

Life Goes Woke

By Steve Huston



Like the Grinch who stole Christmas, “Wokeness” stole *LIFE*! That’s right; the longtime family game of *LIFE* now joins the ever-increasing ranks of “the woke.” A quick internet search reveals various American products and institutions from all walks of life which have gone “woke” in recent years. One can readily find the “wokeness octopus” weaving its insidious tentacles through our foods, entertainment, religion (churches and schools), financial, business, military, history, etc. Now, Hasbro’s *The Game of LIFE* is one of the newest inductees to the “Woke Hall of Fame.” One such article accurately describes it as “trying to push our Nation towards a rule by minority.”

Lindsay Harold, in a Facebook post now gone viral, describes her experience with the new version of this old-time family favorite board game in disappointing terms, ending with “wokeness ruins everything.” Expecting a trip down memory lane as she taught her girls how to play their new Christmas present, it wasn’t her memory that failed her; it was the many changes that Hasbro adopted into the old Milton Bradley game, changes that align with the modern Marxist mentality that for decades has been bent on the destruction of what America’s founders, and many Americans today, held dear – **family, Christian faith, and freedom.**

I expect that someone is saying, “That’s too fantastical a statement. For crying out loud, it’s only a game.” I, also, wondered if I was overreaching, but then I remembered the children’s poem *For Want of a Nail*. It reminds us that “seemingly unimportant acts or omissions can have grave and unforeseen consequences.” (Wikipedia)

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the message was lost.
For want of a message the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*

The changes in this game only serve to solidify the indoctrination largely being taught in our schools, found in our media and entertainment, and let’s not forget that play is often used as one of the main forms of learning a thing, or at least normalizing it in our minds.

What is the “nail?” What are the “unimportant acts or omissions” that Hasbro has brought to this game, acts and omissions which, if not consciously battled, could result in the loss of a kingdom? Here are a few of Lindsay’s points which I’ve summarized.

1. The “peg people” are no longer limited by the scientific fact of two genders (blue

and pink); you, your spouse, and your children can be whatever you want (blue, pink, red, purple, yellow, and green). FYI, pets are people too.

2. In pre-woke *LIFE* everyone got married and were monetarily rewarded for it. “Woke” *LIFE* let’s one choose whether to get married or not. If one chooses to marry, it costs them big bucks and the path to retirement is longer. In essence, one is penalized for getting married.

3. Traditionally, *LIFE* had many baby spaces, there was no limit to the number of children one could have, and each child rewarded the player with benefits in retirement. Yes, it reminds us that, as the Bible states, children are a blessing. This communist edition of *LIFE* allows one to choose marriage or no marriage, children or no children (regardless of marriage), one might choose children and have none or be limited to a total of four. According to Lindsay’s post, “wanting to have children not only costs you up front, but results in a longer path that delays you from reaching the end faster and getting a financial bonus.”

Her conclusion, as one who has played the older and this new version, in part, reads: “*The new game sends a very different message. If you want to win this dystopian game of LIFE, it’s best to avoid marriage and*

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Personal Note from the President



Another year has come and gone and with it the recognition once again of God's faithfulness, grace and mercy upon our ministry, the American Decency Association. Make no mistake, this high view includes a solid core of you who have remained faithful to our mission/ministry!

We have included a picture in this our first newsletter (January/February) of the year in response to a couple of requests from people who stated that they would like to recognize via picture the names of our individual writers and staff. Staff suggested we take an updated picture of us together with the names underneath rather than having staff pictures each month under the article that they wrote.

This ministry has now existed since 1985-86 (my volunteer years), as the first named state director of American Family Association (1987), to full-time with AFA (1988-1999), and through our forming a separate organization in July 1999 to present days. I wrote these words to a beloved friend at AFA recently that read in part:

Thank you my dear brother. It meant so much to be updated on your health situation. You have been such a rock; a standard bearer of truth and love and grace and mercy and steadfastness.

The mere thought of you having to one day leave AFA brings great sorrow and tenderness. There is so much to be said for the old ways, the tender personal ways, the genuineness that you exude and your presence brings to a gathering, to a ministry.

