

# **Storming the Castle**

## **Guardians of Freedom Field Manual**

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### **The Problem Facing America**

America is in crisis and we are experiencing the consequences of turning from God as He gives this nation over to godlessness and godless people who have perverted, ignored and rebelled against His truth and the American covenant that was made with Him by our forefathers when our nation was first established and by which God mightily blessed it for many years. The falling away has continued to increase over the last two decades and is now at arriving at a crescendo where God will completely turn His back on America and only a few persecuted faithful followers will remain as lights and the only hope for America.

Spiritual darkness is spreading across our nation and the whole world because of the godless philosophies, practices, religions, and worldviews proliferating in all areas of society, including our churches and especially our educational system reaching the very depths of moral depravity by murdering the unborn. It came in gradually, under the radar, seeping and oozing in from false teachings and false prophets and godless philosophies. The false prophets who introduced hellish ideas such as humanism, materialism, Marxism, communism and many other godless beliefs that entice men and women to turn to idolatry, rejecting the God who undergirded this nation in the beginning through our godly forefathers who God used to begin this nation so we would be one nation under God, indivisible, with justice for all.

### **God's wrath on America's Failure**

#### **What does God say?**

<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. <sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup>In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their

error.<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.<sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,<sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;<sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.<sup>32</sup> Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:18-32

<sup>5</sup> But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup> God "will repay each person according to what they have done."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. <sup>8</sup> But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. <sup>9</sup> There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>11</sup> For God does not show favoritism. Romans 2:5-11

There are hundreds of scriptures in God's Word that warns us of God's judgment and wrath on those who would forsake or reject Him and His way that He has given man in His Word. It is coming and it is here now. Nobody will escape the impact of God's wrath and we as believers in God will certainly be affected by the godlessness and persecution that is taking place and our future generations as well. If we as believers have drifted away from God and have become strangers to Him, it will not bode well for us or our children.

### **What Happened to America?**

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke. The problem is simple. Good men stood by and did nothing while evil men pressed with their godless ideologies and persuaded a nation to follow them. Father's stopped being the fathers and husbands God created them to be. The church became more and more materialistic, chasing after their prosperity, fun and pleasurable experiences, preoccupied with moves, social networks, godless books, music, arts and entertainment. God became just a side gig for most of the church as the ideologies of humanism and materialism crept in through the seminaries and colleges.

The passion for Jesus began to evaporate. The passion for lost souls and making disciples that walk as Jesus walked turned into a plethora of bible studies, sermons and Christian activities that were as dead as the spiritually dead churches that orchestrated them. Many have become the walking dead in regards to spiritual life that comes through a personal and active relationship with Jesus.

The enemy took great advantage of this opportunity to invade the dying church and put in teachers and ministers who preached and taught the people what they wanted to hear. Sin became a byword and humanistic teachings replaced sin and the cross with "God is love". So don't worry about anything. We are all children of God and we must work toward self improvement and satisfying lives by doing what we think will make us happy". The gospel of prosperity found it beginning in these false and godless ideals.

Perversion, drug abuse, sex trafficking, immorality, killing of babies, and a church that has become complacent and disconnected from our nation and the government which is owned and operated by the elite 1% who now own 90% of the wealth on this planet. The church sits idly by as their anger and fear continue to grow, grumbling and complaining while acting judgmental and critical, yet very few understand the true root of America's failure and even less understanding of what can and must be done.

## Where We Came From

What was the state of our nation during the early days when our nation was founded and established on a sound belief in God's providence and blessings and the wisdom and principles of moral living according to the Bible?

- The divine providence of God was a way of life for the settlers and infused all their activities and how they lived their lives and it was the basis for the foundational documents for our nation.
- Education of children was done by parents, the church and schools where the Bible was the primary book used for teaching right living, attitudes and beliefs that formed a respectful, grateful, peace loving community where there was unity, cooperation, looking after one another and foremost thanks giving and honor to God who made it all possible.
- Tribulation and troubles were simply opportunities to exercise faith, patience, and trust in a benevolent and gracious God who provided for all their needs.
- Godless ideals and philosophies were left behind in England as they sought to build a country that would not have a government controlled church and where freedom of religion would be honored for all.
- Because of a strong belief in the Word of God and God's wisdom in the bible God helped them craft a document that is miraculous and has stood solid for over 200 years to guide our nation and keep the forces of evil and their ideologies from swarming in.
- Families were strong and connected. Fathers fulfilled their responsibilities to be the fathers and husbands God designed them to be and to provide for their families while making the home a safe place. The women likewise fulfilled their roles as mothers and home makers. Having and raising children and teaching and disciplining them was the normal way of living.
- The government was run by godly men who lived honorable lives according to God's principles and the teachings of Jesus in the bible. Prayer and thanksgiving to God was a normal part of running the government seeking His wisdom and providence for the American people. I am sure if the founding fathers were looking at our government now, it would be in unbelief. They managed government finances so that those who had more money helped more.
- Church was very important to all Americans and almost all were protestant who believed in God and followed the teachings of the bible in regards to how to live and treat others. Most everyone went to church on Sunday and charity and helping those in need in the community was commonly practiced.
- Money was not the driving force for living. They worked hard and provided enough so that everyone had food, clothing and shelter. Their main joy and satisfaction was in God who gave them glad hearts and love for one another.

- There was no concept of abortion or killing babies in the womb. Women wanted babies. There was no attitude of unwanted children for convenience and rape was so rare that when it did occur, the baby was never destroyed.
- There was no police force. Everyone watched out for everyone else and citizens took care of lawlessness and a court would determine if laws were broken and what the prescribed punishment would be. The military was made up of men in the community of had weapons for defending the community against attack from outside forces.
- They accurately maintained records and documents, many which exist today that show how they lived and made decisions and who they attributed their providence to – God, the creator and sustainer of all things.
- Immorality was not accepted and resulted in community disapproval and rejection of the person if they did not turn from their sin. The idea of men wanting to be women and women wanting to be men was not even in their thinking. Homosexuality was considered immoral and unacceptable because it was outside of God's standard.
- There was very little media and entertainment. No TV, movie theaters or videos, no cell phones, no laptops, no internet, no magazines or books except rarely. The bible was the main source of reading and was broad enough to offer many hours of interesting stories and learning how God created them to live. They were very happy without those things and found life meaningful and purposeful because of their love and trust in God.
- Financial greed was miniscule if at all. Some had more than others, but it was not at the expense of others, taking advantage of others or being dishonest and hoarding their wealth.
- There was no divided nation. There was unity of faith and a trust in God to help them resolve differences or needs. No riots, looting or violence to push one's agenda. There was very little racism and even toward the Indians who they were interested in treating fairly so they would perhaps be converted to God. Government leaders were elected by the people then as now, but there were not all the special interest groups and bribes going on by big corporations and conglomerates. Leaders still believed in and trusted God to help them guide this nation.
- There was no elitist group accumulating wealth and power to control the people. Most money went to build the country and improve the way of life.

