

## May Edition: Protect Your Religious Freedom



### Pray for Oklahoma



Dozens died and many were injured due to severe tornadoes that hit Oklahoma. Donate to causes like Samaritan's Purse who are on the ground in Oklahoma helping those in need. Pray for the people of Oklahoma. Let us pray and not ignore their cries:

"Lord God, we ask for Your comfort and help for those hurting from the tornados. It's so sad. Please help each family. We thank You for sending Jesus to die and rise again so that we could be saved. This world is so imperfect. We trust in You, Lord Jesus, alone and we thank You for the promise of Heaven to all who trust in You for salvation. Lord, have mercy

### Action Points



We face an attack on religious freedom. In America, we are seeing more and more cases of intolerance towards Christians. Sometimes it is obvious, other times it is very subtle. Often people ask, "What can we do to fight back to defend our religious freedom?" Here are a few tips:

1. Carry a Bible with you throughout your daily routine

on our hurting land. In Jesus' Name,  
Amen."

## Speak Up and Defend Religious Freedom



The month of May shed light on multiple serious cases that target religious freedom. For example, the government has used intimidation tactics to unjustly target Christian and conservative groups because they represent beliefs contrary to the Obama administration. James Dobson, Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, and various other Christian leaders have been heavily targeted by the IRS. Many join Congressman Kevin Brady (R) in asking, "Is this still America?"

But that's not all... Religious freedom for Judeo-Christian members of the military is being threatened, too. The Pentagon released a statement confirming that soldiers could be prosecuted for promoting their faith: "Religious proselytization is not permitted within the Department of Defense...Court martials and non-judicial punishments are decided on a case-by-case basis...". Yes, you read that correctly: The Pentagon is considering prosecuting servicemen and women for sharing their Christian faith. That's stripping away freedom from the very heroes who are fighting to keep and protect it! Read more about it [here](#). Take action now and sign this petition called "**Protect religious freedom for our troops - not attack it.**"

As Lt. Gen. William Boykin has said, "If chaplains and other personnel are censored from offering the full solace of the Gospel, there is no religious freedom in the military." We had the honor of meeting Lt. Gen. Boykin and we agree with his stand for freedom.

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(i.e. work, school, etc.). You have the right to exercise religious liberty by personally reading your Bible and praying wherever you wish.

2. When told to be silent because Christianity might "offend" someone, calmly yet firmly defend your right to exercise your Christian faith in the public square. Faith is not meant to be private.

3. Need inspiration? We recommend watching **Last Ounce of Courage**. It is an excellent movie that will prompt you to protect and defend religious freedom - and freedom as a whole.

4. Don't pretend that the attack on religious freedom will go away. It is important to be aware and proactive. Pray and ask the Lord for help and wisdom.

5. There is no excuse for inaction. Everybody is busy; make time to do something. For example, write letters to the editor. You don't even need to use a stamp; e-mail them.

6. Inform your pastors and church leaders about the persecuted Christians in the military and ask for congregational prayer for this situation.

7. Send Bibles to those serving in the military. Help them exercise their religious freedom.

Research Council: "Why would military leadership be meeting with one of the most rabid atheists in America to discuss religious freedom in the military? That's like consulting with China on how to improve human rights."

Another vocal beacon, Dr. Ben Carson, spoke truth which applies to our country's politically correct yet anti-Christian freedom situation: "The PC (politically correct) police are out in force at all times. We've reached a point where people are afraid to actually talk about what they want to say, because somebody might be offended. We've got to get over this sensitivity; it keeps people from saying what they really believe. It muffles people, it puts a muzzle on them; and, at the same time, keeps people from discussing important issues while the fabric of their society is being changed."

To further this point, let's ask a different question: What if an NBA star, instead of "coming out", suddenly announced that he was a devout Christian? The secular media would likely turn so silent that the crickets could be heard. Then there would come the vile jokes, snide headlines, etc. Indeed, there exists a strange bias...

How do we cope and hope in the face of this concerted secular media and governmental attack on our basic religious freedoms? Well, this edition of Unite the USA features an article by Gary Bauer that addresses unjust treatment by towards conservative and Christian groups. It also includes action tips to protect your own religious freedom and other great resources. Remember, no person is liked by everyone. So why live like it's possible to be liked by all? Why be politically correct yet eternally incorrect? What's important is to do what God wants us to do...even if people dislike us in the process.

America needs God. "Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety" (Proverbs 29:25). Let's share the love and truth of the Lord! In the end, it will be more than worth it! Oh, to hear Him say, "Well done!" Let's live out I Corinthians 13.

God bless,  
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## The Left's Call to Violence

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## Featured Quote by Dr. Ben Carson



"PC (Political Correctness) is dangerous. In this country, one of the founding principles was freedom of thought and freedom of expression...We have imposed upon people restrictions on what they can say, on what they can think. And the media is the largest proponent of this, crucifying people who say things really quite innocently." - **Dr. Ben Carson**

## About Gary Bauer



One of the least-reported but most important political developments over the last couple years has been the left's increasing willingness to marginalize conservatives by portraying their views as so far outside the mainstream that they can only be informed by hatred and bigotry.