I have so, so many fond remembrances there in Tupelo, here in Fremont, talks in our office parking lot, even in Washington DC, at the Trump Inauguration dinner and

the seven hours that we as couples had together in that restaurant. That was so wonderful! I long for another time of reflection with you once again.

God has shown Himself so much over those many, many years through thick and thin! People come to mind that have passed and that are still in the land of the living. So many that help make the years so very special.

God is sovereign. Our beloved land is so deserving of His wrath and we are paying the price for years of wickedness. But, God is faithful and He will have His way with His own for His righteousness and Glory!

Yet, fight on we must as God allows. Brother: I pray that we haven't had our last face to face this side and that we can yet have a seven hour time to recollect and lament and rejoice and to praise God's Holy Name for how He has been gracious to us brothers in the Lord.

I share that because I think it gives a succinct look at how I overall view these years in ministry. One of the things that I have been scrambling around doing has been converting video tape to digital files. It is both humbling and exhilarating to view these videos from the early years of our ministry. Humbling in that it is amazing how fresh I looked with dark hair and no wrinkles and exhilarating as I viewed myself, quite new in the ministry, speaking with strength and optimism and watching my mentor, Don Wildmon (founder and longtime President of AFA and AFR) give a powerful message in Grand Rapids at our first appreciation dinner. I wept as the video scans the crowd of 470 and as we gave plaques of appreciation to several including Richard Thompson, then Oakland County Prosecutor, who effectively went after XXX rated video distributors and Ray Walsh, Wayne Out-county Deputy Prosecutor (4th in command in Detroit), for excellence in taking down a so-called adult book store that had existed in Inkster for 30 years. And, Don Wildmon's message was superb! It was so interesting to hear his take on the battle and his view for the future from 30 years ago.



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That, my friends, is a long time ago now (1993-2023). To God be the glory. I might add, if you would like a copy of that event contact me by text or phone at 231-250-9035 or email me at bjohnson@americandecency.org.

Recently, I also spent hours going through cards and notes that I carefully keep in an ever-growing stack and went through them one by one. My heart was filled with joy as I was uplifted once again by personal notes sharing joys and sorrows, prayer requests, and appreciation as well. Thank you to so many new and old friends – some who have faithfully supported this ministry since the late '80s and '90s.

In an earlier note to my AFA friend I also had stated to him: "Yes. That 1993 turnout of 470 was a pretty good beginning mark for a "first annual appreciation dinner." We've had a lot of fun along the way. Maybe it wasn't supposed to be fun though. Huh?...."

Fun is an interesting word for a day when the spiritual warfare is hot indeed. My friend affirmed that thought with these words: "Oh yes, I do believe the Lord gave the 'fun' along the way. Thankfully, it brings a little much-needed reprieve from the heat of the battles. ..."

I think perhaps a better word would be the joy of the Lord has been upon and within me. It was a calling that God gave me. And, He has supplied all our needs, including with the staff that God brought in one by one to make our team possible and enabled and quickened to serve together, learn and grow together seeking to know His will and to do it. Though always imperfectly, by His grace and mercy we are moving forward into another new year of service in His name.

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children as they cost you and slow you down. You definitely can't have a lot of kids. That's not even an option. There's no reason marriage and children have any connection to one another. Pets and friends are the same as a spouse or children. They're all equally valid choices. The bottom line is only about money. Family just gets in the way of that. But if you really want them, it's an option. Whatever. Your life, your way."

With all the world around me going woke, what can I do?

As a Christian, I must remember that God alone is the source and sustainer of all life. I must never forget that I am in a spiritual battle and that Hasbro's game of LIFE is not the enemy; it is simply a symptom, a fruit, of the enemy's work within our culture and nation. That work is sin.

