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Saying "Happy Holidays" is unnecessary.

Christmas is still Christmas. It is because Christ Jesus was born that we number the years since the approximate date of His birth about 2,013 years ago. Christmas cannot be ignored. We cannot allow the enemies of Christmas to steal our joy. Instead, we must display Christ's love, joy, and peace. Nehemiah 8:10 said to God's people, "... send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Keep the joy and don't feel shy about it. The folks who complain that we talk about CHRISTmas are missing out of the eternal security, peace, joy, love, and hope in Christ. We need to be kind to the enemies of Christ at Christmas and pray for them to open the doors of their hearts to Jesus instead of slamming the door in His face. He loves them, and so must we. Love them to Jesus. And yet continue to joyously say, "Merry Christmas!"

If we don't, how will they know Him and His joy? "Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Let earth receive her King!"

God bless you,
Stacie Stoelting and Carrie Stoelting
Founders of [Unite the USA](#)

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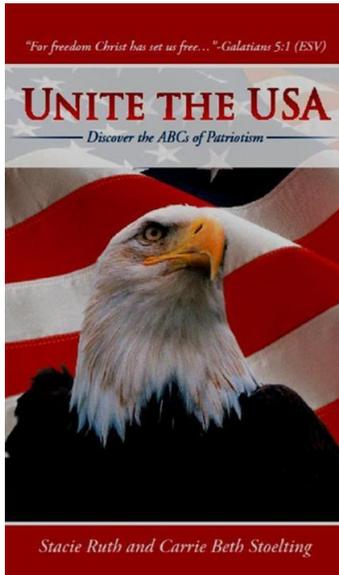


From One Touch Awakening:

"Our troops are deployed WITHOUT a pillow, but with your help, newly deployed troops are now receiving a One Touch Pillow. In

partnership with Operation We Care, One Touch Awakening is making a difference to our troops fighting for our freedom in Afghanistan. Along with providing physical comfort, each time these troops lay their head on their One Touch Pillow, they can be assured they are being supported with prayers from home. [Complete this form](#) to submit a name of a serviceman or woman

Book Release Announcement



A Christian Gift . . . Just in Time for Christmas!

Need a gift of encouragement to fuel faith in God and traditional patriotism? Carrie and Stacie Stoelting have written a new book to empower

patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. The title? *Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism!* Soon to be released by a division of Thomas Nelson, *Unite the USA* will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom.

When you give this book as a gift, you give a gift to your country because it helps equip patriots of faith and freedom to make a big difference in our beloved country.

Since you are an important part of UnitetheUSA.org, we want to thank you. We want to thank you by giving you a special discount found only here. Also, consider donating and receiving the Premium Patriotic Package (Book + CD). ****Pre-order your copy and click here to receive an exclusive discount!**

(Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of *UnitetheUSA.org*.)

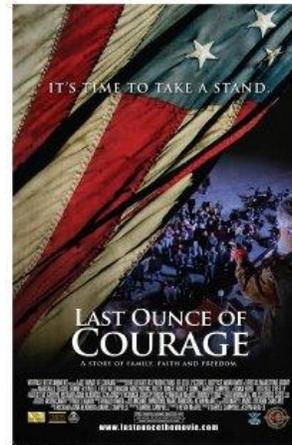
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Here are a few ways you can take action and protect Christmas from the "politically correct" agenda.

fighting for our freedom. We will send them a pillow and additional care packages."

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Last Ounce of Courage



Last Ounce of Courage is a compelling movie that will prompt you to stand up for faith, freedom, and even Christmas. Here's a description about *Last Ounce of Courage* from CBD and [click here](#) to order your own copy:

"After his son's death defending America, Bob Revere loses his passion for life. But when his grandson is threatened with suspension for bringing a Bible to school, he takes a stand for freedom and reintroduces Christ into Christmas. Accused of violating the Constitution, can Bob reignite the faith of this small community--- or is it too late?"

About Dr. Albert Mohler



1. Spread Christmas cheer and wish one another ***Merry Christmas!*** We're excited that the American Family Association is offering "Merry Christmas" buttons. It's a fun way to spread Christmas cheer to your friends,

your church, your school or your whole community by wearing and sharing these festive Christmas buttons. **Click here to order your own or donate to the AFA!**

2. Check out the American Family Association's Naughty and Nice list. It is a list that reveals how major companies recognize Christmas. Click here to see the list.

3. Watch the movie *Last Ounce of Courage*. It's an excellent movie that addresses the current attack on religious liberty and the attempt to secularize Christmas. After you watch *Last Ounce of Courage*, you'll want to stand up for what's right!

