s name should shine brightly in many ways. Look for ways to project a positive and identity profile. The principle is important to every neighborhood. And it seems no matter whose lives are affected, children from every socio-economic status, every ethnicity and faith tradition are at risk. The kids in our pews are not immune. These are the words of a brokenhearted mother who buried her son at just 34 years old due to an opioid drug overdose. Yet, despite the crises, there are few places readily available to support the families who suffer due to this epidemic. Struggling to deal with her loss, she placed calls around her city for a support group or someone to help. No one called her back.

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Sad, it does happen to “our” kids. In the past month our church has been affected by the overdose deaths of four young people, one of whom was just 13 years old. If this were a type of cancer or a communicable disease, the panic and the urgency to protect our families would be unprecedented. Overdose is now the leading cause of death of Americans under age 50. Yet, we still think somehow we are insulated, protected and it won’t happen to us. It is that mindset that must change. First, we must start educating our children and teens. They need the facts, they need guidance and direction in dealing with the availability of these drugs, and they need close monitoring. Secondly, we must begin to realize that our communities need support. We have to return those hard calls.

The article mentioned above documents the efforts of a small congregation in Massachusetts that is reaching out to their community. They canvassed their rural town with simple signs that had “#2069” printed on them. 2069 is the number of people who had died from overdose at that time in their state. The number has grown, but the message and the support of this one church continues.

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11).

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Your Church “Brand”

In the business world, much is made about “branding,” or what qualities make a company stand out. When the concept is applied to a church, it refers to the unique qualities that set your church apart within a crowded and complex marketplace. In past years this was referred to as “name recognition” and your “identity profile.” The principle is important as to how your church is perceived within your community. When someone asks one of your members where they attend church, their response will hopefully bring a response like, “I’ve heard of that church and have heard good things about it.” A church should put time and money in improving and protecting their brand and increasing their name recognition. “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches...” Prov. 22:1.

Many church growth consultants recommend that a church budget for advertising be established each year. Not that advertising wins souls, but it does increase your community profile in a positive way. By tying your advertising budget to a percentage of your gross tithes, as your church grows, your budget grows, allowing you to explore new and innovative methods of impacting your city.

Churches should also strive to become involved in community projects. Having booths at community events, participating in benevolent projects and helping to make your city a better place is our duty as Christians, as well as a great way to meet new people to invite to services. Every church should appoint a public relations director who is responsible for contacting area newspapers, news programs, and radio stations that offer public service time for news releases along with photos about worthwhile church projects. Look for ways to project a positive and Christ-like image to your community. Our light should shine brightly in many ways.

Effort should also be given to quality logo design, church signage, business cards, and all forms of printed media. Doing at least one or more less, reprints a year will bring visitors to your church and increase name recognition.

Bottom line: take the time to develop a marketing plan and make your “brand” as great as the God we serve.
In the Columnist Forum, Carol Clemans writes about the importance of focusing on God's Word and recognizing the power of thoughts and words. She emphasizes the need to discern between good and evil and to meditate on positive things. Delano Sherley, in the Accounting & Tax section, discusses tax laws and business expenses, emphasizing the importance of accurate record-keeping and understanding the deductions available. R.K. Rodenbush, in the Christian Ministry section, addresses the nature of ministry principles, emphasizing the importance of mentoring and personal spiritual growth. Carlton L. Coon Sr., in Coon's Connections, shares insights on the importance of mentorship and the role of a church leader. The Deduction of Business Expenses article by the author of the Deducting Business Expenses column provides guidance on tax law changes and the deductions available for unreimbursed business expenses.
**Canada Rejects Christian Couple for Adoption**

A married Canadian couple is suing the Alberta government after being rejected for adoption because of their Christian beliefs. The lawsuit, filed in November, alleges the province denied their application for adoption because of their religious beliefs on sexuality and gender.

In October 2016, the couple applied to adopt with Alberta’s Child and Family Services. They had struggled with infertility and were interested in adopting a hard-to-place older child or sibling group. Their application was assigned to Catholic Social Services. They had applied to adopt with Alberta's Child and Family Services and were approved for adoption.

