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The Pastor's Corner

It was ten (10) years ago this month that we were attacked as a nation by extreme Islamic terrorists who were bent (and still are) bent on the destruction of the United States of America and our Allies.

This year, the date falls on the second Sunday of the month and we must be sure to do two things on that day. One, we must give thanks to our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for his continued protection and provision as a nation and two, we must remember the cost of Freedom.

Freedom has cost us the lives of those 3,000 lives who died on that day and the multiple thousands who have died since in the war against terrorism. Many families have had to shed tears over the loss of their loved ones in this ongoing battle ... we must pray for, uphold and encourage them.

However, the battle rages on and both at home and across the seas, we must fight for freedom!

These next two years are important to our nation's security and posterity as we face multiple issues that will affect our freedoms here at home, so we must fight to maintain our freedoms and rights as American citizens.

Sometimes, the battle at home is as difficult as the battles abroad, due to the simple fact, if we lose our will to fight for who we are as a nation founded on Christian principles, the battles around the world will have been wasted!!!

As President Ronald Reagan so amply said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Have You Attended Sunday School?

Christian Education is an important part of your spiritual growth and development and attending Sunday School helps in more areas than just learning. It also helps you to maintain fellowship with other believers and to share in your joint experiences within the community.

Why not start a new habit in 2011-2012? Start reading and studying your Sunday School lesson and start attending classes each week.

As you apply yourself to studying the Scriptures and applying its truths to your life, you will find yourself spiritually growing and a closeness with fellow believers and with God.

See you in Sunday School!

Sunday School Lessons Theme: Tradition and Wisdom Unit 1: Teaching and Learning

September 4: "Righteousness and Wisdom" Proverbs 3:1-12

September 11: "From Generation to Generation" Proverbs 4:10-15, 20-27

September 18: "Teaching Values" Proverbs 15:21-33

September 25: "Wisdom and Discernment" Proverbs 25:1-10

Psalm 91:1

"He who abides in the secret place of the Most High, Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Planning for the Future

September 25, 2011 The Pastor will be away preaching a revival in Michigan. Pray for a successful weekend.

October 29, 2011 Cemetery Chili / Stew Supper Fundraiser. 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the Center.

Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

Angela Johnson.....	Sept 1
Joey Arends.....	2
Byron Loafman Jr.	3
Zachery Huston White.....	3
Pina Loafman	10
Jim Vessell	10
Kaylee Turner	16
Kim Blake	20
Jerry Jordan.....	20
Shirley Jordan	22
Chris King	25

Happy Anniversary

September Anniversaries

Jerry & Shirley Jordan	Sept 14
Todd & Ruth Razer.....	19

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(Dates from "World" Magazine)

"A Long, Unremitting Campaign"

September 11, 2001 ... 5:45 a.m. Hijackers Mohamed Atta and Abdulaziz al-Omari pass through airport security: 17 more hijackers soon clear their security checks at various airports.

8:24 a.m. In an attempt to communicate with the cabin of American Flight 11, hijacker Mohamed Atta mistakenly contacts air traffic control ... "We have some planes, ..."

8:46 a.m. American Flight 11 slams into floors 93-99 of the World Trade Center's North Tower.

9:03 a.m. United Flight 175 plows into floors 77-85 of the World Trade Center's South Tower.

9:37 a.m. American Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon.

9:42 a.m. With almost 5,000 planes in the air, the FAA grounds ALL flights.

10:03 a.m. United Flight 93 crashes into a Pennsylvania field in Somerset County.

8:30 p.m. President George W. Bush addresses the nation, calling the attacks "evil, despicable acts of terror" and promising "to find those responsible and bring them to Justice."

September 13: Congress votes to allow President Bush to use "all necessary and appropriate force" in responding to the terrorist attacks.

September 17: After an unprecedented four-day closure, Wall street reopens.

September 20: During an address to Congress, President Bush promises a long, unremitting campaign against terrorism.

September 21: Congress passes a 15 billion bailout for the airline industry and sets up a trust fund for compensating 9/11 victims.

September 24: President Bush announces a freeze on all U.S. assets of terrorist groups, with international banks following suit.

October 5: In Florida, tabloid newspaper photo editor Bob Stevens dies from inhaling anthrax.

October 7: The first bombs rain down on Afghanistan's Taliban regime and its al-Qaeda allies.

October 10: NBC announces that anthrax has infected anchorman Tom Brokaw's assistant, who opened the tainted letter in mid-September.

October 15: Anthrax hysteria reaches Capitol Hill, where millions of spores are released from a letter mailed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

October 12, 2002: Terrorists with ties to al-Qaida bomb the resort island of Bali, killing more than 200 people.

October 23: Chechen militants storm a Moscow theater, taking some 800 people hostage. More than 120 hostages later die after officials use a toxic gas to end the siege.

March 20, 2003: The United States invade Iraq.

December 13: U.S. forces capture Saddam Hussein who is later convicted and dies by hanging on December 30, 2006.

March 11, 2004: Ten bombs explode on Madrid's commuter trains, killing 190 people.

July 7, 2005: Four explosions rock London's public transportation system, killing more than 35 people.

June 7, 2006: A U.S. airstrike kills Abu Musab, the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq.

January 2010: In an audiotape, Osama bin Laden purportedly claims responsibility for an attempt to blow up a plane on Christmas Day 2009 and warns of more U.S. attacks.

May 1, 2011: U. S. forces kill bin Laden in a raid on his Pakistani compound.