## What Must Change to Change Our Nation

- We identify the root causes and break them down to their simplest components.
- Prioritize the components and start with the ones having the greatest negative impact on people and understanding that a good nation begins with good people.
- Formulate initiatives to attack each component beginning with the critical ones first.

### Root Causes (impacts all the mountains of society)

- Godless world views adopted by people, including many Christians – humanism, materialism, Marxism etc.
- Christians not living Christian - complacency of Christians (the church) and their families – don't know, don't care, too busy, too distracted, ignorant of God's Word, ignoring God and His Word, at a loss as to what to do and angry about what is happening.
- Forgotten roots of our nation – what our nation was founded on. Intentional removal from history of our founding fathers and founding principles.

Each of these causes have many components, all of which are identifiable and can be attacked and destroyed God's way with His truth and His power.

- Children continue to be murdered in the womb.
- Our Christian heritage through the founding fathers is being eradicated as it is removed from the government and schools.
- Our history books are being rewritten to exclude or include only events that suit the enemies of righteousness.
- Right is being called wrong and wrong is being called right.
- The church has been neutralized and has become ineffective in combating the wave of darkness sweeping the country as even many churches have embraced liberalism and humanism and exchanged the truth of God for a lie.

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.” Jude verse 3 New King James

What is the root of the problem for believing citizens in our nation today?

- James Madison, our fourth president said, “We have staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it, but on the Ten Commandments of God.”
- Andrew Johnson, our 17th president said, “Our republic rests on the Rock of Scripture.”
- Patriotism, religious faith, having children and other priorities that helped define the national character for generations are receding in importance to Americans," The Wall Street Journal's Aaron Zitner
  - Patriotism is very important: *Dropped from 70% to 38%.*
  - Religion is very important: *Dropped from 62% to 39%.*
  - Having children is very important: *Dropped from 59% to 30%.*
  - Community involvement is very important: *Dropped from 47% to 27%.*
  - Money is very important: *Rose from 31% to 43%.*
- Current Quinnipiac poll: 58% of Americans say “The nation’s democracy is in danger of collapse.”
- Pastor John McArthur: We are not waiting for God’s judgment, we are in it!”
- "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." Inaugural Address, Washington, DC, 1/20/53 President Eisenhower
- George Washington: It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible.”
- "However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion." George Washington.
- Symptoms of a culture moving towards collapse that has historically befallen many other nations and cultures include (from the Summit training guide):

- Many warning signs from cultural leaders and watchers of society who are seeing the degradation of society are appearing.
- Corruption in the government – government no longer of the people by the people for the people
- Collapse of the family
- Erasure and revision of history
- Failure to manage the inflow of illegal immigrants (5 million in 2 years)
- Failure of fair and free elections
- Economic decline, rich getting richer and middle class and poor getting poorer.
- A divided nation: blue versus red setting stage for social chaos, racial strife
- Defunding of law enforcement and weakening of military
- Acceptance and support of sexual perversion (trannies, homosexuality, etc)
- Media controlled by the government and the rich to say only what they want us to hear
- Rioting and violence increasing
- "...arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness."  
George Washington

## **Executive Orders**

These are order that the President can initiate and become law to states and federal offices, but not directly to citizens. The states and federal offices can then implement those laws that are then binding on citizens in the state or federal jurisdiction. President Biden has signed 121 executive orders.

There is no specific provision in the United States Constitution for Executive Orders. However, Section 1 of Article II (the Executive Power) is generally viewed as granting authority for such orders. Section 1 says simply: "The Executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America." Sections 3 and 4 of Article II provide potential limitations on executive action (including Executive Orders) in stating that the President shall "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed" and in providing for impeachment and removal of the President in cases where the President is convicted of "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

## **History of our Nation**

Importance of history about our roots as a nation and how that factual history can counter the lies and omissions about how our nation was established so it can be clear how far it has fallen.





## The Seven Mountain of Cultural Influence

**What Must We Do:** Understand what we are up against and what righteous men can and must do to counter this wave of darkness.

There are 7 main spheres that influence society, all other influences are contained within these, and, as God is giving greater revelation in these times, we are seeing His strategy more clearly. The Promised Land, which Joshua was to occupy, had seven nations already in control that needed to be removed so that the Israelites could possess and occupy the land. Deuteronomy 7:1(GNB)

- ***The LORD your God will bring you into the land that you are going to occupy, and he will drive many nations out of it. As you advance, he will drive out seven nations larger and more powerful than you: the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.***
- Each mountain relates to a nation, as mentioned in Deuteronomy, and knowing who these nations are and what they represent reveals clues as to the ruling spiritual forces. Each mountain has controlling spirits assigned to it. Ephesians 6:12 (GNB)
- ***For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age.***
- As our battles are not against people, but against spiritual powers, it is wisdom to know the character of the enemy. Ruling powers and spirits always affect the thought life of those under their geographical sphere.
- Looking at the mountains individually will enable us to have a better understanding of its importance, its effect and the ruling spirits. As we are going to take territory on these mountains this information becomes significant.
- The Family Mountain - The family is the heart to our loving, learning, maturing and development as an individual where the father is the spiritual leader of the family and raises the family according to God's way, truth and life.
- Business Mountain- includes the management of the production, distribution and consumption of the communities' resources, goods and services. It further includes the business and the trading of those, commodities. Includes health and current health practices.
- Political Mountain - Government is the structure that governs or rules a body of people. It establishes conformity through rules, laws and regulations for the benefit of the community.
- The education Mountain - This mountain encompasses all structured education both public and private. Education is vital in society for the passing on of knowledge, skills and values and is primarily done through schools.
- Media Mountain - Media today means mass communication, of news, of information and of general communication in society, using such mediums as newspapers, magazines etc, radio, television, internet and mobile phones.
- Arts and Entertainment Mountain - It is the means to reach large numbers of people. This mountain includes arts, entertainment, sport, movies, theatre, music, fashion, electronic games and all matters that entertain or amuse us.
- Church- Spirituality often also referred to as religion is the belief in and worship of a higher power either God, or the supernatural. There are hundreds of belief groups across the globe, with the four major religions being Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. The belief of any group of people provides the cultural framework for their society.

## Reclaiming Our Spiritual and Constitutional Freedom.

What is the enemy after and what tactics and strategy are being employed? We need facts and proof, not hearsay. We ask God to show us how to counter attack the enemy's attack. ***The Bible says that when the enemy comes in like a flood the Spirit will raise up a standard against them. Isaiah 59:19***

Patience and waiting on the Lord to engineer the way and open the doors and show us what He wants us to know. What is God's perspective?

