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# Journal Champion

A Chronicle For The Preservation Of The American Heritage

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MORAL MAJORITY:

## Americans Who Care For America

By ELMER TOWNS

Editor of the Journal-Champion

The massive "I Love America" Rally, planned for the Capitol steps in Washington, D.C., April 27, is reflective of the lifelong ministry of Dr. Jerry Falwell.

He has always been a preacher of high Christian morality, calling people back to the basics.

The rally is being staged on the east steps of the Capitol, overlooking the famed mall.

Its purpose is to focus national attention on the abuses of our nation: abortion-on-demand; sex and violence on television; and filth in public school textbooks. Also, Dr. Falwell will speak out against intervention into the Christian school movement by the Internal Revenue Service.

In response to a plea from Dr. Falwell, over 100 Christian schools from a 300-mile radius are sending their student bodies en masse. As the *Journal-Champion* goes to press, 7,380 students have pledged to attend the rally. When others join these young people, the final attendance figure will be much higher.

A number of Congressmen and Senators will appear with Dr. Falwell on the program to witness their stand for historic principles of decency and morality.

The rally is not sectarian; Dr. Falwell invited legislators who were "pro-family, pro-life, and pro-morality."

Dr. Falwell has noted that the vast number of Americans agree with his stand. Last year in a "Clean Up America" campaign, Falwell asked the public to register their opinion on the issue of abortion-on-demand, pornography and homosexuality. A total of 1,007,100 Americans voted on the issue and 95.8 per cent backed the stand on righteousness. To that, Dr. Falwell noted, "We stand with the moral majority and they don't like the drift of our nation."

"The message I get from the survey is that Americans want action," Dr. Falwell said. "So we are going to Washington."

Dr. Falwell announced, "We've had enough and we want America cleaned up." To back his words, over 2,000 students from

Liberty Baptist Schools will travel to Washington to demonstrate their stand for righteousness. The junior and senior high school students will attend, as well as the college, seminary and Bible institute.

The Washington rally will feature music from the well-known "I Love America" pageant that was presented across this nation in the Bicentennial year, 1976. Also, the LBC marching band will be on hand.

The rally will be video taped, to be presented on the regularly scheduled telecast of the Old-Time Gospel Hour on May 27. Also, it will be aired on a number of prime time specials later in the summer.

"I want the camera to capture and show that conservative Christians can go to Capitol Hill with our message, and then I want the entire nation to see that Christians mean business," responded Falwell.

Falwell has meant business over the years. Falwell joined Anita Bryant to fight a pro-homosexual ordinance in Dade County (Miami), Fla., two years ago. Then again last year, he helped to turn back a second pro-homosexual ordinance in the southern Florida city.

Next, Falwell helped organize an anti-homosexual rally in St. Paul, Minn., in April 1978. A team from Thomas Road Baptist Church led a crusade in the city and the homosexuals lost by a two-to-one margin.

Then, Falwell backed the winning anti-homosexual campaign in Wichita, Kan.

When proposed pari-mutuel gambling was placed on the ballot in Virginia, Falwell entered the battle even though the polls revealed that legalized gambling on horse racing was winning by a 2 to 1 margin.

He purchased newspaper and television advertising and organized support against pari-mutuel gambling. He sent a printed copy of his sermon against gambling to every newspaper in the state. The final vote was 53 per cent to 47 per cent against legalized betting.

Falwell told the *Journal-Champion*: "When the readers receive their paper, the "I Love America" Rally will be history. But what we do in Washington is not a one-time extravaganza. We are just beginning our campaign to clean up America."

When questioned further, Falwell noted, "I want every reader to pray for our nation, then watch for the telecast on May 27. Next, I want every person to clip out the ballot in this paper and vote for righteousness. Finally, I want every American to get actively involved in the fight against moral decay."

Those in authority at the Old-Time Gospel Hour and the Thomas Road Baptist Church decided that the *Journal-Champion* should intensify its thrust to represent the moral majority of America. With this issue, the size is changed to a tabloid format to represent a change in emphasis.

Along with the news of conservative Christianity and the Thomas Road Baptist Church, the *Journal-Champion* will intensify its coverage of the moral struggles of our nation. More space will be given to in-depth research articles on the threats to the morality of America.



The Liberty Bell is a symbol, not only of Liberty Baptist College, but for America.

### SPECIAL TELECASTS

## Falwell's TV Sermons Show Concern For Nation

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# Politics: Vital For Christians

By HARRY COVERT

Journal-Champion Managing Editor

Politics is the art of government, Virginia's Senior Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr. once told me.

Sen. Byrd is one of the outstanding members of the United States Senate and comes from a family whose lifeblood has been involved with the art of government, not only in the state of Virginia, but for the United States.

Virginia, if we may be allowed some space for personal prejudice, has been blessed with outstanding politicians and government leaders. During my years of journalistic endeavors in the Old Dominion, Virginians have been blessed with good government and the selection process has never failed the state.

If anything, Virginia is the cradle of democracy and the founding fathers found the majority in the Old Dominion, either at Jamestown, at the very, very beginning, and also a short time later at Williamsburg, the colonial capital which serves to this very day as the window of the world to the United States.

Politics is not a dirty word. For too long, many Christians have placed little emphasis on the necessity of participating in politics. The act of electing good people to serve the public has somehow been unnecessarily avoided by those living by Christian principles.



Managing Editor Harry Covert

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I have known and still am acquainted with many outstanding Christian politicians and government employees. I have had the privilege of working with many respected Christian politicians whose personal convictions and courage remain with them — from private citizen to elected office.