A Tribute to the American Soldier

No matter what your political stance may be, it is the American Soldier who has fought for and sustained our rights as American Citizens to enjoy the freedoms we now possess.

So many people are critical of America and oftentimes, the Soldier is the one who suffers the most. This month (as always in my heart) we wish to thank our military men and women who stand up against those who wish to strike terror in our hearts and seek to destroy our way of life. Again, Thanks ... more than I can ever say!



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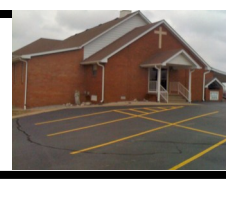
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Study Finds Children At Risk from Cohabitation

A new research study concludes that cohabitation has now become the greatest threat to the welfare of children in the United States. The study, entitled "Why Marriage Matters," says that cohabitation has replaced divorce as the greatest contributor to family instability in our culture.

The study is the work of 18 family scholars working in conjunction with the Center for Marriage and Families at the University of Virginia. The researchers found that more than 40 percent of American children now spend part of their childhood in a household with unmarried parents. 41 percent of all births are now occurring with unwed mothers.

"In a striking turn of events, the divorce rate for married couples with children has returned almost to the levels we saw before the divorce revolution kicked in during the 1970's," says W. Bradford Wilcox, lead author of the report.

"Nevertheless, family instability is on the rise for American children as a whole. This seems in part to be because more couples are having children in cohabiting unions, which are very unstable. Overall, more adults are moving in and out of households in a relationship carousel."

Wilcox says the report finds that children in cohabiting households are more likely to suffer from a range of emotional and social problems such as drug use, depression, and dropping out of school, as compared to children in intact married families.

Researchers discovered that the breakup rate for parents with children under 12 who are cohabitating is 170 percent higher than it is for married parents. The study also revealed that children in cohabiting households are three times more likely to be physically, sexually, or emotionally abused than children in intact biological married parent homes.

The study concludes that "marriage is an important public good, associated with a range of economic, health, and safety benefits." The final report states unequivocally that "the family, biological, married family remains the Gold Standard for infant life in the United States. Children are most likely to thrive economically, socially, and psychologically in this family form."

News from the Missouri Family Policy Council

Federal Court Provides No Relief to Sex Trafficking Victim

A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit against a classified ad website that has been accused of being a marketplace for sexual services.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas Mummert has dismissed the lawsuit filed against backpage.com on behalf of a teenage girl. The young girl alleged that she was being prostituted on the website by a female pimp who was advertising her availability for underage sexual services. The girl was 14 years old at the time.

The 27-year old pimp, a woman from St. Louis County, plead guilty to interstate commerce to promote prostitution last year. She had been charged with posting nude pictures of the young girl online, arranging the sexual encounters, driving the girls to the hotels, and then pocketing half of the money.

The plaintiff argued that Backpage.com knew that nude photos were regularly posted on the website soliciting sexual services of both adults and minors, but did nothing to monitor or eliminate such postings.

Judge Mummert ruled that the federal Communications Decency Act frees Backpage.com from any liability for online content posted on its website.

Mummert agreed that the teen girl had endured "horrific victimization" as a result of underage prostitution. Yet he stated, "Congress has declared such websites to be immune from suits arising from such injuries. It is for Congress to change the policy that gave rise to such immunity."

Last year, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster joined with 20 other attorneys general in calling on Backpage.com to purge its "adult services" classified advertising section. Koster and his peers argued that the website was being used for the sexual trafficking of women and children.

Child advocates and federal law enforcement authorities had partial success last year in convincing the popular, yet similarly slimy website Craigslist, to eliminate its "adult services" section.

It is high time for Congress to amend the Communications Decency Act to eliminate immunity for online companies that knowingly permit their sites to be used for sexual trafficking and prostitution.

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RECIPES FROM THE CHURCH COOKBOOK

Stew For 100 People

- 20 lbs. stew meat (cook 20 minutes)**
- 3 lbs. onions, chopped in blender with 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 bunches of celery**
- 4 lbs. carrots
- 10 lbs. potatoes**
- 4 tbsp. salt in meat while cooking
- 1 head of lettuce**
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 4 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce**
- 1 quart tomato juice
- 2 tbsp. sweet basil**
- 4 tbsp. brown sugar (more if needed)

Cook meat and skim off fat. Cook and salt with Lawry's seasoning salt to meat. Add all other ingredients. Simmer until flavors are well blended.

Chili for 100 people

- 25 lbs. hamburger, browned and drained**
- 3 lbs. onions, chopped or blended with 1 1/2 cups water
- 4 quarts. Tomato juice**
- 5 small cans tomato paste
- 2 pints chili sauce**
- 6 or 7 packages chili seasoning
- 1/4 cups Worcestershire sauce**
- 2 tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 tbsp. sweet basil**
- Brown sugar to taste (start with 1/2 cup)
- 12 cans chili beans**
- 4 tbsp. vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder**
- Lawry's seasoning salt to taste

Simmer slowly for 2 hours adding water if needed. Thicken to desired consistency with cracker meal.

Hot Cocoa for 50 people

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| 1 1/2 lbs. sugar | 9 quarts milk (hot) |
| 1/2 lb. cocoa | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | Marshmallow or whipped cream, if desired |
| 1 quart water | |

Mix the sugar, cocoa and salt. Add water; mix until smooth. Heat to boiling point. Boil for 3 minutes. Add this mixture to the hot milk. Makes about 2 1/2 gallons.

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