While Hasbro and others are **woke to this world**, I must constantly **be awake to my heavenly calling**, as given by Paul in I Corinthians 15:34. **"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."** When confronted with the lies that abound all around us, are we meeting them with Scriptural truth? Are we rightly wielding the sword of truth, which is the Word of God? Or have we grown weary and complacent, largely letting the world march on? R. Arthur Matthews offers a warning we should all take to heart. *"The thing that we need to be afraid of today is that the spirit that produces world trends should invade Christ's mighty army and argue us off the offensive into a compromised coexistence with the world's attitudes."* Or as Jesus warned in Matthew 24:12, **"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."**

In this life, as long as the Lord gives us life, let us draw our strength from God, seeking His wisdom and resting in Him as we strive to stay true in the spiritual battle to which we've been called. **"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness."** (Eph. 6:10, 14)

Starting 2023 with Patrick Colbeck!

Election Integrity Must Be Our First Priority



You needn't be a rocket scientist to be left scratching your head after the 2020 election results, but you know you're in good company if Patrick Colbeck, **who IS a rocket scientist**, is scratching his head alongside you. More than just scratching his head, he has been actively looking into "the most secure election in history," since day one!

The American Decency Association in Fremont, Michigan, understands that **our nation is doomed if elections are no longer fair and free**. Politically speaking, our first priority needs to be election integrity! It's vital to the life of our Republic and the lives of our children. Elections, fair or stolen, have consequences. Today, our freedom and national sovereignty are at stake.

We've diligently kept our ear to the ground and our eyes open. To keep election integrity before a failing nation, we've warned you, with urgency, through emails, the newsletter, and showing films like D'Souza's *2000 Mules*. Now we're bringing **Pat Colbeck**, an insightful scientist and dedicated Christian, to Fremont (**203 E. Main**) on **February 9 at 6:30 pm**, to give a thorough update and statewide perspective on the 2020 and 2022 elections. **If Fre-**

mont, Michigan is too far for you to travel, we urge you to join us on Facebook Live! With such important information, we are anticipating a full house. To learn more or to **register** (do it soon to guarantee a spot), visit us at www.americandecency.org or call 231-924-4050.

At Patrick's website, www.letsfixstuff.org, one can find links to several resources regarding election integrity, his blog posts, and the opportunity to purchase his book, *The 2020 Coup*, showing how all of the election fraud evidence revealed to date fits together **PLUS what we can do about it!**

In a recent blog post, Pat shared two keys in securing our elections. The following quotes should whet your appetite for more:

"Ever since I was a poll challenger in Detroit at the TCF Center for the 2020 election, I have been vigorously investigating how the integrity of our elections has been compromised. I have compiled a significant amount of evidence as the chart below and its many links to evidentiary materials would attest."

"Mail-in ballots are not the only weak points in our election security. Electronic voting systems are a significant source of security vulnerabilities... In the wake of the 2020 election, anyone who expressed concerns with electronic voting systems was subject to censorship, de-platforming or legal action."

As Pat concludes, **"Securing our elections can be simple but it is not easy."**

Join us to witness Pat's passion and to ask your own questions. Invite others who are of like mind or may be on the fence. Bring your children or grandchildren so they can learn with you. Share this with your church – the truth needs to be heard. Leave armed with facts, intending to share them with others. **All these can be done if you're attending online too!** Register today at www.americandecency.org or call 231-924-4050. Don't miss Pat's thorough update, encouraging us to action.

Biden Can't Keep His Docs in a Row

By Chris Johnson



When it was revealed to the public that classified documents had turned up in the personal offices and residence of President Joe Biden, the national news media sprang into action. The country's top political journalists typed furiously, determined to hold accountable those who had done wrong. Soon the headlines began to appear:

"How Biden and Trump's classified doc discoveries have differed," as determined by Axios. ***"Trump's and Biden's documents scandals are different. That may not matter,"*** wrote MSNBC. ***"The Dramatic Differences Between the Trump and Biden Document Dramas"*** preached US News. ***"How Biden's discovery of classified files compares with the Trump case,"*** said the New York Times.

So maybe not so furious, or so determined for accountability. The main thing, as the media saw it, was that Trump's error was a much bigger deal.

Democrat House member Ilhan Omar had this to say *"You have to understand, Republicans aren't really interested in upholding the law, in following security protocols. What they're interested in is playing a political game in now only wanting to investigate Biden."*

And perhaps she's got a point. After all, we'd all gotten pretty used to the lax handling of classified documents being treated as immaterial, what with former Hillary Clinton's conducting government business over her private email server being treated as such, not to mention the boxes of such documents President Obama took with him upon leaving office for the use of his future presidential library.