What approach in terms of God's perspective is warranted for God's people to stand against the flood of darkness? It must come from a foundation of love and justice because God is love and God is just.

Matthew says in his gospel at the end of the book that Jesus told them "as you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I commanded. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end." Matthew 28:19-20

We must have both an offensive and defensive strategy and plan. Taking back territory seized by darkness and holding on to what we seize making disciples as we go. Therefore we must learn how to use both defensive and offensive spiritual weapons.

The enemy has subtly oozed into power and control in government and we must flood back in and reclaim what rightfully belongs to the people and to regain a state of government by the people for the people beginning at the lowest levels beginning at the city level and moving up.

## Reclaiming the Seven Mountains

**What Must We Do:** Understand what we are up against and what righteous men can and must do to counter this wave of darkness.

- The Family Mountain - What can be done:
  - Create a new non-profit organization that serves an unmet community need more effectively than an existing "secular" service.
  - Start a new day care center to reach non-Christian families with inexpensive day care services.
  - Create a sporting league targeting youth in troubled areas offering an overtly Christian environment.
- Business Mountain - What can be done:
  - Discover and support new Christian Entrepreneurs
  - Praying in pairs at abortion clinics

- Encourage young Christian men to start new businesses while living at home and offer to help them.
  - If you're a successful business leader recruit coachable young entrepreneurs and help grow them in their skills and then support them in launching their new business later.
  - Franchise your business model
  - Become a business coach
  - Start a new intentional 3 generational business and use as a Kingdom resource to employ non-believers.
  - Promote Godly philanthropy with your current employer's business
  - Aspire to rise to prominence and influence within your current employer, especially in non-Christian companies.
    - Think Joseph in Egypt
    - Proceed with Kingdom principles in earthly language
    - Study, learn, self-educate and push yourself
- Political Mountain – What can be done:
    - Run for county or city office
    - Work for the campaign of a godly candidate
    - Work in the office of a state or federal representative
    - Support and receive training from Patriot Academy to become a paid Constitutional Coach ([partioracademy.com](http://partioracademy.com))
    - Create a resource of organizations dedicated to training Christians in biblical political involvement and share with churches and Christian organizations.
- The education Mountain – What can be done:
    - Run for the school board
    - Help others run for the school board
    - Become a grade-school or HS teacher and seek to serve and influence your students.
    - Become a professor
    - Create a new home school online service and promote true Christianity
    - Home school your children for some or all of their education
    - Become a school administrator and aspire work towards becoming a principle.
    - Praying in pairs at schools.
- Media Mountain – What can be done:
    - Support Christian and conservative media.
    - Use and promote quality Christian social media, GAB vs Twitter and Rumble vs YouTube.
    - Start a new YouTube and or Rumble channel focused on Christian men getting involved in political leadership and host interview from those who are.
    - DO the same but as a podcast vs YouTube format.
- Arts and Entertainment Mountain – What can be done:
    - Use and promote quality Christian films and entertainment.
    - Invest in artists and agencies creating these
    - Support Christian comedians and or become one.

- Create a new Christian film company at your local church like the Hendricks Brothers did
- Think outside the box
- Church- What can be done:
  - Being a part of a new generation of church leaders encouraging cultural leadership not escapism.
  - Become an author and speaker promoting these ideas within the pastoral leadership community.
  - Aspire to become a professor of a Christian liberal arts college and teach from this worldview.
  - Start a new pastoral training school offering ordination to teach aspiring pastors true historic Biblical Christianity and keeping the cost affordable.
  - Volunteer to lead or be part of the leadership of a men's movement group within your local church
  - Helping the local church plant new churches in nearby regions with the same culture-changing vision.
  - Helping the local church form real community-impacting ministries such as evangelism and discipleship.
  - Host a small group on servant-leadership using John Maxwell's book on the 5 levels of leadership.

The activities that can be done under each mountain are just examples of some things the men can begin to address in their own communities. But before we jump in to the shark pool it must be said that prayer, preparation and training is critically important and even more important as you will face powers and forces that are well armed, well equipped and have thousands of years of experience in spiritual battle and live and operate in the spirit realm.

The primary means of prayer, preparation and training come through discipleship. Discipleship is simply learning to walk as Jesus walked, in His power. If you are out of order in your relationship with God and/or you have not trained properly with the armor of God, you will easily be defeated by a superior enemy. Attacks will come through your work place, in your home, from your family and friends, and even from the church. The enemy knows your weaknesses, faults, failures and unconfessed sin and they will hit you hard.

But, when you are trained in the enemy tactics and learn how to recognize and counter those attacks with your armor, especially the shield of faith and sword of the spirit, you will be able to route the enemy and stand your ground. This is the importance of being disciple by an experienced guardian and working in teams of two or three. As the Bible says, if one falls, the other will help them up. Jesus sent the disciples out in 2s.

### **Ready to take action, now what? Newport Guardians directed efforts:**

Remember that our Goal is to establish Christian values in our local community

- Christian values Biblical principles (i.e what does scripture say?)

- Local is decided by you (i.e. neighborhood, town, county, state, etc)
- Community is the elements of the 7 Mountains, as presented by David Long

The first action we took was to identify the elements of each mountain within our local community. We chose to treat the Church and Family Mountains as foundations required of daily Christian life and did not include them in our scope of taking back our community. This is not to say that evangelism, discipleship and strong families aren't important to our effort, rather the opposite, that we cannot expect to restore Christian values in the remaining mountains if we don't first have strong Churches and strong Families.

Elements identified for the 5 remaining Mountains:

- Government
  - City Council
  - City Mayor
  - County Legislative Board (CLB)
  - County Mayor
  - Election Commission
  - Regional Planning Board
  - Sheriff
- Education
  - School Districts (City, County, etc)
    - Newport Grammar School
    - Cocke County
  - School Board
  - School leadership (Director, Principal, Superintendent, etc)
  - Teachers
  - Library
  - Curriculum
  - Adult led clubs
  - Student led clubs
- Arts & Entertainment
  - Theatre Guild
  - Concert Venues
  - Locally sponsored events
- Media
  - Newspaper
  - TV Stations
  - Radio Stations
- Business
  - Commerce Board
  - Small Businesses
  - Chains
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## Community Assessment

Our next step was an assessment of the presence (or lack) of Christian values in each of the above identified community elements. This was done through a combination of local knowledge, attending local meetings, asking questions, and researching. We then used this assessment to prioritize our effort in the areas with the greatest need to establish Christian values.