Christians ought not to judge politicians generally or on hearsay conversation. One of the pleasures of working with politicians or knowing local leaders is to believe in what they stand for and have the opportunity to tell them what we stand for.

Christians have for too long ignored the need for participating in politics. Whether a Christian is a Democrat or Republican, a Christian American has a duty to participate in his or her government. To serve God is a magnificent calling but it is vitally important to be where he wants us to be.

What good are Christian principles if our government leaders and politicians don't know where we stand?

Christians need not be silent. Christians need not be on the sidelines in the great decision-making processes of government.

If anything, Christians ought to be in the forefront, standing up and speaking out for those things they think right and proper.

It has been written many times and it can bear repeating now: the basic conviction of the American system is found on the one-cent coin, "In God We Trust."

The founding leaders of the United States based their very acts on divine guidance. This has been the strength of America — a free people, under God. Christians can be the strongest force in America. If right isn't right with Christians, then the foundations of these individual states are based on sand.

However, as any school child knows, the strength of America came from the beginning and God has blessed America. As a famous French writer once said, repeated by my friend, Federal Judge Hal J. Bonney Jr. of Norfolk, Va.: "When America ceases to be good, it ceases to be great."

"America the Beautiful" is more than just a song. Christians should consider their God-given rights and privileges of serving America — in politics or in government service.

Politics indeed is the art of government but government in the United States is people.

## The Responsibility

By JIM MOON

Co-Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church

In his book, "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire," Edward Gibbon gives several reasons why the empire crumbled.

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home.
- Higher and higher taxes.
- The mad craze for pleasure.
- The building of greater and more powerful armaments.
- The decay of religion.

As we look at our great nation today, we can see these same things. Satan has attacked the home and hopes to destroy it through alternative lifestyles. It is sad that in some states there were more divorces last year than marriages. We are living in a day when one-parent families are common. Taxes are taking their toll on all of us, yet there is the promise of more and more giveaways. Each year our sports are increasing and becoming more aggressive. In the area of weapons, we now have the capabilities of destroying ourselves. In all of these areas we can see our nation decline, yet the greatest danger of all is the decay of religion.

It is sad that in many of America's pulpits there are men who deny the Bible, the virgin birth, the blood atonement and bodily resurrection. Some time ago an editorial appeared in our local paper listing the findings of a poll taken among ministers. I will list just a few of the results:

**Question: Do you believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God?**

**Answer: Of the responding more than 80% said no!**

**Question: Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ?**

**Answer: Of those responding 60% said no!**

**Question: Do you believe in the physical resurrection from the grave?**

**Answer: Of those responding 50% said no!**

If those responding told the truth then they are subverting the faith they profess to proclaim from the pulpit and are using their churches to destroy Christianity. Is there a way we can turn the situation around? I think so. In II Chronicles 7:14 we find these words: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

The responsibility lies with God's people. We are to set the example. We are to be the light of the world. If we really want our land healed then let's get back to God, to the Bible and what it teaches.

I am an American and proud of our heritage. I believe we live in the greatest nation on earth. I also believe that it is worth saving.

As Christians we need to live consistent lives that honor and glorify the Christ who died for the sins of the world. Revival can come but it must begin with each of us. Let's humble ourselves, pray, seek the face of God, and turn from wickedness.

## Education: The Duty

By C. CHRISTOPHER ROSS

Special to the Journal-Champion

In a fast-moving world, the only hope is the education and preparation of the nation's youth.

The problems of communication between nation's is a basic conflict of values.

The problems of getting along with neighbors and friends, business associates, is a basic conflict of values.

We believe that God, through his Son Jesus Christ, has called us to properly and adequately prepare our young people with Christian values and principles.

The Bible is firm: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." What tremendous advice in Proverbs 22:6.

My purpose here is not to preach a sermon. But, Christian parents have a duty and obligation from God to properly raise their children. To teach them the basics of right and wrong and to provide punishment when they err.

What a joy it is — along with the hours of work and prayer — to bring in the youngsters when they are kindergarten age and watch them grow and mature into

young men and women, solid in the teaching of God's Word and prepared to launch out into the world.

This is where the satisfaction comes to the Christian educators and administrators. This is how they know they have fulfilled their Christian service as teachers.

Today, more than ever in the history of the United States, private school — private Christian schools — are taking the necessary to provide quality educations for the youth of America.

The young mind is to be carefully shaped and taught. The young mind is to be prepared for the future. The young mind is to be shown the Christian values and morals vital to survival in the cold, hard secular world.

Only in Christian schools are the youth of the nation given the chance to earn an education free from the liberal attitudes that are leading the nation's public school system to destruction. Christian schools follow rigid guidelines for curriculum. Christian schools follow the teaching of Biblical principles under the direction of committed Christian teachers.

Christians must be taught by the best teachers, the best educators and the best coaches for preparation for all walks of life.

How exciting it is to discover that there are thousands of Christian men and women who are concerned with the



JOURNAL CHAMPION CELEBRATES

# First Anniversary

By ELMER L. TOWNS

Editor of the Journal-Champion

With this issue, the *Journal-Champion* is one year old. The paper has enjoyed wider circulation than we ever dreamed. The special Christmas edition telling about Mai Lee, and the refugees of Thailand was mailed to 1.3 million homes. This issue with special emphasis on Clean Up America is being mailed to 813,000 homes.

We began with a 4,000 press run and charged \$1.92 per column inch for advertisements. We wondered how the public would respond to our advertisers. One ad in the special issue brought in over 2,500 mail responses. Needless to say, most advertisers have enthusiastically responded and the income has greatly subsidized the cost of the *Journal-Champion*.