This is how the Federalist's senior legal correspondent, Margot Cleveland, described

the Trump document scandal and FBI raid: *"Never mind that Trump had declassification authority as the president of the United States, or that the documents were stored at his home under the watchful eye of his Secret Service protection. Ignore too the fact that the National Archives could have worked with Trump to coordinate the storage of the documents under the technical possession of the government, but at a location of the former president's choosing, just as was done with former President Barack Obama."*

She continues: *"because the loony left couldn't resist one more sequel in their get-Trump franchise, as Trump exited the Oval Office, a backbench bureaucrat at the National Archives launched another hoax meant to finally, finally destroy Trump. Several leaks and a year-plus later, the plot culminated in the raid of Trump's home followed by the appointment of a special counsel to investigate Trump..."*

After that summation, Cleveland is clearly enjoying the justice of the moment in Biden's scandal: *"Laughable. Delicious. Outrageous. It is all those things and becomes more so by the day, with news that more classified documents are reposed in a residential garage, in addition to the closet at a D.C. think tank. And the story just becomes funnier the more the corrupt press tries to distinguish Biden's possession of classified documents from Trump's because Biden himself on video declared the possession of classified documents in Trump's Mar-a-Lago home to be 'just totally irresponsible.'*

"But a garage, Joe? Seriously? And is not knowing there were classified documents there, as Biden claims, any better?"

Yes, locked in the garage with his baby: his classic Corvette, as Biden explained. If it's secure enough for his treasured car, surely, it's secure enough for the nation's secrets?

But, the Corvette wasn't Biden's only baby sharing a residence with documents. Biden's son, Hunter, according to documents found on his abandoned laptop, lists this location as his address on his driver's license as recently as 2018 and in another

document applying for a background check, he states that he pays his father monthly rent of over \$49,000 at this address. That's pretty steep rent for most drug addicts, but when you've been made a board member for a Ukrainian natural gas company a couple of years into your father's vice-Presidency and are paid \$1 million a year for your unqualified opinion, it's probably not quite as much of a stretch.

The House Oversight Committee quickly sent a letter asking the White House if Hunter had access to the documents in question, saying *"The Committee is concerned President Biden stored classified documents at the same location his son resided while engaging in international business deals with adversaries of the United States."*

Besides the doors in Ukraine which opened up for him when his father became Vice President, Hunter also found the Chinese suddenly eager to do business with him as well, you see. The reason that documents are classified at all is to keep them away from people like Hunter Biden.

Where exactly all of this is going remains to be seen. The House is now in Republican hands, which at least improves the odds that a meaningful investigation into the Bidens will be done - including these mismanaged documents. The Department of Justice has launched a Special Counsel into Biden's handling of the files, running parallel to a similar body investigating Trump. Will they agree with the press's estimation of the "dramatic difference" between the two cases? Will one or both be indicted?

God knows. In spite of all of its thrashing like a toddler being hauled out of church, our government is still on Christ's shoulder. If He's taking us to the woodshed, I pray we learn our lesson.

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Conservative Conundrum

By Steve Huston



Florida's Governor DeSantis has spoken grand and inspiring words of common sense and conservatism, even signing what's been called the Stop Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees Act (aka Stop WOKE Act), which prohibits discriminatory classroom instruction such as Critical Race Theory (CRT) and prohibits employers from forcing workers to attend anti-racism/CRT training.