- Do applicable individuals have strong Christian values
  - Doer of the word vs listener vs unbeliever
  - Supporting Christian charities (vs secular)
  - Caution about judging the individual (Romans 14:10)
- Are meetings/events started in prayer to Jesus Christ?
- Any commonly banned books in the school library?
- Does the school have Christian clubs?
- Are commercials between G rated TV programming appropriate?
- Are Christian radio station(s) available?
- Are Christian themed (Christian perspective) entertainment (art, music, plays, comedians?) available?
- Are Christian businesses available (and sinful businesses absent)?

# **The Call to Discipleship and Defense of Constitutional Freedom**

## **The call to discipleship**

- To pull others from the fire and train them in godliness and righteousness.
- To make the One Thing truly the one thing in your life - Jesus.
- To become an example of godliness and righteousness and help others to learn to do the same
- To walk as Jesus walked and to be determined about making Him Lord of every part of your life.
- To learn how to walk in love, mercy, compassion, grace, kindness, goodness, patience and forgiveness.
- Be discipled and then disciple others. Every man can benefit from a mentoring disciple relationship with another man.

## **The call to defense of constitutional freedom**

- To become a concerned citizen of our nation and for Christian values and protect those from others who intend to destroy them. To learn enemy tactics and attack the enemy on their own territory.
- To protect the rights of those who cannot protect themselves.
- To follow the biblical example of many of the heroes of the Bible who chose selflessness and gave their all regardless of the consequences.
- To gather with other courageous and faithful men to encourage and be encouraged to never give up and never give in as we step out in faith to God's purpose and guidance.

First we must learn what the minimum prayer, preparation and training requirements for the local group of guardians. What level of skill and training is needed and what is the training plan for developing these skills in guardians. Getting the spiritual basic training principles in place requires simply making sure we are living what we profess to believe. Our actions and speech align up with God's perspective in the key areas of our lives.

Secondly, we must not bite off more than we can chew in regards to doing the good works of guardians towards our constitutional freedoms. We take baby steps as we learn how to participate in activities and initiatives, not getting in a hurry, hearing what God says as He engineers and leads, and getting small victories first.

The next thing is accountability to the group. If a person does not participate regularly and cannot be counted on to hold the line with the group then that can be a motivation killer for the group. So then what are the participation requirements? This will be addressed in the topic Guardians of Freedom and what that means. Those who are not ready to become guardians can still participate in some activities and tasks like discipleship and help with tasks in the group. The core guardian group of 5 to 10 men will be the elders of the men's group to plan and carry out a battle plan and recruit and train more guardians.

We must rally people who care and figure out how to get people to care and participate in maintaining our constitutional guarantees and rights? How do we get the word out and draw people to the call to defend national and spiritual freedoms.

We must design an organization that does not have a head that can be lopped off and kill the thing. We are all brothers and believers and no one can be identified as being in charge for darkness to single out except Jesus. If one man falls, someone must be there to pick up their weapon and fill the gap.

We must be about low key infiltration and rallying large numbers of guardians of freedom at any moment to go anywhere to overwhelm and overthrow the edicts of darkness. We come in like a flood when needed.

The focus is on “what will **I** do?” Christ bids me come die – will **I** go? Isaiah 6:8 “Whom shall we send and who will go for us. Then I said, here am I Lord, send me.” We rally men of courage in the strength that He gives, never drawing back, never giving in, never giving up – ever as long as there is breath in us and our heart is beating.

We must be aware of and counteract our own sins, weaknesses, faults and mistakes. These things will stand against us to keep us subdued, complacent, and not involved. These can and must be resolved in our Spirits one by one as we step out in faith, trust and obedience to follow Jesus and to walk as He walked. 1John 2:6. We choose to be disciples and walk as He walked as John states in his letter to the church.

Men can die for their country or family or friends, but am I willing to lay it all on the line for Him, the One who is in all and above all and who has absolute sovereignty over everything that exists, seen or unseen in all creation.

Our battle cry is “what are **you** going to do about it? Or what are you **doing** about it?” We must become guardians of freedom that are contending for the faith once and all delivered to the saints through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is the problem with education and what is the continuing impact on children? Children will attend school 2100 days in 12 years or 10,000 hours. What do they get out of that that is of value for their lives for their future? We must ensure school curriculum that does not discriminate – reading, writing and arithmetic to be the basis of learning and how to live in peace with others and

The topic of standing in faith for your nation is typically one that is raised during a major election. It’s at the forefront of our minds; it’s on the news; it’s what everyone is talking about. But what about the rest of the time? Are we supposed to just settle back to sleep, waiting four years for the next big election?

Absolutely not! Standing in faith for our nation is needed every day. While we work, play, cook and go about our business, the government is in motion, the courts are in session, and the laws of the land are being molded and shaped. This year, the United States is holding primary and midterm elections. While these are less publicized, they are no less meaningful. In fact, Brother Copeland says, “They’re *more* important than the presidential election.”



What does that mean for you as a Christian? Mainly this: Your participation is needed in this hour. This is not the time to draw back. As the Body of Christ, we need to be informed and keep our faith engaged.

**“When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan.” –Proverbs 29:2**

Christians and politics are a God-ordained mix. **Psalm 8:6 (NKJV)** says, **“You have made him [man] to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”** Dominion isn’t just a privilege and an honor—it is a responsibility. To have dominion is to have stewardship. We are called to be good stewards over our money, marriages, children, animals—*and* our government. And we steward our government through the voting process.

Let’s remember, and renew our commitment to the founding principles of our forefathers: the sanctity of human life, the value and dignity of the human soul, monogamous family, common decency and truthfulness, the value of the work ethic, our general freedom to own land, the principle of less government control, and our God-given right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

What legacy are we leaving for our children, the next generations? They need to be trained as guardians for the next assault on the castle so they can continue to stem the tide of darkness for their families and future generations. Commitment, loyalty, dedication and decisive action must be taught to children and train them for battle. Fathers must set the example. But first and foremost we must learn to become disciples of Christ, to walk as He walked.

***Jesus said : “greater things will you do than I have done because I go to the Father” and “if a man does not give up everything he has he cannot be my disciple”. Jesus bids us come die with Him, die to self, die to the world, die to everything that would get in the way of me dying for Him. “Though He slay me yet will I trust Him”.***



## Guardians of Freedom

Who are the Guardians of Freedom and what is their vision and purpose? A Guardian of Freedom is anyone who is part of a group of believers who have committed to watching over and guarding our spiritual freedom and our constitutional freedom, and who are ready to take action to prevent the erosion of those freedoms.

Guardians are courageous enduring watchers in our nation who are watching for any erosion or attack on our constitutional principles and especially Christian values and beliefs. They are guarding our rights and freedoms and are ready to stand against the flood of evil at any moment and willing to endure whatever befalls them.