But in March, Catholic Social Services told the couple that Child and Family Services had additional questions for them about homosexuality based on their beliefs regarding homosexuality. The couple said they held Biblical views on marriage and sexuality, but would unconditionally love and accept a child placed with "sexual identity issues." A few days later, Catholic Social Services reversed their decision, stating the couple in reply to the social worker asked them about their beliefs on sexuality and gender. The social worker noted their answers in her report and otherwise enthusiastically recommended the applicants be approved for adoption.

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**That's Outrageous**

In late October, Palestinian Arab organizations called on Britain to apologize for the "crime of the Balfour Declaration," a pronouncement that helped Israel become a nation and is almost 100 years old. In recent months, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has gone so far as to threaten to sue Britain over the document.

On November 2, 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour wrote a letter expressing the British government's support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. International support for the idea grew after World War II and the Holocaust. On May 14, 1948, Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel, establishing the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.

This recent statement came after a protest by the national and Islamic forces outside the office of the British Cultural Council in the West Bank.

According to Israel National News, a member of the PLO said the Palestinian Arabs are demanding Britain recognize it made an error.

When a similar demand was made last April, no apology was issued, and a British Foreign Office spokesman described the Balfour Declaration as "an historic statement" but added Britain continued to work for an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

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**Museum of Bible Opens in D.C.**

In the new Museum of the Bible is a room full of Bibles, color-coded to show the more than 2,000 languages into which the holy book has been at least partially translated — and the similar number for which translation has not yet begun.

That exhibit is just one example of how the 430,000-square-foot building with a view of the U.S. Capitol is meant to fascinate, educate and evangelize. The museum opened on Nov. 17.

Since the nonprofit behind the museum was established, officials have shifted from a mission “to inspire confidence in the absolute authority of the Bible” to one that is aimed at welcoming people of all faiths.

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**Students Revolt After Atheists Stop Coach From Praying With Team**

Atheist organization Freedom From Religion Foundation thought they won a victory when they prevented a coach at a Georgia high school from conducting a time of prayer before football games, but their actions against the coach have backfired.

TheFFRF sent a letter to the Coweta County Schools, making them aware that the coach’s activities allegedly violated the U.S. Constitution because public school officials are not allowed to “further personal religious beliefs by leading their teams in prayer.”

The district contacted telling school officials that “representatives of the school cannot participate in any student initiated/student-led prayer or other worship while acting in their official capacity. For instance, they cannot join hands, bow their heads, take a knee or commit another act that otherwise manifests approval with the students’ religious exercise.”

Upon hearing of this, Coweta County students doubled down on the prayer effort. Since the FFRF cannot do anything about the students themselves leading a time of prayer, the students came out in full force to support their religious freedom rights. “Instead of being 100 players praying, it turned into 400 students praying,” stated John Small, Coweta’s football coach.

**RELIGIOUS TRENDS**

Michael Williams, an archaeologist in Israel, has shared a new discovery that seems to validate the Bible’s account of Naboth and his ownership of a vineyard.

Dr. Norma Franklin, one of the leaders of the Jezeel Expedition, reportedly confirmed that the Jezeel Valley was a wine-producing region. The team used laser technology to analyze the region and found several wine and olive presses, as well as over 100 bottle-shaped pits carved into the stone of the region. This discovery confirms the biblical account of Naboth and his vineyard in 1 Kings 21.

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Israel had found themselves in idolatry, creating other gods. In Isaiah 44, God declared these words to them: (6) “Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.” (9,10) “They that make a graven image are all of them vanity;... Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?”

God was strict with the people of the earth about polytheism; because they began creating gods. In Isaiah 44, the man took down cedars, cypress and oak and made an image. This wasn’t just a silver statue or just a statue of stone. He pulled this altogether, then burned it down and said to this idol that was burned down, “I eat, I rest, I’m satisfied.”