The impact of a newspaper on public opinion is difficult to measure. The *Journal-Champion* was a main voice in defeating legalized pari-mutuel gambling last September. Also, the paper has "championed" the case against homosexuality and abortion-on-demand. A college president wrote from Seoul, Korea, that editorials of the *Journal-Champion* were one of the major reasons why President Carter changed his opinion on troop withdrawal from that nation.

With this issue the *Journal-Champion* puts on a new face. In becoming a tabloid, it is following the trend of major papers. The tabloid size will give the paper longer



Editor Elmer L. Towns

## Of Christian Parents

educational breakdowns in America and want to change their careers from the public schools to the private Christian educational institutions.

And while the concern for America is growing to gigantic proportions, we must point out that the concern for our obligations to teach the young are similarly gigantic.

There is not one student enrolled in the educational institutions of Liberty Baptist Schools who doesn't receive the concern and care of his and her teachers, administrators and other leaders.

The work is hard. The job is difficult. The youth are priceless.

Many are called but few are chosen, to use the words from the Bible. But, we believe that Christians must become concerned with the education of their children, their neighbors' children and the quality of education being developed in the United States.

Whether many people believe it or not, God has placed a tremendous obligation on the United States to be the leader of the free world. We must assume the burden and realize that indeed, we are our brother's keeper. When we have the knowhow, when we have the desire, when we have the ability to change the course of the educational processes in the nation, then we must set the pace.

How sad it is across America when we don't encourage, produce and develop the talents of our young people. I believe God

will hold us accountable for our failure to teach our youth and our people the ways He has called us to teach.

The longer I serve as a school administrator, the more responsibility I feel for the young people and their lives and their families, to provide proper Christian education.

Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, tells me, "The longer I serve as a school administrator, the more responsibility I feel for the young people and their lives and their families, to provide proper Christian education."

He continued, "Today, as I am involved with the various avenues of education, I realize that the survival of the public school system in America actually depends on the growing private Christian school movement across the land. We stand for principles. We stand for goodness. We stand for excellence. We stand for hard work."

Christians must be concerned for the youth of America. Christians must act for the youth of America.

Dr. Guillermin, one of the outstanding Christian collegiate administrators, also notes, "In the Liberty Baptist College and Schools, we care for the young of the nation because we believe the future of America lies with the young. And, therefore, we must instill in them the principles God has given to us."

Need more be said?

shelf life.

There are also some internal changes to include more essays on contemporary issues. We will do more than report the news on the issues of the day. We will print some in-depth research articles on the problems that face America. It is hoped we can suggest some constructive answers.

We are branching out to include authorities from outside the Thomas Road Baptist Church family including such notables as Tim LaHaye, preparing an article on homosexuality and Dr. Harold O.J. Brown writing on abortion. Each issue will continue to print the news of Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Schools, plus the events that are important to all conservatives.

The new format for *Journal-Champion* was designed by Bob Beasley, director of Creative Services at The Old-Time Gospel Hour. For many years he was on the staff of The Daily Press in Newport News, Virginia. Harry Covert, the managing editor, has 22 years of experience with major Virginia dailies, *Newport News Daily Press*, *The Norfolk (Va.) Virginian-Pilot* and his own *Hampton (Va.) Monitor*. He brings professionalism and dedication to the *Journal-Champion*. Glen Pizor, director of advertising, is a graduate in marketing from Ohio State University. His careful direction has given results to the readers and to the advertisers. Our staff rounds out with Mr. Jon Cooper in layout and Wanda Watson and Sue Driskill as assistants.

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# Letters

Editor:

I am scheduled to testify before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management concerning tax-exempt status of private schools. Those hearings are scheduled for the same day as the rally. I may be delayed in attending the rally because of this hearing but I will be at the rally as much as possible.

It is interesting that this rally is directed toward the I.R.S. (including other issues) on the very day that the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management is having a hearing on the I.R.S. and tax-exempt status of private schools.

Rev. L. Samuel Martz  
Pastor  
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Editor:

The Lord willing and by His Grace, we will be at the "I Love America" rally in Washington, D.C. on April 27. We at Calvary Bible Church, home of Calvary Christian Academy will stand with you in the battle for tax exemption of Christian schools and churches. We are also against the pornography, violence and sex on TV and the abortion-on-demand movement.

We will be there with you, with our A.C.E. students in their God and Country fashions, along with some parents. We will have one bus load — 66 people.

"I would rather be dead than red"

Rev. John E. Yoder  
Pastor  
Calvary Bible Church  
Hamburg, Pa.

This letter was received by Dr. Towns from the church in Sikiew Refugee Camp, Thailand. Dr. Towns preached to all the refugees in the camp and the students from Liberty Baptist College fed the entire camp a Christmas meal, December 1978.

Editor:

Please continue to pray for our church that we can serve Jesus Christ in every way. Also, pray for the heads of the other countries that they may be aware and sympathetic to our plight. We have taken all risks to cross the frontiers, leaving behind our beloved mother land and our blood relatives. We selected freedom over death. Unfortunately many a person has been engulfed and lost their lives in the immense open sea or left their corpses in the thick sinister forest or the long lake. Our escape to Thailand is still haunted by the fearful experiences and dangers, just like a person who is still alive that came back from hell.

Le Trong Hoang  
Pastor  
Christian Church  
Sikiew Refugee Camp  
Thailand



# 'IMPOSING' VALUES? Abortion

By HAROLD O.J. BROWN

Special to the Journal-Champion

Although church members of different denominations disagree on important theological points, all Christian denominations — as well as Judaism — accept the Biblical teaching that the taking of innocent human lives is wrong (Exodus 20:13).