Guardians of Freedom are men and women who have stepped up to the plate to foster and grow their own faith and obedience to Jesus Christ and are led by God to counteract the flood of darkness and evil in our land. These are those who are entering by the narrow gate, even to the death. They heard the Savior's call: come die with me.

The guardians are God's elect who have trained themselves for spiritual battle whose primary weapons are the shield of faith and the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God. They are those who love not their lives to the death, Revelations 12:11, and Hebrews 12:4 "You have not yet resisted to the shedding of your own blood".

Guardian's highest priority is their devotion, loyalty, commitment, dedication and surrender to Jesus Christ to follow Him and walk as He walked. They are true disciples of Christ who themselves are disciple makers, to teach what they have learned and to walk with those young in the faith to show them how to walk as Jesus walked so they can become the fathers, husbands, workers, and defenders of the faith and constitution and perhaps become guardians.

The purpose and vision of the guardians are to identify specific areas where our rights and freedoms are at risk or have been removed, identify the specific groups behind those movements and their tactics, and then counteract these movements by the power and wisdom God gives to rally the American people to demand a return of the government of the people, by the people and for the people.

The major areas that require vigilance are government, education, family, business, religion, arts and the media. The government has influence on all of these and any of these can influence the government. But in the end it comes down to individuals and groups of individuals who force their own agenda for their own personal desires and benefit for the purpose of gaining power and control over people.

The banner of the Guardians includes love, justice, freedom, mercy, compassion, grace, love, patience, forgiveness, honesty, integrity, kindness, goodness, self control, respect, commitment, and loyalty, in submission and surrender to the King of creation ready to die and lose everything for His sake.

Guardians are the elite of the faith, God's special forces, but not perfect by any means, but like soldiers, they are looking after each other and willing to storm the machine gun bunker even if it

may mean their time is up and will willingly go back in the heat of the battle to save a comrade. We take the role seriously, as if our lives depended on it. We must not let the future of this country or our future generations down.

Establish requirements to become a Guardian of the Faith. It must be a tight group where each man knows the other has their back and we will drop everything when necessary to back up and support Guardians. Guardians can be absolutely counted on to stand fast and put their lives on the line if called for. "Greater loves has no man than a man is willing to lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

There should be a demonstrated support of the group and when they have met the requirements they can be commended to the group for guardianship and christened in a ceremony to be a faithful and trustworthy guardian.

A guardian will pursue "The Impossible Dream" by Andy Williams

To dream the impossible dream  
To fight the unbeatable foe  
To bear with unbearable sorrow  
To run where the brave dare not go  
To right the unrightable wrong  
To love pure and chaste from afar  
To try when your arms are too weary  
To reach the unreachable star  
This is my quest to follow that star  
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far  
To fight for the right without question or pause  
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause  
And I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest  
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm  
When I'm laid to my rest  
And the world will be better for this  
That one man, scorned and covered with scars  
Still strove with his last ounce of courage  
To fight the unbeatable foe  
To reach the unreachable star

## Implementing the TGM Model

### Initial activities:

- Create a statement of purpose, goals and requirements for the group to stay focused on the things that are most important for the group. State level of commitment, devotion and loyalty expected of group members.
- Build roadmap document that identifies what needs to be done, who, when, where and what.
- Create a commitment pledge – on page of what we are about, what we agree to do about it, and how much time you are willing to commit for yourself and your family's freedom.
- Plan to announce to the church the initiative and invitation for those God calls to this work – those who care and will choose to care and join this national call to all who value freedom which many have taken for granted.
- Develop a web presence for your Chapter using web site or other means. May need tech person to help design basic website to post documents, events and to set up links.
- Create a clearing house of sites for those who are advocating for our freedoms and sites that are advocating for removing our freedoms. We need to know what our enemies are saying and doing so we can counteract their moves, like a chess game.
- Develop a communication channel that parents can be encouraged how quiz their kids on what they are being taught and a forum like Face Book or periodic meeting to discuss issues they find.
- Determine first that you will step out and learn to walk as Jesus walked and keep active in discipleship activities to help one another to walk the Walk. We need His supernatural power and Godly wisdom and His Holy Spirit leading us.
- Training – what should this look like and what are the next things we need training on to take action. We must learn our government system top to bottom and train all Guardians about this. We need to put a presence in all areas of government whether in government positions or attending board meetings. We need to learn how to implement actions for change legally at all levels. We need men to sacrifice and step forward or else it goes nowhere.
- Areas where the work must start is prayer, preparation/planning, training, then moving out smartly.
- Possibly implement a blog for comments, suggestions, relaying new information etc. Contact list with emails and phone numbers of group members for the private web site.
- Develop a group branding and rallying identity so when we are out and about or in church so people know who are the members, who are the guardians. Consider a name like Guardians of Freedom with requirements for being part of the group are considerations. Possibly hats for out and about and some identification when attending church activities so people know who the guardians are and promotes interaction and possibly attracting others to the cause.
- Create a church library of relevant books that can be checked out and read by the group. Someone can do a reader's digest summary of the book's main points to document. A basic requirement is for members to continually read and educate themselves in the Bible and anything related to the government..

- We agree to keep the time established to meet as sacred and not schedule other things during that time and let our fellow Guardians know when something has come up. We must be able to depend on each other's support and everyone is encouraged when everyone participates regularly and contributes to the work.
- Educate men by having a summit/meeting to make them aware of the problem (capture Rick's last sermon and build a library of presentations and links.) Do educational presentations in churches and for other groups who may be interested until you have a handful of men who get inspired.
- Invite men to our group from other cities and churches there to educate them and motivate them to start in their city.
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- Document all information from watchers and build information base in regards to government agencies. What was watched, researched, explored and any actions taken. Assign 2 people to be recorders to build the information base.
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- Build a list of issues identified that need to be explored and rectified and problem solve to see what the possible options are. Commit to 1 hour a day minimum to Guardians of Freedom activities and work. Make it a priority over everything except God. If we are not willing to sacrifice for Him, what are we doing? Remember, Jesus bids us come die with Him. So, die!
- Establish a contribution process where others can contribute to the program to help fund PR and campaigns, PR materials, conferences etc..
- Discipleship training – what is needed, who needs it, who should do it, how should it be done.
- Initiate training on the US Constitution and our government.