Worship of Other Gods

Since Adam and Eve’s fall, humans have searched for supernatural or mystical solutions to their problems, creating many gods. The Greeks have Poseidon, the god of the sea, Nikkithe goddess of victory, and Zeus, the spiritual father over gods. Money was given to Gryphon, the stewarded god. Standing on Mars Hill, I recalled Paul preaching to the Stoics and Epicureans where polytheism or worship of other gods took place. In Acts 17:23, Paul said, “For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.” But their gods were no match for Jehovah-jireh; Jehovah of the Old Testament; Jesus Christ of the New Testament. Jesus Christ is greater than Zeus could have ever been described as. Ephesus, a great port, was highly civilized with a two-story library, hospital, apartments and even running toilets. After Jesus told John to take his mother Mary, John took her to Ephesus where she spent the rest of her life. You can go through her apartment, which is still there.

Give Us a God

Each year, a pantheistic religious gathering called the Burning Man festival is held in the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. It is complete idolatry and antichrist. An enormous statue of a man of wood is erected, and thousands upon thousands attend this bazaar event. They wear costumes, or maybe nothing at all, and all manner of ungodliness is there. At the end of the event, they set this enormous statue on fire and burn it to the ground. Everything you want to get rid of in your life, you take to the Burning Man celebration and throw it in the fire. They have created another god out of the Burning Man ceremony. Sins are only removed by being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. “...And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (I John 2:1).

In creating a god, one is never enough. For every new answer in life, they need a new god. Poseidon can’t do that, but Nikki can, and if Nikki doesn’t want to do it, then Zeus tells her what to do. Then we have all of these gods moving around under the authority of one, and the people worshipping, crying, “Give us a god.”

Thou Hast Left Thy First Love

In Revelation 2:1-4, God declares, “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; ... I know thy works and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.”

There are 10 things the Lord said the Ephesians did right but one thing they had done wrong. You may think, I’ve done things right in my relationship with my children, spouse, etc., therefore, most things should be right. “We sometimes underestimate what’s important in relationships. You can be doing a list of things to parade around saying, “Look, I did this and this, etc.,’ but still be out of sync. This is why relationships struggle, and people wake up surprised. The Ephesians had worked, labored, tried the spirits and cast out false apostles, but they were now living in a city of polytheism.

The Residue of Another God

In Acts, the silversmith, Demetrius, a maker of statues and shrines of the goddess Diana, heard of Paul teaching and preaching Jesus Christ. People were being converted, and those selling idols were about to lose their livelihood. Demetrius incited those selling idols to put a stop to Paul, and even went to the governor about Paul. How is it a man can preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the remission of sins through his blood, and the people want an idol? It’s because of the residue of another god.

The man in Isaiah 44 took the residue of one god and made that god out of food. How is it that something we eat and need to live has become such a vain activity? It’s not just a steak to eat; it’s which cut do you like and how do you want the steak? And if you really want to be cool, you get the Kobe steak. The cow is massaged in its stall, making it the most tender and expensive beef in the world. Do we not worship something when we have more money going into it than into the Kingdom and devote more time to it than to the Kingdom? You make a god by replacing the God of creation with a god you have created.

Have We Lost Our First Love?

Are we trying to be made new by the power of the Holy Ghost, or are we recreating ourselves to church being social and a statement and not our lives? We’ve become entangled in things that seem innocent and seemingly not wrong, and we’ve developed a life around them. Satan can’t convince you God is three people or the Holy Ghost isn’t real, because you know better. But he can tell you devotion and recreation is what you deserve, more than re-creation and being sold out to God.

Is God in front, leading, or behind us following? Are you asking God to change your heart to your way? Have we moved God to a point where we can list the things we’ve done right, but we have lost our first love? Are we to a point where we understand everything but don’t know how to come to an altar of prayer anymore?

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Do we stand between two opinions? It’s because our very nasty polytheistic nature isn’t satisfied at times with what God wants. We’re looking while God is saying, “I’m the God who changes not.” Sometimes we become bored with the God who changes not. We want God to fit the way we want everything. We don’t have statues in our homes or do Burning Man or pagan rituals, and from our music one might assume we are godly people, but is God truly the God of our lives?

