

Letter to the Editor

A Warning to America

I don't understand how it could happen, but our Country is in the worst mess it has ever been in. We hear of the atrocities in the Ukraine and other places and think it couldn't possibly happen here. But we have in our Country a group who are bent on persecuting and destroying America as we know it.

America has been fortunate--we have had only 2 attacks on our soil (Pearl Harbor and 911) in 100 years. Most people have no comprehension of what it is like to be attacked or occupied. They think it couldn't possibly happen in this Country. But it can, and it will, if things don't change. God warned the Nation of Israel through Old Testament prophets that although they were going through all the religious ceremonies and motions, their hearts were far from Him and their actions didn't mean anything. Like Israel, we Americans are busy living our self-centered lives and not trying to keep evil from spreading and not trying to carry the Gospel to a lost and desperate world. I know that I myself can't do all that I should be doing, and I am not trying to condemn anyone; I am just trying to get people to think about what is going on. I know most people would like for me to just shut up and be quiet, but something within me compels me to keep trying to warn people.

The Christian people in this Country could make a lot of difference in what is going on. Regardless of what revisionist "history" books may say, our Country was founded by Christian gentlemen, George Washington, for one. When he

was leading his troops during the bitter winter at Valley Forge, he had no funds to get food and medicine for the soldiers, much less to pay them. The surrounding towns couldn't furnish buildings for the troops to stay in, so the soldiers built log huts. Congress had no money; Continental script was worthless because it had no backing (like our money is becoming today). In spite of making one of his own officers to be commissary general, and scrounging all the food they could get, he still lost 2000 men to disease, privation, and frostbite; men who had volunteered to fight for their freedom but died before they ever fired a shot. Every day Washington went into a grove of trees to pray. After much prayer, he wrote in desperation to his friend Robert Morris, a former member of the Continental Congress, telling him that he desperately needed \$50,000 for food, medicine, and back pay for his soldiers. Morris was not a wealthy man and didn't have the funds to help. But one night while attending an all night prayer vigil in Philadelphia, Morris felt the urge to leave around midnight. He went house to house to all his friends, neighbors, and fellow merchants, pleading with them for help for the cause. By the end of the next day, he had raised the \$50,000 for Washington's army. This was one more example of God's answers to earnest prayer, and also of how one person led of God can make a difference.

After several more miraculous occurrences, we finally won the Revolution after 8 long years. George Washington stayed the

course. He took no salary for his service; he paid his own expenses. He was offered a kingship, but flatly turned it down, reminding the people that this was what we had just fought to gain our independence from. After the war he resigned his position and went home. Later, when he was prevailed upon to become President, his very first act after taking the oath of office in Federal Hall in New York City was to walk down the street with his Cabinet to St. Paul's Church, where they knelt in prayer and dedicated this Country to God. And God has blessed us for over 200 years.

But somehow down through the years we have stopped being a republic governed by the people, and have become a socialized democracy run by a group of ill-informed (although not totally uneducated) people who have taken us far from our original Christian purposes. For some time we have seen the same globalist rabble getting re-elected to office, and then we wonder why things don't ever get better. We have forgotten what God told Israel in II Chronicles 7:14, "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 sin, and will heal their land." If the Christian people all over this country would seek God in all sincerity, perhaps He would hear from Heaven and heal our land. This means not only praying, but educating ourselves and others to what is happening, who is running for offices, and what those people really stand for. We need to quit electing people on a popularity basis or listening to the ones who have the most money, and start voting for honest, loyal, Christian Americans who will not compromise their principles.



All-State! Robert Lee High School golfers, Mackenzie Galicia (left) and Braylee Hood, were recently named to the 2022 Texas High School Girls All-State Golf Team.

This goes for national, state, and local positions. Also remember that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Those of us who claim to be Christians should be trying to share the Gospel with a lost, troubled, and dying world. We know what the problems are, but most politicians won't try to correct them because there is too much money coming to them under the table. We need to vote them out and replace them after 2 terms of office, before they get so entrenched in the system that they are bought and paid for by those who don't have our Country's best interests in their hearts. (Someone once said politicians are like diapers--they need to be changed often, and for the same reason!) Know whom you are voting for. Don't just listen to the rhetoric; take time to check it all out. If you are too busy and don't do it, you are likely settling for someone who is not qualified to lead and to make decisions about your future.

The reason our Country has been so blessed is simple. God chose Israel, but from our

beginning America chose God. The first settlers sought freedom to worship God. During the Great Awakening that occurred during the 1740's through the 1760's, America chose God. When we got too busy or too well off and started forgetting God, we suffered calamities. So it is up to us as individuals to make our decisions as to whom we will follow. The Founding Fathers, our forefathers, and our fathers and relatives dedicated and sacrificed their lives and their blood so that we could have the freedom to worship and live as we do now. We owe an enormous debt to them not to let what they fought for slip through our hands. As time passes, we will be held accountable and the debt will be paid one way or another. Will we bow our necks and go our own way, or will we submit to God's leading in our lives? God is merciful and long-suffering, but not forever. The warning has been given; the decision is in our hands, and we may not have much longer to make it.

J.B. Pentecost

SALARIES FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS SET BY COURT

(beginning October 1, 2022, previous fiscal year - includes Longevity)

NAME	2021-22 SALARY	PROPOSED 2022-23 SALARY
Hal Spain, County Judge	\$35,219.04	\$37,698.17
Hal Spain, State Supplement	\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00
Donald Robertson, Commissioner, Precinct 1	\$35,628.64	\$38,161.64
Paul Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 2	\$35,748.64	\$38,281.64
Marshall Millican, Commissioner, Precinct 3	\$36,228.64	\$38,701.64
Joe Sefcik, Commissioner, Precinct 4	\$35,748.64	\$38,281.64
Nick Arrott, County Attorney	\$33,865.44	\$36,275.02
Nick Arrott, State Supplement	\$25,665.84	\$25,665.84
Josie Dean, Tax Assessor/Collector	\$34,465.44	\$36,815.02
Wayne McCutchen, Sheriff	\$44,163.12	\$47,191.54
Monica Reyes, County & District Clerk	\$33,880.44	\$36,290.02
Therese Emert, County Treasurer	\$33,564.44	\$36,155.02
JPs and CONSTABLES		
Russell Johnson, JP Precinct 1	\$34,040.44	\$36,450.02
Marty Boyd, Constable, Precinct 1	\$19,110.54	\$20,385.28



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Robert Lee Court House
Wed, August 2nd 2pm-4pm



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Bronte Health and Rehab Center
900 S. State Street, Bronte, TX 76933

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, August 1, 2022

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