### **Recurring activities:**

- Weekly meeting agenda – what do we want to do. What are our goals for the following week – who is going to do what?
- Review some of the scriptures in this document every week and parts that we need to be reminded of each week
- Leadership is foremost leading our own lives by the Holy Spirit and leading others by the same Spirit. Another important aspect is leading by example. Leading primarily means leadership over one's self and being an example to others and encouraging them to take the initiative and follow God's leading..
- Review periodically where we are and where we have come and communicate that to the community. Watch out for complacency and apathy, two weapons that the enemy will employ against us. Keep doubt and fear in check.
- Keep fanning the flame and adding wood to the fire to the cause and to each other and evangelizing others to the cause. Making sure each member is of the faith, that they are saved, baptized and walking as Jesus walked.
- What are you going to do, what do you want to do, what can you do, and what is the Lord showing you to do? What do you have a passion for or willing to develop a passion for God's work.

- Stay connected, stay praying for each other.
- Maybe get a statue of Founding Fathers monument to have available during our meetings to remind us and review the founding principles.
- Keep a prayer list for specific things we are asking God to do, to do the impossible and recording what God has and is doing. Everyone steps in to carry the load. Whatever you can do you should do because many hands make the burden light. Volunteer to lead or help in an initiative. One person cannot do it alone. 3 people can become a cord of 3 strands which is not easily broken. Many groups of several men working toward the same vision and interconnected by God's Spirit can move mountains. Jesus said "If you say to this mountain, be removed and cast in the sea and you believe it, it will be done for you by my Heavenly father" Mark 11:23
- Commitment of time and resources to the cause such as an hour a day or 3 hours a week to educate yourself by reviewing links, reading a book, or working on assigned tasks.
- Follow up with members who are struggling. Contact them and encourage them into a mentoring disciple relationship if not already in one.
- Create and maintain a checklist/project plan for the next 12 months of activities/steps .
- Create and regularly review Chapter requirements, vision, and the field manual.
- Periodic working group meeting 2 – 4 hours to chart direction, strategies, and next events and include partner organizations when possible. Begin building a project plan identifying the requirements for what needs to be done, who, when, and what.
- Schedule of all events related to local elections, as to when the elections happen and what are the dates things need to be put in motion to take an office in local government. Since they don't happen very often we need a long term plan for infiltrating local government where it seems appropriate.
- Have a periodic ceremony to accept new Guardians of Freedom and pray over them and their families.
- Build rapport with Christian and conservative teachers to get input on what they are seeing.
- Regularly coordinate with groups like Moms for Liberty. They have 250 chapters and are infiltrating local schools so we want to make sure we are complementing them if they are in our local area and not working against them.
- Continue to educate ourselves first so we are not operating from ignorance. Know the enemy's strength and weaknesses. Assess our own strength and weaknesses, our resources and assets and finally our willingness to sacrifice and step out in faith. In a war an army has generals and sergeants, then infantry and weapons, then engineers, cooks, radio operators and many other functions. Everyone can do something.
- Prayer together regularly Holy Spirit led approach based on God's perspective and expectation according to His Word. What would you have us to do Lord? Pray for God to show us what He want us to know and then submit our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit and then just do what we believe we should do. We will trust God to check us somehow if we are off track on something.
- Assign links to individuals who can research the links and provide information about their mission, how we might partner with them.
- We recite a code of commitment each time we meet to remind each other what we are there for and what we need to doing. We need a charter that lays out what we are about and what we are committing to as Guardians of Freedom.

- Continue to grow the Chapter. When you build a fire you get some kindling wood and add wood as the fire grows, making it hotter and giving more light and warmth which will warm and light others who will catch the vision.
- Accountability. We do what we say and hold each other accountable to uphold our code of ethics and standard of life and work we commit to. Some will be a flash-in-the-pan supporter while others will come and go, expect this. The core group will grow slowly at first but we continue to build the core of faithful men who will not give in or give up and will keep on keeping on regardless of circumstances or situations in their personal lives.
- We enlist women to help with tasks whenever possible. They can reach out to women's organizations for PR and help carry the load. They can also run for public office and do presentations to other women meetings.
- "Our weapons are not carnal but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds, taking every thought captive to make it obey Christ" 2 Corinthians 2:5 and we "take the whole armor of God whereby we can stand in the battle". Ephesians 6:10-18. We are in a spiritual fight and must train and fight with spiritual weapons or we will end up just beating the air.
- Prioritize the work since early on there may be a limited number of men who enlist. What things are critical, then important, and then routine. Work the critical tasks first.
- Remind ourselves we that we might make some mistakes along the way, but as we are led by the Holy Spirit, walking in the Spirit and living by the spirit and as we walk in faith and live by faith God will work through us to accomplish His will We will stay courageous, strong, dedicated, committed, surrendered, submissive drawing all the time on God's power to break the bands of wickedness.

### **Future Initiatives**

- Build a list of all liberties that have been lost or are being attacked up to and including every law the law makers have implemented, changed, removed over the last 10 years pertaining to the 7 mountains.
- Make a prayer trip to the forefathers monument to pray there and have a devotion to make it more real and impacting.

### **Areas to consider when developing initiatives.**

- What are the current issues with Cocke County education approach? Is current curriculum what parents see as most important for their children and does not undermine Christian values or religious freedom.
- Find who the liberals and conservatives are Newport and Cocke County. We need to know their views and where they stand on important issues related to local government. If possible, identify who of these are Christians in a local church.
- Areas include education board, library board, city council, county governing bodies and then state. Attend meetings, take notes and bring back concerns to the group



- How to bring the facts to light and educate people on what is happening and how to make options available for people based on what is impacting them? Ask people: What are **you** willing to do about it?
- Outline the structure of the US government and the path to government positions above state level. Who has been voting for what and develop a plan to get votes toward those who are voting for what the people want, not what the government wants.
- Outline the Cocke County and Newport political government structure, all the offices and all the people on boards, councils and in government offices. Offensive actions should start with planning, identifying possible targets, our own resources, and then a training program for educating and building spiritual faith and strength and getting believers in government roles.
- Recruit people who have knowledge and experience in operating in a political environment. Jeremy, Vaughn to help craft strategy and approach. We must understand the political mindset so we can learn how to work the system effectively.
- Document how to get a city or county position – where to start. What is the process and timelines for various positions? Create a plan and timeline for applying for such positions and learn how to campaign.
- Canvass those in our group who can take on a candidate positions in a government office and begin training and PR program.
- We must partner with other organizations to find opportunities to impact children from grade level through college.. To impact students directly and indirectly to counter substance abuse and family dysfunction, peer relationships etc.
- Have a commitment ceremony of sorts for those who would say “here am I Lord, send me.”
- Develop a brand and banner to identify Guardians of Freedom and to remind us of our commitment to the Lord and each other.
- Develop a roster of who will be doing what and to record successes to share with other believers.
- Build a replicable process with checklists and what to do and how to do it, soup to nuts and folks who can go along with other churches, cities and states to help them do the same thing.
- Assign watchers and identify all the things we should be watching, anything anywhere that can affect people’s rights.
- Each member focus on a particular area and do internet searches on things related to those areas. Start attending all government meetings open to the public and review their websites. Initially the goal is presence and watching, then action as needed. Go in twos at least and at times may require everyone to show up for something that is critical.