Modern science — in perfect harmony with Scripture — has discovered that an individual human life begins at conception, nine months before birth ordinarily takes place. Hence, any thinking Christian knows the truth of what authorities as diverse as the Federal Constitutional Court of West Germany (anti-abortion) and the American weekly, "The New Republic" (pro-abortion), state as self-evident fact: abortion involves the taking of human life and is, in the German courts, expressed as "a homicidal act."

In American society, Christians — like other citizens — are supposed to have a voice in government. Christians in large numbers settled this country, defended it in its wars, built its cities, its industries and its farms,

and paid its taxes. For the most part, believing Christians do not constitute a burden on society in terms of crime, alcohol and narcotics abuse, and unemployment. (Even though Christians are touched by such problems, Christians' moral teachings and the famous Christian work ethic tend to make these problems less acute among Christians than in the society at large.)

In short, Christians generally profess and practice those values that are necessary to make America a decent society in which to live. We practice them, however imperfectly, because we believe God has commanded them in His Word.

Payment of taxes, for example, is commanded in Romans 13:7. It never occurs to the Internal Revenue Service to return our tax payments to us because we have a religious reason for making them. Nor do we expect them to do so. We understand that the facts that God commands of a thing does not thereby make it a "religious" matter without any practical significance for secular society.

Society accepts our religious

values when it comes to paying taxes. In fact, it will even impose them on us by legal action if we fail to practice them. So there is nothing essentially un-American or socially prohibitive about reflecting values of a religious origin on public law.

Unfortunately, when it comes to certain values, those who oppose them try to stifle the voice of Christians by telling Christians that they involve a "religious issue" and that Christians are seeking to "impose" them on everyone else. For example, when Christians object to the mass destruction of developing human lives in abortion, we are accused of trying to "impose" values, and "religious" values at that.

Unfortunately, all too many sincere Christians are taken in by this argument and are intimidated into keeping quiet, thus forfeiting their constitutional rights as American citizens and neglecting their Christian duty as those to whom the Word of God has been entrusted.

When Christians — or anyone else — seek to enact a law protecting the developing human be-

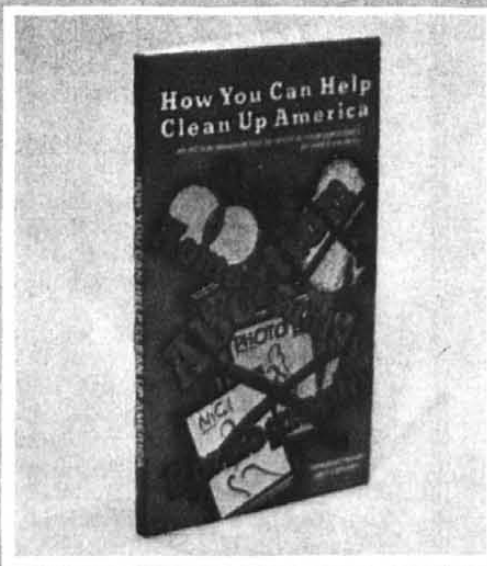


ings from legal extermination through abortion, they are seeking to impose values. But so is everyone else who seeks to pass any law whatsoever. The ques-

tion is not whether values are going to be imposed, but what values are going to be imposed.

Alone, neither Christians nor any other minority of American

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## Couple Maintains Bible Museum

Gatlinburg, Tenn. (RNS) — A Southern Baptist retired U.S. Air Force chaplain and his wife have turned their 24-year hobby of collecting Bibles into a National Bible Museum and ministry here.

The Rev. Lewis Miller and his wife, Edith, began tier collection when he was a chaplain stationed in Vienna. They now have well over 700 Bibles, many rare and all insured.

Some 300 volumes of the Bible in 120 languages are on display at the museum opened to visitors in May 1976. A nominal fee is charged for admission, with proceeds above operational expenses used for Bible distribution programs.

Visitors to the museum in this East Tennessee mountain resort are given a talking-tour of 15 tables, lasting an hour or longer depending on the interest of the individual or groups.

Included among the collection are artifacts dating back to 1500 B.C. Among them are a lamp thought to date back to the time of Abraham and the handle from a clay jar in which one of the Dead Sea Scrolls was stored.

Among the Bibles are early editions of the Geneva Bible, a Bishops (1st edition) Bible, and a King James (1st edition) Bible, all printed between 1569-1611. Even earlier printings of the Latin Vulgate (1535) and a German Bible (1556) are included.

A book reputed to be the smallest in the world contains the Lord's Prayer in seven languages. A handwritten Bible page on Vellum (1270 A.D.) and tablets of clay also illustrate early writing materials.

"It's an entirely new avenue of raising money for the kind of supportive mission work we have tried to participate in over the years," Mr. Miller said of the museum. "We reach a wide cross-section of people, including some who may be interested in the Bible but have no church affiliation."

The display also includes a facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible, the first Bible printed from movable type, and exhibits such as the papyrus plant used to make Bibles in ancient times.

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# Is Morally, Biblically, Scientifically Wrong!

citizens can impose values on the nation as a whole. What we can and should seek to do is to persuade fellow Americans that certain values are good values and should be protected by law. If most Americans agree, then as a nation we will "impose" those values on ourselves. If most disagree, they will not be imposed.

A minority cannot impose by its own power; it can only seek to persuade. Thus we have both a democratic right and a God-given command to do (II Corinthians 5:11).