The God Of My Salvation

Our prayer at the altar should be in this manner, “God, I’ve worshipped and done what I’m supposed to do, but I want to make sure nothing is lifted up in my life ahead of you. I don’t want a Dagon in my life. I want that idol, that statue, to fall down. If there’s anything I’ve assumed or placed in front of you, I don’t want a Dagon in my life. I want that idol, that statue, to fall down.”

Guest Pulpit

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**Students Complete Online Studies in Apostolic Doctrine, Missions Work in Cuba**

**By Susan Thomas**

G—Immerse—Become. For those who desire to become a leader in God’s mission through immersion-style training, the Apostolic Immersion Project (AIP) might be perfect for you.

“The Apostolic Immersion Project (AIP) is a non-profit educational program geared toward leadership development and missions,” according to one of the instructors, Bro. Nathaniel Houseman of Washington, D.C. “Students are challenged to immerse themselves in the study of Apostolic doctrine, church leadership, and intercultural studies through online courses, and then immerse themselves in the mission field. Online course instructors each hold a M.A. degree or higher and are dedicated to Apostolic doctrine and holy living.”

Getting involved in AIP is not difficult, according to Bro. Houseman. The application process is outlined on the program website. After reading the AIP program guidelines, an individual will submit an online application, pay the $50 application fee, and then have their pastor submit a recommendation form. First, the students work through four eight-week courses online, taken back-to-back. The courses include Biblical Principles, Theological Foundations, Leadership Formation, and Intercultural Studies.

“After completing the online segment, students earn 12 college credits and are then prepared to go on the AIP trip to Havana, Cuba,” explained Bro. Houseman. “The AIP trip is a full week of seminar training in the mission field. The entire trip is focused on immersion-style learning and engagement with the AIP instructors, the lesson materials, and involvement with churches in the mission field. AIP certificates of completion are awarded to students on the last day of the trip.”

So, who can go? According to Bro. Houseman, “each applicant must be born again according to John 3:5 and Acts 2:38 (i.e. one has been baptized in Jesus’ name and has received the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues). Each person must have a pastoral recommendation to enroll in AIP. We strive to work closely with pastors and missionaries.”

The minimum age for enrollment is 17 years old, and a senior in high school. There is no maximum age limit. The average cost for each 8-week course is $282 (plus 5% transaction fee). Tuition fees are set by and are paid directly to Wilson University. Students may also “pay-as-you-go” one course at a time ($282/course), or make a one-time payment of $1,128 for all four courses (books not included). The AIP trip to Cuba is $1,250. A breakdown of trip costs and payment plan is available on the website: www.astolicimmersion.org.

“We’ve had some wonderful results,” said Bro. Houseman. “In the 2017 AIP trip to Cuba, we baptized 81 souls in Jesus name. The AIP group also saw 47 Cubans receive the Holy Ghost in the church services during the week. Our students prayed in the altars in every service with those seeking the Holy Ghost.” Follow nathanielhouseman on Instagram for photos and videos of AIP trips and the Apostolic revival happening in Cuba.

For more information on the program, email: info@astolicimmersion.org.

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**Silhouettes: Answering a Need For Young Ladies**

**By Christina Li**

What does a godly young girl look like? What characteristics does she possess and who is she? More specifically, what does the silhouette of a godly woman entail? These questions and more are answered in Sis. Shenae Andrus’ new book, Silhouettes, a curriculum for young ladies ages 12-18, as well as Apostolic women of all ages.

Sis. Andrus, creator and maintainer of ApostolicGirl.com, began her ministry when she was 16. “I was the only Pentecostal girl in my public high school,” she said. “I sometimes felt lonely and knew how much it would mean to me to have a voice of encouragement and resources. So, I created ApostolicGirl.com. Through that ministry, I’ve been asked to speak at numerous conferences and ladies retreats in our nation and around the world. Recently, we broaden the ministry to include the Apostolic young ladies’ community, hyphen age, and older ladies as well. Now, ApostolicGirl is a subsidiary under the umbrella of Shenae Andrus Ministries.”