- When elections or voting or issues come up, we need to examine the issues and candidates, no matter what level of government and inform and rally all of us to stand for or against those who undermine our freedom and rights.
- Historical review of any changes to the Constitution such as amendments or changing the wording.
- Historical review of the founding fathers statue, what it means and how to get it back in the public view.
- Understand tools that can be used such as boycotts and they might be incorporated? And when might they be appropriate to use?
- Canvass citizens in Newport what they care about or things they believe need to be changed. It is government by the people for the people. Find out what the people want and get contact information and have forum when people can be made aware and do petitioning.
- Do presentations to churches and other possible places to garner support and volunteers.
- Build a petition database so petitions can be done quickly with large numbers of supporters.
- Have several men who can be presenters and build pertinent presentations so it does not all fall on a couple individuals



## **Additional scriptures:**

Job 12:13-25

To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.  
What he tears down cannot be rebuilt; those he imprisons cannot be released.  
If he holds back the waters, there is drought; if he lets them loose, they devastate the land.  
To him belong strength and insight; both deceived and deceiver are his.  
He leads rulers away stripped and makes fools of judges.  
He takes off the shackles put on by kings and ties a loincloth<sup>1</sup> around their waist. He leads priests away stripped and overthrows officials long established.  
He silences the lips of trusted advisers and takes away the discernment of elders. He pours contempt on nobles and disarms the mighty.  
He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings utter darkness into the light.  
He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them.  
He deprives the leaders of the earth of their reason; he makes them wander in a trackless waste.  
They grope in darkness with no light; he makes them stagger like drunkards.

Romans 1:21-22,28-32

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools. Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>3</sup>slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Psalms 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

Romans 8:1

“If God is for us who can be against us”

Recognize and claim God's promise that “If My people ... will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” 2 Chronicles 7:14

You do not have because you do not ask. (James 4:2)

In everything by prayer...let your requests be made known to God... (Philippians 4:6)

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. (Matthew 18:19-20)

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Ephesians 6:16-18)

“I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:18-19)

“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-11)  
Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.” (Luke 10:19)

“That the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may KNOW [experience] what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...” (Ephesians 1:17-19)

“Where there is no revelation, or prophetic insight, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.” (Proverbs 29:18)

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his field.” (Matthew 9:38)

“I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” (Philippians 1:9-11)

We keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

And now, O Lord... give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your

holy servant Jesus. After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:29-31)

“For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn’t believe even if someone told you about it.” (Acts 13:41)

“Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one...May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

Nehemiah 1 :5-11 Then I said: “LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup>let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. <sup>7</sup>We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, <sup>9</sup>but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’<sup>10</sup>“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. <sup>11</sup>Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

Psalms 22:28 “for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Acts 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

Philippians 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Psalms 9:20 Put them in fear, O LORD; Let the nations know that they are but men. Selah.

Deuteronomy 2:25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, will tremble and be in anguish because of you.’

Isaiah 49:26 I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 7:23 But the LORD your God will deliver them before you, and will throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.

Leviticus 26:8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase **ten thousand**, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

## Local Government Websites

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<https://www.newportcockecountychamber.com/> Cocke County Chamber of Commerce  
<https://cockecountypartnership.com/> A partnership that includes Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Tourist Development, and Cradel to Career

<https://www.newportgrammar.org/> Motto: Learning and working toward a higher standard. Check out the links option to see what they are teaching.

[https://www.cityofnewport-tn.com/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={D51439E6-47F0-46B5-91CD-0E4E66A0F0A6}](https://www.cityofnewport-tn.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={D51439E6-47F0-46B5-91CD-0E4E66A0F0A6}) City of Newport charters, policies and ordinances. Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 at city hall.

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<https://nhatoday.com/> Newport Housing Authority

<https://www.cockecountytn.gov/> Cocke County Website

<https://www.newportcityschools.org/schoolboard> Board meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in addition to special board meetings but does not state time or if public attendance is allowed 301 College St, Newport Tn 37821 Phone 423-625-0686.

<https://cockecountyschools.org/our-district/board-of-education/>

Keep Cocke County Beautiful board meeting Tuesday 7/11 12-1PM and Tuesday 8/8 12-1PM 115 Mulberry St Newport (every second Tuesday of the month) -Cole

Cocke County Health Council Meeting 7/18 12-1PM third Tuesday each month. (Note: Healthcare providers, social service workers, teachers, representatives of community agencies and organizations and volunteers – networking and project oriented group) – Cole

## Links to explore: Organizations and articles

<https://davidjeremiah.blog/8-habits-that-are-destroying-your-walk-with-god/>

<https://davidjeremiah.blog/7-steps-to-a-closer-walk-with-god/>

<https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/classic/164/> (Your Nation Can Be Changed)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/04/america-politics-religion/618072/>

(America Without God)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/04/america-politics-religion/618072/> (For the Health of the Nation)

<https://www.cru.org/> Campus Crusade for Christ

<https://forwardjustice.org>

<https://www.evangelicalsfordemocracy.org/>

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>

<https://ccda.org/justice-initiatives/>

<https://www.evangelicalsfordemocracy.org/>

<https://adflegal.org/> (Alliance Defending Freedom)

<https://www.christianlegalsociety.org/>

**The Leadership Institute** Offers a lot of training to conservative activists and people seeking to run for public office, school board, etc.

<https://www.axios.com/2023/03/28/america-core-values-economy-poll>

<https://firstliberty.org/news/what-is-the-state-of-our-nation/>

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/09/21/most-republicans-support-declaring-the-united-states-a-christian-nation-00057736>

<https://inspiremykids.com/united-we-stand-divided-we-fall/>

<https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/seven-ten-americans-say-country-crisis-risk-failing>

<https://usafacts.org/> Our nation in numbers

<https://www.usnews.com/news/the-report/articles/2022-07-15/anxiety-grows-among-americans-as-crisis-after-crisis-spirals-out-of-control>

<https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/eisenhowers/quotes> **Quotes of Eisenhower**

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/apr/05/demise-of-the-nation-state-rana-dasgupta> **New**

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/past-projects/quotes/> **Quotes of George Washington**

<https://www.brainyquote.com/lists/authors/top-10-thomas-jefferson-quotes> **Quotes of Thomas Jefferson**

<https://www.brainyquote.com/lists/authors/top-10-benjamin-franklin-quotes> **Quotes of Benjamin Franklin**

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/john-adams-quotes> **Quotes of John Adams**

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/alexander-hamilton-quotes> **Quotes of Alexander Hamilton**

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/james-madison-quotes> **Quotes of James Madison**

<https://adflegal.org/article/teach-us-number-our-days-response-pride-month> Countering pride month.