To forfeit one's rights to speak out in American society for fear of "imposing" one's values is doubly foolish: all laws impose values and we cannot enact laws unless we can persuade the majority that they should be enacted.

In this way, we are persuaded, not imposing. It is the majority, if persuaded, will do the imposing.

Since all law imposes values, the question is not whether values will be imposed — they will — but what values will be imposed. Is the right to life a "religious value" and as such something that American law should not consider?

In one sense, the right to life — for born human beings as well as for the unborn — clearly is a religious value. Human beings have values because they are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27). But no one suggests, repealing the laws against murder because of their religious origin (Exodus 20:13). Abortion is wrong for the same reason that murder is wrong — it destroys an innocent human life. If we accept the value that the taking of innocent human life is wrong, we Christians are not disqualified from saying so publicly, because our convictions come from a religious source.

To argue that abortion is wrong and should be prohibited by law is no different in principle from arguing that murder is wrong and should be prohibited by law. The recognition that the fetus is an individual human being — although it is confirmed in Scripture — is not a "religious" dogma; it is a scientific biological fact. What some pro-abortionists would like us to do is to keep very silent about any values and any scientific fact of which the Bible has nothing to say. This is a ridiculous position.

In the first place, as American citizens we have the right to advocate whatever values we believe in, regardless of where we learned them. We do not have the right to impose them by decree on others, but we certainly do have the right to try and persuade others that they are worthy of adoption.

In the second place, if such a principle of prohibiting all values with a religious origin from law were adopted, it would strip American law of most of its essential provisions: laws against murder, robbery, false witness, kidnapping and the like, would have to be abolished.

The right of Christians to speak on issues such as abortion,

and to seek to persuade our fellow Americans to enact better laws, is clearly within our constitutional rights as citizens. Our duty to speak out is clearly evident from Scripture: see Ezekiel 3:17 and II Corinthians 5:11. If others refuse to listen when we speak out, then the responsibility for their failure to heed us lies with them. But if we allow ourselves to be bluffed into silence on issues that we know to

be important, the responsibility for this failure lies with us.

As Christians, we are not asking for the right to determine American public policy. We are strictly asking for the right to speak our minds and to seek to persuade others that Biblical values are good values. For others to attempt to deny us this right — as pro-abortionists consistently do — is tyrannical and should not be tolerated. For us to

forfeit it on our own is stupid or cowardly or both.

Biblical values are good values and, when they are proclaimed openly and fairly, even unregenerate man will to some extent acknowledge and recognize that they are good (see Romans 2:14-15). Indeed, this is precisely why pro-abortionists want us to be silent: they are afraid that if we speak out clearly enough, most Americans will

eventually be persuaded that abortion is evil and will seek to impose on themselves the "value" that human life deserves protection before birth as well as after it.

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# Do You Know What Children Are Watching?

By DONALD E. WILDMON

Special To The Journal-Champion

A little more than two years ago I sat down one night during the Christmas holidays to watch television with my four children. We turned the set on and in a few minutes there was a sex scene which offended me and which I did not care for my children to watch. I asked one of the children to change the channel. We got involved in another program only to be insulted with profanity. We changed the channel again. We became interested in a mystery when all of a sudden, without warning, the scene changed and one man was standing over another clubbing him with a hammer.

That was the straw that broke the camel's back. For years I had watched the gradual deterioration of television programming. It had come so slowly and so gradual that I had accepted it without much resistance. However, that night in my den the National Federation for Decency was born. I grew angry. Mad. I vowed that with God's help I would no longer allow this medium which has the potential to become the

most constructive medium in the history of mankind to degrade itself and our society any lower without fighting back.

We floundered those first few months trying to find a place where our voice could be heard. We tried the networks and soon found that we were wasting our time. We tried the local stations and reached the same conclusion. Then, as a last resort, we turned to the advertisers who pay the bills. And, in that move, we found the source to change television.

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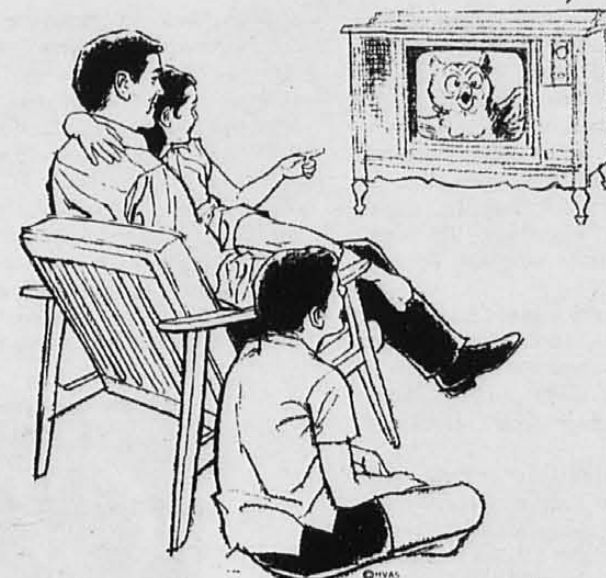
But back to the topic. What is television doing to us? It is teaching us that adultery is right, that homosexuality is right, that violence is a legitimate way to solve conflict, that Biblical morals and values are things to scoff and laugh at — a way of life practiced only by the prudes.

Television consumes our time, kills communication between family members, and shows us the kind of society which the approximately 200 writers, directors, and producers who are responsible for the majority of television programs want us to have.

Television stifles the creativity of our children, teaches them to be introverts, presents an unreal picture of the world to them.