Some conservative university students have found there's a huge gap between signing and implementing this act. While DeSantis called Florida "a Promised Land of sanity," many conservative college students feel like they are wandering in the wilderness. Amid thunderous applause he proclaimed, "We must ensure that our institutions of higher learning are focused on academic excellence and the pursuit of truth." "We seek normalcy, not philosophical lunacy. We will not allow reality, facts, and truth to become optional. We will never surrender to the woke mob; Florida is where woke goes to die!" In reality, some of Florida's conservative students fear their college careers and professions they hope to procure are going to die unless they regurgitate the disagreeable ideals forced down their throats by liberal professors. If this is happening in Florida, it's likely happening at a college/university near you. Some conservative students are frustrated "with the anti-white, anti-Christian, and anti-American environment on campus and in classrooms that makes them feel uncomfortable at best and threatened at worst." (Epoch Times)

We might think that these troubles wouldn't exist at a Christian college, but how can they not when we see various institutions, like Calvin University, go woke on several fronts, going against their namesake's doctrinal teachings? **In desiring to be relevant to the world, they've given up being sig-**

nificant for the Kingdom of God. If Christians, churches, their institutions of higher learning and those who teach there don't return to Biblical definitions and doctrines, wokeness and its prevalent problems for conservatives will continue to exist.

The Marxist "theme song" in this cultural revolution is "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion" (DEI), with its chorus a resounding, "These values for me but not for thee!" Diversity is allowed as long as one doesn't stray outside the Marxist line of thought being promoted. Equity is for everyone except those who hold to Christian and conservative values. Inclusion is only for those who agree with the establishment line of Marxist, anti-American, anti-Christian thought that is promoted as being acceptable. Universities used to be places where differing ideas were acceptably bandied about to see which ones were able to stand on their own merits. Free speech and free thought were allowed and encouraged, producing healthy growth. Now students are taught **what** to think rather than **how** to think. Those conservative students who enter these factories of social engineering and recruitment centers for the Marxist revolution are made to feel like the stereotypical "out of place country bumpkin."

Carol Swain, a retired political science and law professor at Vanderbilt University and a frequent television analyst on race relations, told the Epoch Times, "It starts with freshman orientation, the first day on campus, that's when established students and administrators let new students know that their past beliefs—based on their religion or family values—are unsophisticated."

Six conservative and Christian university students stated, among other things, the following: Reported as "an extremist" for supporting the NRA and being questioned by the FBI for over an hour. Can't write their true beliefs unless they want a failing mark. Threatened by professors who'll report hate speech to the dean, yet won't define hate speech. Forced to learn that globalization is a good thing. "Pervasive LGBT ideology woven into classes" (even regarding bankruptcy). Fear of "being brainwashed when they reward you for repeating their ideas

and punish you for saying things that go against their beliefs." Law students who argue that "the U.S. Constitution was illegitimate from the start and was written by racist, old white men" and "how we should tear up the Constitution." Unless there is a revival in the land, these will be the leaders and the prevailing thought of our future.

Pray; pray hard!

Carol Swain encourages conservative students to familiarize themselves with Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals to better understand the opposition. "It's a guide to progressive beliefs. The book advocates for deception, infiltration, and manipulation to win political power." Recognizing that there are times for subterfuge during a war (this is a cultural war), she states, "But it's essential for some – those who are strong and prepared – to take a stand."

Though we must be careful to not paint with too broad a brush, recognizing that not all colleges and universities are infiltrated to the same extent, we know that the stories of these young people are a sampling of what is happening across America, and sadly, is trending along these lines. **Bullied by professors and facing immense peer pressure, it's vital that parents and grandparents speak strongly and frequently about the importance of a real Christian walk, the blessings of our Constitutional Republic, the dangers and shackles that come with communism, and the fact that this is spiritual warfare. We must make known that this world is not our home but that if we are to love God with all that we are and our neighbors as ourself, then we must stand strong for our God-given freedoms (inalienable rights) and the Biblical values that truly protect and perpetuate those said freedoms. The strength to stand, in college or our community, comes from the Lord.** I urge you to stand as Paul exhorts us to stand: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage...for, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Gal. 5:1, 13)

The Battle for the Gavel

By Lisa Van Houten



In spite of the vilification by liberal and conservative pundits alike, the battle for the Speaker of the House that occurred a few weeks ago was one of the biggest political accomplishments by Republicans in years. In vote after vote, a group of 20 conservative Republicans held fast, refusing to vote for the supposed heir-apparent Kevin McCarthy, as they sought to make some much-needed changes to the status quo way of doing things in the people's House.