4. Governor Sarah Palin has written a book that addresses the war on Christmas head on. The book is called *Good Tidings and Great Joy: Protecting the Heart of Christmas*. At a time when the greeting "Merry Christmas" has been replaced by the purportedly less offensive "Happy Holidays"- Sarah Palin calls for bringing back the freedom to express the Christian values of the Christmas season. She defends the importance of preserving Jesus Christ in Christmas in public the public square.

5. Put up a Nativity scene in your home, front window, or even an outdoor Nativity display. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season.



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Featured Founding Father



John Langdon (June 26, 1741 - September 18, 1819) was a Founding Father from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and one of the first two U.S. senators from the state. He was an early supporter of the Revolutionary War and served in the

Where Does the Story of Christmas Begin?

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As the celebration of Christmas fast

approaches, our attention quickly goes to the familiar words of the infancy narratives found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. This is a healthy reflex. After all, the Gospel of Jesus Christ rests upon the historicity of the events that took place in Bethlehem as Christ was born. Our understanding of the identity of Jesus Christ is directly rooted in these narratives and our confidence is in the fact that Matthew and Luke give us historically credible and completely truthful accounts of the events surrounding the birth of Christ.

A closer look at the narratives in both Matthew and Luke reveals a richness that familiarity may hide from us. Matthew begins with the genealogy of Christ, demonstrating the sequence of generations as Israel anticipated the birth of David's Son - the Messiah. Luke, intending to set forth "an orderly account" of the events concerning Jesus, begins with the anticipation of the birth of John the Baptist and then moves to tell of the virgin conception of Jesus.

A careful reading of Matthew and Luke reveals both the elegance of detail and the grand expanse of the story of Christ's birth. Matthew gives particular attention to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. The virgin birth, the birth of Christ in Bethlehem of Judea, the Herodian massacre of the innocents, the flight to Egypt, and the role of John the Baptist as forerunner are all presented as the fulfillment of specific Old Testament prophecies.

Continental Congress and signed the U.S. Constitution. Later, Langdon became governor of New Hampshire.

In God We Still Trust



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freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. [Buy or download a copy today](#). God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

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Every word of the Old Testament points to Christ. He is not only the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies concerning him, he is the perfect fulfillment of the law and the prophets - the entirety of the Old Testament Scriptures. The Christmas story does not begin in Bethlehem, for Israel had been promised the Messiah. As Luke reveals, Simeon beheld the baby Jesus in the temple and understood this infant to be "the Lord's Christ" - the Davidic Messiah. Simeon understood this clearly - the Christmas story did not begin in Bethlehem, or even in Jerusalem.

So, where *does* the Christmas story begin? In the Gospel of John we read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." [John 1:1-3]

The prologue to John's Gospel points to creation and to Christ, the divine Logos, as the agent of creation. Yet, with language drawn directly from Genesis, John begins his gospel "in the beginning."

In other words, the Christmas story begins *before the creation of the world*. As we celebrate Christmas and contemplate the Christmas story, we must be very careful not to begin the story in Bethlehem, or even in Nazareth, where Mary was confronted by Gabriel with the message that she would be the mother of the Messiah.

We must not even begin with Moses and the prophets, and with the expectation of the coming Son of Man, the promised Suffering Servant, and the heralded Davidic Messiah. We must begin before the world was created and before humanity was formed, much less fallen.

Why is this so important? Put simply, if we get the Christmas story wrong, we get the Gospel wrong. Told carelessly, the Christmas story sounds like God's "Plan B." In other words, we can make the Christmas story sound like God turning to a new plan, rather than fulfilling all that he had promised. We must be very careful to tell the Christmas story in such a way that we make the gospel clear.

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Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "[In God We Still Trust](#)" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".

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Christmas is not God's second plan. Before he created the world, God determined to save sinners through the blood of his own Son. The grand narrative of the Bible points to this essential truth - God determined to bring glory to himself through the salvation of a people redeemed and purchased by his own Son, the Christ. Bethlehem and Calvary were essential parts of God's plan from the beginning, before the cosmos was brought into being as the Son obeyed the will of the Father in creation.

The Christmas story does not begin in Bethlehem, but we appropriately look to Bethlehem as the scene of the most decisive event in human history - the incarnation of the Son of God. Even as we turn our attention to Bethlehem, we must remember that the story of our salvation does not begin there. That story begins in the eternal purpose of God.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." That is where the Christmas story begins, and John takes us right to the essence of what happened in Bethlehem: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." [John 1:14]

Let's be sure to get the Christmas story right, start to finish.

Paul Harvey Was Right



Now, this is a must-share story and prayer:

"Commentator Paul Harvey aired Pastor Joe Wright's prayer on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other program [the late] Paul Harvey...ever aired. . .

The powerful prayer of repentance is reprinted below:

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know you...r Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multi-culturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our fore-fathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us;

cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas [fill in the blank with your state], and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great state [and country]. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the name of your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

*We suggest that you pray this prayer for your state and our beloved country.



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