The left's nasty divisiveness increases the prospects that unstable people will act out violently against those it tries to marginalize.



*Leo Johnson is pictured with FRC president Tony Perkins. Mr. Johnson is the security guard who heroically stopped the gunman who attacked the FRC last year. Stacie and Carrie enjoyed meeting Mr. Johnson in 2011 - months before the attack. He is such a nice man.*

Such a result took place last August, when Floyd Lee Corkins entered the headquarters of the Family Research Council. Corkins was upset because the CEO of the restaurant chain Chick-fil-A had said he opposed same-sex "marriage". This so enraged Corkins that he planned to murder people who worked at FRC, a public policy organization that supports marriage and had been associated with Chick-fil-A in the past.

Fortunately, Corkins didn't get very far, as he was apprehended by an unarmed security guard [Leo Johnson], who was shot but survived.

Corkins pled guilty last Wednesday to three felony charges, including terrorism and assault with the attempt to kill.

The prosecution said that after reviewing the Corkins' family computer, they determined that Corkins found FRC's name listed as a "hate group" on the website of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). There is something wrong with our culture when the view that marriage is between one man and one woman, a view shared by half the nation, is portrayed as evidence of hatred.

Corkins evidently felt that because FRC had been labeled a "hate group," he had permission to attack it. According to court documents, Corkins told the judge he intended to enter

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Today, Bauer serves as Chairman of Campaign for Working Families PAC, dedicated to electing conservative candidates to Congress, and as President of American Values, an educational non-profit organization. He writes a weekly column at Human Events and co-hosts a weekend talk show on Sirius/XM Radio.

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FRC that day to "kill as many people as possible and smother Chick-fil-A sandwiches in their faces."

The SPLC is not some obscure activist group but a once-respected civil rights legal association. The SPLC is highly politicized now, which may help explain why last month documents uncovered from a Freedom of Information Act request showed that the Obama administration's Department of Justice invited the Southern Poverty Law Center's co-founder to train DOJ employees on diversity.

Like the SPLC, the Obama administration has been more than willing to demonize conservatives in the worst possible terms. In 2009, a Department of Homeland Security report labeled as terrorists "groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration." Such groups, the report stated, "are the most dangerous domestic terrorism threat in the United States."

The president himself is especially willing to depict his opponents as worthy of our contempt. He referred to congressional Republicans as "hostage takers" for demanding tax cuts in 2010. He has accused Republicans of placing the interests of millionaires and billionaires against children with autism and Down syndrome.

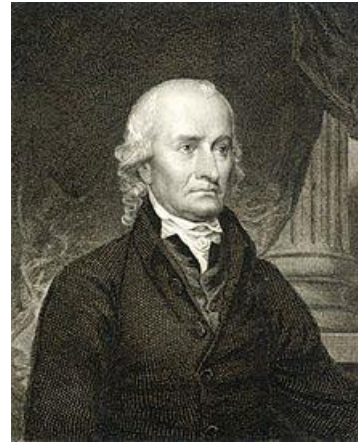
Obama routinely alleges that Republicans don't care about people with disabilities and the elderly, and that if Republicans get their way, those groups would be left to "fend for themselves." Obama stokes class envy and hatred of the wealthy and depicts the Republican fiscal plan as "you're on your own economics."

Obama's not alone, of course. Democratic politicians, liberal activists and liberal news outlets routinely deploy incendiary rhetoric and wicked accusations to marginalize Republicans.

Last year, California House Democrat Henry Waxman accused Republicans of "getting away-literally-with murder" because they placed the interests of the economy over those of the extreme environmental lobby.

For the past two years, Democrats have been on a campaign to portray Republicans as engaging in a "war on women." Why? Because Republicans refused to force religious institutions to pay for their employees' birth control and chemical abortions.

Democratic House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said with a straight face that if Republicans passed a law to protect health care workers from losing their jobs because they didn't



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Williamson was a scholar of international renown. He worked with many leading intellectuals of the [Patriot](#) cause. As a military doctor and natural scientist, he helped in the American war effort during the War of Independence.

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want to assist in abortions, it would mean "Women can die on the floor and health care providers do not have to intervene." MSNBC's Martin Bashir labeled Republican supporters of the bill "misogynists" and called the bill the "let women die act."

And when Republicans voted against a politicized version of the Violence Against Women Act, Democratic Representative Gwen Moore said on the House floor that the bill was "a direct assault on women's lives," and that without the law, "abusers' rights prevail over the rights of the victim."

And let's not get started talking about the inflammatory rhetoric liberals use when the discussion turns to race, guns or immigration.

Liberals need to take the advice they routinely give to conservatives: that there are consequences to their divisive rhetoric, and that in their attempts to score political points, they are also inciting violence. Until they do, we can expect more incidents like the one at FRC. Next time things may turn out much worse.

### **In God We Still Trust**

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