These Freedom Caucus Republicans were referred to as “terrorists,” “enemies,” and “clowns” by their own Republican colleagues and conservative media outlets. Even Donald Trump, doing himself no favors with his base, pressured the holdouts to vote for McCarthy, who has spent his political career cozying up to K Street lobbyists. And former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee implied that the Freedom Caucus Republicans should just get in line and do what the Establishment leadership tells them to do, stating that 10% of House members are “holding the 90% of their fellow Republicans hostage.” No, it wasn't a hostage situation; it was our Constitutional Republic at work. The 20 objectors had a right – even more so, a duty - to push for changes that would advance a conservative agenda. It's totalitarian regimes which require members to follow the party line, allowing no dissent. In the face of immense pressure this group didn't budge and as a result won a victory for conservatism. As one senior congressional aide stated: ***“They just achieved more than any other group of conservatives has in years. They knew the power of their vote and they held together until they negotiated an acceptable agreement.”***

This was an opportunity to rein in the power held by the elites in the party. As Frank DeVito, writing for the American Conservative

explains, “When the Speaker is so powerful that he can unilaterally set the agenda, hand-pick the legislation that makes it to the floor for a vote, shut down amendments, and rush bills through the voting process at lightning speed, he has little incentive to take the time to listen to and incorporate the will of the people through their elected representatives.”

These 20 Republican represented the voters who are sick and tired of the spineless Establishment leadership who repeatedly align with Democrats, spouting conservative principles, but never defending them. Conservative voters are disgusted with massive Omnibus spending bills, pushed through by the likes of Mitch McConnell, filled with pork and Democrats' wish lists. We're fed up with Republicans whose platform states they uphold the Biblical definition of marriage, but who then vote for the Democrats' ‘Dis’-Respect for Marriage Act which affirms gay marriage and threatens the religious liberty of those who voted them into office. Voters want GOP leaders who will stand up to the swamp - not swim in it. As Congressman Bob Good stated: ***“We must change how Congress works in order to save our republic.”***

And thanks to the steadfastness of this group there will now be real opportunity for change in Congress. In order to obtain the Speaker's gavel, McCarthy made a number of concessions, including:

- ~ A committee to investigate the weaponization of the FBI, DOJ, and other government agencies against the American people. Rep. Dan Bishop (R-NC) stated: “This is a victory for the Constitutional rights of all Americans.”
- ~ A vote on the Texas Border Plan, which includes “Complete Physical Border Infrastructure,” “Fix Border Enforcement Policies,” “Enforce our Laws in the Interior” and “Target Cartels & Criminal Organizations”
- ~ Single subject bills, not omnibus bills filled with earmarks, requiring a minimum of 72 hours to read them before voting
- ~ An end to all COVID mandates and funding
- ~ Re-instituting the “motion to vacate the chair,” which allows just one Republican to

introduce a motion to remove the speaker. This had long been how the House operated until Nancy Pelosi changed the rule in 2018. The “motion to vacate” gives the conservative base leverage to keep McCarthy from backtracking on his promises.

Each of these concessions by McCarthy represents commonsense conservative principles. The question voters should be asking is, why did only 20 Republicans make these demands? **Why weren't the other nearly 200 Republicans also fighting for each of these principles?**

Now that the dust has settled, Republicans are out of the gates. One of their first actions was the passage of a bill to protect babies born alive after an attempted abortion. Republicans then passed a bill banning the U.S. from selling oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China. The House also voted to slash funding to the Internal Revenue Service. (Unfortunately, these bills will probably be dead on arrival in the Senate.) In regards to the border crisis, articles of impeachment have been introduced against Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, accusing him of “high crimes and misdemeanors.” In addition, McCarthy made good on a promise to bump three high-profile Democrats — Reps. Adam Schiff, Eric Swalwell, and Ilhan Omar — from key committees, while placing members of the Freedom Caucus on important committees, where they will be able to help set a true conservative agenda.

Most importantly, conservative bulldog Jim Jordan, who now chairs both the Judiciary Committee and a Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, is chomping at the bit to begin investigations into the Biden's corruption, influence peddling with China, and classified document scandal – as well as the weaponization of government agencies against the American people and Democrats' political enemies.