No, television isn't all bad. But more and more television is turning to the sensational to attract an audience. And television is going to become as sensational and go as far as the viewing public will allow.

Television today is the most destructive social force in our society. Of all sex presented on



television, 89 per cent is depicted outside marriage. Prime-time viewers are subjected to 11,500 scenes of suggested sexual intercourse or sexually suggestive comments each year. And the trend is increasing.

More and more that box in your den is telling those viewing that Christians are out of touch, out of date, and a negative influence on society.

When you realize that 98 per cent of all homes in America have television, that the average set is on 6½ hours a day, that pre-school children watch 3 hours of television a day, then you had better be concerned what television is teaching. People speak of educational television, as if all television isn't educational. It is. All television teaches. We had better be concerned about what it is teaching.

The third most used word of profanity on television is some form of God. Television makes the expression acceptable. And the term Jesus Christ is gradually seeping into our dens as a form of profanity.

Television rarely treats sex as a beautiful gift of God to be shared by husband and wife. Television teaches us that if you want something in life, you don't go to school and work and earn what you want. You take a gun and you take what you want, and if anyone gets in your way you blow their brains out. Television tells us that is the way life is.

My space is too short to get into the whole sphere of television programming. We have not dealt with the quality aspect of some programming, children's programming, the positive values and the viewer's responsibility. This article is simply designed to perhaps wake some of the readers from their apathy. After all, it is a public medium and you are a member of the public.

Want to change television? Want to help make it better and more constructive? Want to watch with with your family and not be nervous about an offensive scene appearing unannounced? Then you had better make your voice heard. Where? With the advertisers. Those are the people you have clout with. They are, basically, the only people you have clout with.

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What is television doing to us? At the present time, it is helping us build a society which ignores God's laws about personal integrity and morality. As Christians and parents, we should be ashamed to let it do so unchallenged.

If we are to prevent television from becoming a medium of unrelenting negative, anti-social, anti-Christian influence then we had better get involved. And get involved quick. Time is running out. Let us sit on the sidelines a little longer and, for all practical purposes, the game will be over.

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### The Free Verse Of Peace

ATLANTA (EP) — Walker L. Knight still can't believe the feedback he has been getting from around the country in reaction to some free verse on peace he wrote which President Jimmy Carter quoted in a speech delivered on the day of the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Knight, editor of "Home Missions" magazine at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Carter quoted an excerpt from "The Peacemaker," which news media have called "the most memorable" part of the president's speech. The free verse, comparing war and peace, said:

"Peace has one thing in common with its enemy,  
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Peace, like war, is waged."



# TV: America's Mightiest Influence

By EDUARDE E. HINDSON

Special to the Journal-Champion

In January, 1976, a United Press International article said that a burglar broke into a Chicago apartment occupied by a man and his three children, ages 9, 11, and 12. After a struggle, the burglar killed the father. Ten hours later the police were contacted by a neighbor who had discovered the dead man lying in a pool of blood a few feet from where the children were totally occupied watching television.

"The Television Generation" — people born since 1950, make up 60 per cent of the U.S. population. Ninety-seven per cent of all American homes have a television — more than are equipped with refrigerators and indoor toilets. The average family watches over six hours of TV per day (42 hours per week). The average American of the "Television Generation" will watch nine years of total television by the time he or she is 65 years old. By the time a teenager is 15, he or she has witnessed 13,000 acts of violence on TV. There are more acts of violence in two nights of prime time television than in all of Shakespeare's plays combined.

A best selling book may reach two to three million after coming out in paperback. A hit movie is seen by about six million people. The nation's largest circulating daily newspaper has two million readers. But a television show that enters less than 30 million homes is considered a failure! As a child passes through infancy, childhood and adolescence it is exposed to 26,000 hours of television.

In San Diego County, Calif., a 19-year-old boy chopped his parents and his sister to death and crippled his brother with an axe. The boy was a high school honor student and athlete, who modeled the murder after a made-for-television movie about Lizzie Borden, who murdered her parents with an axe in 1892.

According to the recent book, "Remote Control: Television and the Manipulation of American Life," by Mankiewicz and Swerdlow, several teenage murders have been "inspired" by violence on television. In 1973, a 17-year-old admitted memorizing every detail of a murder movie and re-enacting the crime — a murder-rape — just as he had seen it on television.

The powerful influence of America's greatest media shapes almost all public opinion regarding the family, moral issues, behavior and political issues.

Television news tells us what our national priorities are. It influences our attitude toward sex roles, feminist liberation, legalized abortion, etc. TV has become the strongest single factor in American life promoting an acceptance of adultery, homosexuality and divorce. Viewers often find themselves "rooting" for

prostitutes and drug addicts who become the "good guys" in the story.

A recent study by the National Institute of Mental Health concluded that television is the most powerful single influence in American life today.

Violence, vulgarity and pornographic sex have become the major themes on television during the 70's. According to the statistics compiled by the Television Monitoring Program

of the National Federation for Decency, the emphasis on sex on prime time television increased 25.6 per cent in the fall of 1978 as compared to 1977. Eighty-eight per cent of all sex depicted on television is outside of marriage. In one year of primetime TV viewers were exposed to 11,596 incidents showing sexual intercourse or referring to it. At the same time over 4,000 incidents of cursing and profanity are heard in one year's time on television. Eighty

per cent of all drinking of any beverage on TV is alcoholic.

Situation comedies especially make fun of moral issues. Viewer discretion, which is often advised before a movie, is before a comedy program. The more we laugh at sin as a nation, the more America is laughing at God and His Holiness. We rate certain programs as "mature" when they are downright immature and indecent.