Florida-born, Sis. Andrus transferred to Milford, Delaware “because I married the man of my dreams.” She works alongside her husband, Joel, who serves as assistant pastor at Lighthouse Christian Center and youth president for the NJ/DE district. She graduated from Urshan College with a music degree and Florida State University with a sociology degree.

“Silhouettes is the culmination of the past 12 years of working with ApostolicGirl. The cover of the book has a hot pink silhouette of a young lady with words that pertain to the topics we cover: royal, rooted, chosen, beautiful.” Topics include dealing with fear and insecurities, answering the call of God on your life, and being open to His voice. “We also challenge the world’s standard and philosophy of beauty and self-worth with a biblical perspective,” she said.

“When you purchase the Silhouettes curriculum, you will receive a hard copy teacher’s manual and a link to our website to download resources for every lesson. Every lesson has a downloadable handout and video introduction which contains an invitation for the class to engage with the topic for that particular lesson. Then, in the teacher’s manual, there are also ice-breakers and games and activities for each lesson as well. There are seven lessons total. You are given everything you need to fill a 30-45 minute session with your young people.”

“Our feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.” Cost is $20 for the book and $5 for shipping and handling. You can purchase it through Pentecostal Publishing House, or directly from ShenaeAndrus.com/silhouettes. “My email is contact@shenaeanndrus.com for any questions or issues.”

“We’re all trying to become that godly Proverbs 31 woman. While we may never reach that mark in its entirety, we understand that it’s all about the journey and growing in our walk with God. I hope through this series, it is a catalyst for conversation, connects us all together, creates a support system amongst the young ladies in our churches, and lets us know that we’re all walking this journey together.”

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**Word To The Wise:**  
“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”

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“Dad, I think the Smiths next door are angry at us.”  
“Why is that?”  
“They’re probably mad because our dog can retrieve the newspaper, and theirs can’t.”  
“How could you possibly know that? We don’t even subscribe to the paper.”  
“Yeah, that’s probably got something to do with it, too.”

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“If you’ll make the toast and pour the juice, sweetheart,” said Tracy, the newlywed bride, “breakfast will be ready.”  
“Good, what are we having for breakfast?” asked Dewey, the new husband.  
“Toast and juice,” Tracy replied.

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**Smiles & Humor**

A Texan was taking a taxi tour of London and was in a hurry. As they went by the Tower of London, the cab driver explained what it was and that construction of it started in 1346 and was completed in 1412.

The Texan replied, “Shoot, a little ol’ tower like that? In Houston we’d have that thing up in two weeks!”

Next, they passed the House of Parliament - started in 1544 and completed in 1618.

“Well, boy, we put up a bigger one than that in Dallas and it only took a year!”

As they passed Westminster Abbey, the cab driver was silent.

“Whoa! What’s that over there?” asked the Texan.

The driver replied, “I don’t know, it wasn’t there yesterday.”

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Jack had been a compulsive worrier for years, to the point it was ruining his life. He saw a psychologist who recommended a specialist who could help him.

His friend, Bob, noticed a dramatic change and asked, “What happened? Nothing seems to worry you anymore.”

“I hired a professional worrier and I haven’t had a worry since,” replied Jack.

“That must be expensive,” Bob replied.

“He charges $5,000 a month,” Jack told him.

“$5,000!? How in the world can you afford to pay him?” exclaimed Bob.

“I don’t know. That’s his worry.”

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We took the kids to one of those restaurants where the walls are plastered with movie memorabilia. I went off to see the hostess about reserving a table. When I returned, I found my 10-year-old granddaughter Kaitlyn staring at a poster of Superman standing in a phone booth.

Kaitlyn looked puzzled. “She doesn’t know who Superman is?” I whispered to Jenny.

“Worse,” Jenny replied. “She doesn’t know what a phone booth is.”

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**The Growth Committee at the Pine Creek Church was severely misdirected.**

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Johnny: “Would you punish me for something I didn’t do?”
Teacher: “Why, of course not.”
Johnny: “Good, ‘cause I didn’t do my homework.”

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That awkward moment at church when you go for a handshake . . . and they go for a hug.

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