Yet despite these moves in the right direction, we wear no rose-colored glasses. Our hope does not rest in the halls of Congress. **“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”** Ps. 124:8

Take a Stand for God and Don't Cave to the World

By Kimberly Cargill



When I decided to purchase cable TV, I was excited to see that it included the Hallmark channel. They were good, wholesome movies that you knew were fine for all ages to watch. It was fun watching movies where you always knew that the couple would end up together and that everything would work out for the best. Even the Hallmark Murder and Mysteries, you could try to solve the mystery without all the blood and guts.

Hallmark started out by offering family friendly cards, stores, and movies. But they have turned away from that for a while now. In 2008, they came out with same-sex greeting cards -that was years before the Supreme Court made it legal for same-sex marriage in 2015. Their website even has a LGBT page, where you will find different blogs under "Ideas & Inspiration" and 80 different "Cards & Gifts".

Here are the titles of the blogs:

- How to Welcome Your Child's LGBTQ Partner to the Family
- What to Write in an LGBTQ Wedding Card
- Coming Out: Advice for Friends & Family

When looking at their movies, one can tell that they have also been slowly adding homosexual content into their films. I remember watching a movie a few years ago and they had a scene of two guys looking at each other, knowing that they both liked each other. At the end of the movie, they're seen sitting at a table flirting with each other.

On December 11, 2022, Hallmark produced its first same-sex main couple movie – *The Holiday Sitter*. The star and the Executive Producer for the movie, Jonathan Bennett, wrote on his Instagram page: "*The Holiday*

Sitter" will make history as the first Leading Gay Couple in a Hallmark Christmas movie EVER! Words can't describe what it feels like to have Executive Produced and starred in such an incredible story that will mean so much to so many! A HUGE APPLAUSE to @hallmarkchannel and all the leadership and executives, they not only believed in this story but took such good care of it championed it wholeheartedly the entire process. Dec 11 will be a very special day."

Especially after this, many people are asking where do we turn? Is there another channel that would give us good, wholesome shows/movies? I came across Great American Family (GAF) network. According to their website: "*Great American Family features family-friendly series, original holiday movies and seasonal rom-coms that celebrate faith, family and country.*" It is great that GAF will be producing movies that will be good and wholesome again.

GAF and their executives have come under fire by some. In November 2022, Candace Cameron Bure, who was on many movies for Hallmark and is now an Executive Producer for GAF, made some comments while being interviewed by *Variety* magazine. "While Hallmark is doing a strong push for more LGBTQ+ storylines — their first original holiday movie focused on a same-sex couple debuts next month — that won't be happening at Great American Family," the entertainment outlet relayed. Added Bure: "I think that Great American Family will keep traditional marriage at the core."

Bure also told the Wall Street Journal, "I knew that the people behind Great American Family were Christians that love the Lord and wanted to promote faith programming and good family entertainment."

Of course, Candace and Great American Family received backlash from Hallmark stars and loyal viewers, but it hasn't hurt them as they made an announcement on January 3, 2023: "Great American Family closed out Fourth Quarter 2022 as the fastest-growing network in all of cable television." I am excited to see God bless an organization that is standing up against what

the world says is ok, but what we as believers know goes against what the Bible says. So many networks and movie businesses believe that you need to add LGBT+ content into your shows so that people will watch and accept them. We, as Christians, need to take a stand and tell them that we don't want these types of topics in our movies and shows.

Why are we letting a group of people push and shove their agenda onto us and we just sit back and accept it? It amazes me when I hear "Christians" that go along with the LGBT+ agenda and promote it. Have they not read the Bible – "*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.*" (Eph. 5:31)

It made my heart sink when I heard that singer, Amy Grant, was going to host her niece's same-sex wedding. I wondered if this was the first time she supported the LGBT+ agenda. I found a *PrideSource* article from 2021 stating: "Though she has a large LGBTQ+ following — there's even a Gay Friends of Amy Grant group on — the singer has been somewhat guarded in verbalizing her support for the LGBTQ+ community. We can now say without a doubt that the community has Grant's support.