Advertising is the "bottom line" in television. Some \$450 million is spent annually on advertising "soap operas," which are viewed regularly by 20 million housewives. The typical "soap operas" deals with such

moral problems as abortion, venereal disease, euthanasia, incest, drug addiction, adultery and child abuse, rarely offering any solutions.

The average TV viewer watches 350,000 commercials every 10 years. The research by the National Foundation for Decency reveals that Proctor and Gamble, Bristol-Myers and Chrysler Corp., are the leading sponsors of sex and profanity on television. Ford and Sears are listed as showing the greatest improvement. Many of the products we use and enjoy as families are the leading sponsors of anti-family programming on television.

## Legal Fund Established For James Robison

DALLAS (EP) — The James Robison Legal Fund is being set up so that individuals, churches, or groups can contribute to help defray the cost that will be involved in evangelist Robison's court battle to secure the right of freedom of speech on airwaves for preachers and churches.

Court action has been deemed necessary as a result of WFAA-TV's cancellation of Mr. Robison's weekly television program. Station management permanently cancelled the program because of their feeling that Mr. Robison should not deal with "controversial" issues. Specifically, WFAA-TV management said that preachers and Christian groups have no business getting vocal about such issues as homosexuality, abortion, women's rights, liquor by the drink, gun control, euthanasia, etc. They deemed these as political issues and out of the

realm of what they consider proper for preachers to deal with on the airwaves.

"The action taken by WFAA-TV in Dallas, based on their interpretation of the FCC's Fairness Doctrine, has some staggering implications," according to Mr. Robison. "Regarding the case, it is a matter of interpretation of the bureaucratic regulation. If it has been rightly interpreted and such pressure does indeed cause the broadcasters to over-react, then the regulation or so called Fairness Doctrine must be changed. I see no fairness in being completely and suddenly silenced because I presented what the Bible says about a moral issue."

Famed Houston Attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes will be heading up a team of attorneys for the James Robison Evangelistic Association. The battle in court is expected to be lengthy.

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# TEXTBOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

By **JERRY FALWELL**

Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church

There is a struggle for the control and direction of the public schools of America. What will they teach? What kind of nation will they build? What will be the values and dreams of our children? For our nation, this is a life and death struggle and the battleline for this struggle is the textbooks.

Let me read a few quotations to give you a sample of what Johnny reads . . . if he can read.

"To be a better citizen, a person needs to learn how to apply for welfare." This is from a book, "Justice in Urban America: Poverty and Welfare," published by Houghton-Mifflin, 1969, page 62.

"To be successful in our culture, one must learn to dream of failure." From a book, "Introduction to the Behavioral Science," published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969, page 59.

"There are exceptions to

almost all moral laws, depending on the situation. Most children learn that it is wrong to lie. But, later they may learn that it's tactless, if not actually wrong, not to lie under certain circumstances." From a book, "Inquiries in Sociology," published by Allyn and Bacon, 1972, page 37.

To bring charges against textbooks may sound extreme, but we should be concerned. The vast majority of Americans are the "Moral Majority." They want America to remain a great democratic society build on (1) laws, (2) the Constitution, and (3) a devotion to truth.

To oppose textbooks is not the same as book burning. This is not an attempt to censor the books of our schools. But where there are mistakes, they must be corrected. We cannot hide filthy books under the protection of the First Amendment of free speech. Freedom of speech gives a man the right to speak or write his opinion. But filthy books destroy

young lives. The First Amendment does not give anyone the right to harm a child through textbooks any more than a man has the freedom to yell "fire" in a crowded auditorium.

When a textbook is used in public schools, the teachers and pupils have no other choice but to use it. They do not have the freedom of a shopper in a bookstore to reject the sale. They must use the book. And what is more damaging, school boards are responsible for that book and so are we as taxpayers and registered voters.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gabler of Longview, Tex., have been fighting textbooks for 19 years. Their son, Jim, was writing a report for school. He was copying the Gettysburg Address and noticed a phrase: "That this nation shall have a new birth of freedom . . ." He noticed the words "under God" were left out.

"Mom," he asked, "if it isn't in the textbook or encyclopedia, where do I go to find truth?"

Mrs. Gabler later testified before the textbook committee of the Texas Educational Agency that "history can be, and is written to reflect the political views of the writers." She noted that many modern textbooks are slanted toward socialism and leave out such statements as:

"I only regret I have but one life to live for my country" (Nathan Hale).

"Give me liberty or give me death" (Patrick Henry).

Or they leave out the fact that Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," our national anthem.

The fifth grade textbook, "Search for Freedom," published by Macmillan (1973), gives six pages to Marilyn Monroe, a "sex symbol," but only five references of a sentence or two in length to George Washington, and then did not tell of his leading the Revolutionary army and of his office as first President of the United States.

Many problems in textbooks are unintentional because of the bias of the writers. Textbook writers are humanists and evolutionists. They are committed to a man-centered philosophy of life, and they deny the existence of God. Therefore when they approve premarital sex they are deceiving young people, even though they have good intentions. A man may have a good intention of killing a burglar who is breaking into his home, but if he accidentally shoots his son who is coming home late, his good intentions cannot undo the harm.

Our textbooks deceive our young people about premarital sex, about the role of the father and the mother in the home, and even about history. In the textbook "The Story of American Freedom," published by Mac-

millan (1953), the Allied forces in World War II were called "United Nations" forces. The writer was so committed to one-world government, that he could not objectively see history. The United Nations was not established until after World War II. We should be angry with our school textbooks because they push socialism and one-world government. They make democracy look ridiculous and socialism look appealing. Some of you may be shocked. Let me quote to you:

"No nation on earth is guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than in the United States at this very hour" ("Many Peoples, One Nation", Random House, 1973).