"Who loves us more than the one who made us?" Grant asked in the July 12 interview. "None of us are a surprise to God. Nothing about who we are or what we've done. That's why, to me, it's so important to set a welcome table. Because I was invited to a table where someone said "Don't be afraid, you're loved." ...Gay. Straight. It does not matter."

It is sad that "Christians" are selling out just to make money and further their career. If you are a believer then you are supposed to stand firm in what the Bible states. Too many are twisting the Word of God to make it agree with what they want it to. Satan is using all these false agendas and is using it to normalize it and they are falling for it.

Don't be afraid and take a stand, especially in your home with what you watch and listen to.

Financial Consideration / Mailbag



A word regarding your financial considerations

As we are into the first days of a new year, I just wanted to speak of the graciousness and generosity of so many of you. Knowing how troubling the news of our day is, it is so encouraging to experience your grace and love both financially and through little notes and letters as well. We are amazed and thankful daily for you. In closing, we thank God that our ministry is important to you, and it showed in your year-end giving. One reminder to those who have extra means, your help in the winter months will help us not lose financial ground as the year moves on. We desire to serve and stand. Thank you for all you do for us!



Mailbag

In our December newsletter I raised the question regarding the continued degradation around us, despite 37 years in ministry: “Was it all for naught? ... So, are our labors worthless, foolishness? **Scripture is replete with admonitions and encouragements to the contrary.** 1 Peter 1:7-9. ‘That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.’”

In response, a dear friend of our ministry replied with this note of encouragement:

“As to your question, ‘Was it all for naught’ How often that question comes before all of us who have been in this battle for decades. And how well you know the struggle as we witness the world, and our beloved America in particular, drowning in an unspeakable swamp of immorality. We ask ourselves what have we gained in this struggle. It always comes down to the same quiet reflection that what matters is whether we fought the good fight; for that will be the question when we stand before Our King. Many a martyr from long past to recent days has born witness to the courage it can take to fight a long and sometimes very lonely battle against the powers of darkness. But theirs is the glory and so may be ours if we faithfully follow in the steps of our crucified Savior; come what may. We can expect to be vilified, persecuted, accused unjustly and perhaps imprisoned for not bowing to the modern golden calves. May God grant us the grace to be His loyal soldiers. It will not be for naught. God bless for your years of valiant service in such an important cause.”
L.J.

Below are just a few other comments we’ve recently received which let us know our supporters are with us.

Keep up your important work as tough as it probably is – day after day. We can depend on you for the truth!
L.D.

I want you to know how much you do by sending info and keeping me updated on recent happenings. I pass the info to friends and family. Recently I mailed letters regarding CRT to areas in 3 counties around my home - 60 in all – to every Board of Directors, Superintendents and School Boards. Haven’t heard from anyone yet. ... Wish I could send more money each month but God willing, I will continue to support you! Wish all organizations would work as hard as you do, I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate all you do.
J.J.

We appreciate all you do and how you keep

us informed. Thank you and please keep it up. We keep you in prayer. God bless you all and your families this Christmas and in 2023.

D&B. E.

Thank you all for your work of keeping us informed of all the many issues we face in our government and the culture! You are appreciated – we always look forward to the newsletter – it gives us many reasons for prayer and to be able to speak up to others about the issues we all face! We pray for God’s continued blessing to all of you and your work. A Blessed New Year!!

E.&M. H

We appreciate greatly your ministry with its uncompromising stand on the Word of God. It is obvious that it is truly God’s work. In a day when so many “churches,” Bible Colleges, & “Christian” publications have totally capitulated to the world it is encouraging to have a ministry like ADA that stands for truth as truth is presented in God’s Word. May He who never slumbers nor sleeps continue to provide for you and to sustain you as you honor Him.

M.&D. K.

I want to thank you for all you do day in and day out to be a light – God’s light – in this increasingly dark world. I know the work you do is not easy as you fight against Satan and the sins of this world, but please know that I (and I am sure a host of others) so appreciate your faithfulness to God as you fight against the evils of our time. May God bless the work of ADA and give all of you strength and encouragement you need to continue to be HIS light in this world. You are a blessing and I will continue to uplift you in prayer!

S.V.

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:3-6