The book, "The American Economy" (Houghton Mifflin, 1972), states that the Russians are convinced their system is better than free enterprise and will remain "sold" on it (p. 409). In contrast, it says that Americans may turn to revolution as a means of correcting social problems (p. 396).

Two weeks ago the "Lynchburg News" editorial included a story about the National Education Association and a 20-part series of Soviet Union propaganda films for use on American television titled, "Unknown War." The films were prepared under the direction of Soviet filmmakers. When NEA President John Ryan called the films propaganda, one wonders how much else of Soviet propaganda is going on in American school rooms.

Textbooks are filthy. Filth is anything that is dirty, unnatural, repulsive or perversion. Yes, the public school textbooks have taught perversion. "Liberty and Union — A History of the United States," volume 2 (Houghton Mifflin, 1973), used "damn" 17 times in 18 lines, plus four other

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references to God's name in vain (p. 423-426).

Houghton Mifflin's book, "Interaction," gives a descriptive poem of a sex orgy on a bus.

"MACOS" is one of the worst textbooks offered to our kids. It is a federally funded National Science Foundation program for fifth graders. MACOS stands for "Man: A Course of Study." One story tells of a man named Tunesqu, "who consults with the spirits who tell him to save his own life



Jerry Falwell

by eating his wife. He begins by eating her clothing, and then by feeling her sides for flesh. When she ran, he stabbed her to death and ate her, collecting her bones in a heap" (page 98). This "delightful" story is followed by another about Itqilik, who eats his brother's frostbitten feet, and then decides, since little brother is useless anyhow, to finish him off, gourmet-style. The 10-to-11-year-old child will then study a myth about a jealous mother-in-

law who kills and skins her daughter and covers herself with the daughter's skin so the young son-in-law would take her as his wife."

Students are not allowed to take their booklets home. When parents have tried to examine the 31 booklets, they have found them difficult to obtain. When educators are faced with the horrible facts they say, "Students must be faced with realism," or,

"Students should learn other cultures."

MACOS also teaches wife-swapping, and tells of killing baby girls. The fifth grader "role plays" leaving his grandmother to die.

Congressman Robert K. Dornan of Los Angeles mentioned in the "Congressional Record" that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare funded a textbook called, "Masturbation Techniques for Women."

Dornan mentions one textbook used for sex education in the schools of California was actually used as a reference source in an adult book store.

Newspapers in Roanoke, Va., have recently reported controversy because the public schools have sex dolls showing the private organs of little boys and girls. These dolls are used in kindergarten.

What makes me mad is that it is our tax money underwriting the destruction of the morals of our nation, our church and the world in which our children will live.

## World Still A Must For Evangelization

By ROSCOE BREWER

Special to the Journal-Champion

What are the prospects for world evangelism in the 1980s? Will the United States play a vital role?

These are key questions for Christians as we look at the future. There are the prophets of doom who view the next decade as a continuation of the collapse of Western civilization. Some leaders believe that the decline of missionary activity in mainline denominations along with their swing toward humanization is an indication that missions is on the way out.

There are without question some major obstacles to United States missions. One is inflation. Escalating costs are pricing many North American missionaries out of business. Nationalism is also a threat to world evangelism. The rising third world countries are saying, "Yankee, go home." It is no longer, "Me, chief . . . you dumb native." A classic example of nationalism is the current scene in Iran. Many mission boards are finding the changing role of the missionary has evolved from master to partner to servant.

A third serious obstacle is adverse Americanism. All the world is affected by rock music and Hollywood-produced movies. You can buy a rock music cassette from a street corner vending stand in most major cities of the world. A lifestyle contrary to Biblical standards is propagated. Bluejeans, Foster Grant glasses and "Saturday Night Fever" seem to have more of an effect on this world than the message of Jesus Christ.

The ecumenical cooperation of liberals, evangelicals, and even fundamentalists creates the fourth barrier to world evangelism. Liberation theology, the social gospel, and new humanistic methods will obviously not reach the world for Christ. If anything, they will blunt the cause of world missions and become counterproductive.

All we need to do is look at the American mainline denominations that are liberal oriented and we see a continuing decline in missionary activity. The current trend is established missionaries turn from the basics and begin experimenting with innovative non-Biblical techniques.

Then there is the fact that the Chinese, Hindus and Muslims constitute approximately 85 per cent of the unreached people of this world, yet they are precisely the groups Americans are least able to penetrate. Add to this list political upheavals, communism, and strong nationalistic religions and obstacles are obvious.

However, the prospects for the '80s are encouraging. The number of missionaries to be recruited and sent out by third world churches should increase substantially. A spirit of cooperation between the United States and these countries can result in mutual enhancement, so that the common task can better be fulfilled.

We can also learn from our mistakes in the past. It is not that we are any smarter than our predecessors, but simply that we are developing better methods because we know better what to do.

There are a number of bright

spots for evangelism in the 1980s. Sizeable people movements to Christ should continue; Korea, Indonesia, northeast India, southern Africa and South America.

Mobility of people groups offers excellent opportunities. Urbanization will be commonplace in the future. Geographical mobility brings about psychological mobility which makes conversion more readily experienced by people. I was told recently while in Southeast Asia by a missionary that more people had come to Christ in that area in the past five years than in the past 150 years. The reason humanly speaking was simply that people were uprooted and open to new ways.

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