Interesting articles from Alliance Defending Freedom website. They have a whole library of such articles.

<https://adflegal.org/article/heres-how-equality-act-threatens-your-freedom>

<https://adflegal.org/article/psychologist-dr-james-cantor-details-harms-transitioning-kids>



<https://adflegal.org/article/parental-notification-policies-keep-children-safe>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/gods-not-dead-2-legal-cases-inspired-film>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/bryan-co-substitute-teacher-diversity-depends-trust-which-why-i-sued-district>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/gender-support-plans-trample-parental-rights>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/biden-administration-chooses-gender-ideology-over-feeding-kids>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/how-fight-politicization-business>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/live-not-lies> Addresses department of education  
<https://adflegal.org/article/brownsburg-teacher-lost-his-job-due-scotus-flawed-interpretation-title-vii>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/attack-our-independent-judiciary>  
<https://adflegal.org/article/what-alliance-defending-freedom> What ADF is about.  
<https://momsforliberty.org/> Moms for Liberty welcomes all that have a desire to stand up for parental rights at all levels of government.  
<https://www.tnrtl.org/> (Tennessee Right to Life web site)

## Books Related to Christians and the Government

Kaitlyn Schiess, *The Liturgy of Politics: Spiritual Formation for the Sake of Our Neighbor*  
Augustine, *City of God*  
Richard John Neuhaus, *American Babylon*  
Francis Beckwith, *Defending Life*  
Tony Evans, *Kingdom Politics: Returning God to Government*  
Jack Meador, *In Search of the Common Good: Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World*  
John Pollock, *Wilberforce: God's Statesman*  
Carl R. Trueman, *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*  
Nathan Busenitz and James Coates, *God vs. Government: Taking a Biblical Stand When Christ and Compliance Collide*  
Voddie T. Baucham, *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe*  
Owen Strachan, *Christianity and Wokeness: How the Social Justice Movement Is Hijacking the Gospel - and the Way to Stop It*  
Chris Hedges, *American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America*  
Tom Sheppard, *Godvernment: Government As God*  
Emmanuel Ihim, *Politics and Government: The Christian Perspective*

## Forefathers National Monument Symbolism

The National Monument of the Forefathers in Plymouth, MA was built to honor the Pilgrim forefathers that landed in Plymouth in 1620. The monument provides great symbolism and relation for many of the basic principles of true freedom. It is a stunning 81ft tall granite monument and the symbolism is astounding. The five main figures are Faith, Morality, Law, Education, and Liberty. Each one teaches us certain aspects of freedom.

**Faith** is the primary figure and largest at 36 feet tall. Faith's right hand points us towards God and she holds a Geneva Bible in her left hand. She has the star of knowledge on her forehead and her foot firmly planted on Plymouth Rock (there is literally a piece of Plymouth Rock at her feet). Faith faces east towards the Atlantic Ocean as if to look over the Pilgrims' trail of faith that led them to Plymouth.

**Morality** has her head angled towards faith, looking upwards slightly more than the other seated figures. She has the breastplate representing the twelve tribes of Israel on her chest. She holds the ten commandments in her left hand and the scroll of revelation in her right, representing both the Old and New Testament of the Bible. Two reliefs under the seat represent Prophet and Evangelist as supporting principles to Morality.

**Law** sits in a thoughtful pose holding a representation of civil law. Civil law based on biblical morality with faith in God is the key to civil freedom. Underneath the seat, Justice and Mercy are represented to show their relation to the execution of law. Principles of both justice and mercy were built into our constitutional government.

**Education** comes next since a nation's population must be educated in matters of law and its foundations. Education is represented by a young female figure. She holds and points to the Book of Knowledge. Reliefs depicting Youth and Wisdom are under her seat. Youth shows a child being led by a mother. Wisdom is represented as a grandfather figure in a teaching position with book and globe symbols.

**Liberty** sits in triumph. This is the fruit of following and living the discussed pattern and foundational sequence. Liberty holds a sheathed sword in his right hand in a resting position - the battle for freedom has been won and he is ready to guard against any encroachments. His left hand holds a chain with broken shackles - he has been freed from bondage. A lion skin on his back drapes over his shoulder showing the foot of the lion indicating that the tyrannous beast has been slain and perhaps a nod to the American independence gained by separating from Great Britain. Tyranny Overthrown and Peace are represented under the seat of Liberty. Now we can live in true peace.

## Newport Guardians Meeting agenda, results, and activities to date:

- **Jun 2023 First Men in Action Summit led by Dave Long. 35 attendees.**
- **First iteration of “Storming the Castle” document for training/planning**
- **Jun 2023 First Man Up men’s group (6) meeting focusing on “Storming the Castle”**
- **Jul 7, 2023 meeting discussion/assignments**
  1. Cole will research city council and board of education meeting times
  2. Vaughn will research the County Legislative Board (CLB) meeting dates and time.
  3. Cole will be the backup recorder for the meeting when Mike is absent.
  4. Everyone agreed to set aside an amount of time each day or week for self education and assignments for preparation and training for the battle.
- **Jul 13, 2023 meeting discussion/assignments**
  1. Cole and Mike attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday. Anyone is free to ask clarification questions on agenda items. Agenda is available in the City Hall by the main entrance on Friday afternoon preceding the Tuesday meeting. The master budget document was presented and is available on the city comptroller website – probably a hundred plus pages of which about a third is notes. What needs to be watched in financial documents?
  2. One item on the agenda was a grant by the police department to schools for resources for safety. What is being done to ensure safety of schools?
  3. Corresponded with Dave Long for a meeting between the 3 of us to clarify the vision for the church, Men of Action/10 Good Men/Mountain Men and what the next steps on additional summits.
  4. Cole and I discussed the need to get more men to be watchers of various pieces of the government so that no one is burdened with it all. Google is your friend for researching on hot topics and issues in Federal, State and Local governments. Local, county and state websites have lots of information but someone needs to pay regular attention to catch when darkness tries to move in.
  5. The city council opened with prayer to thank God and for wisdom to make right decisions.
  6. Cole and I got a chance to meet Mayor Dykes and Alderman Rand Reagan. We learn a lot from about his relationships with the other city council members. The Chief of Police was there today and we met him. Some members have been friends since childhood and know the integrity of each other and other members of the council. I asked the Alderman if he thought their group was more conservative or liberal. He said more conservative and that he is very conservative. They were friendly and not standoffish at all. Felt overall positive about the unity and friendliness of the council.
  7. We need Christian men to pledge themselves above self, families, jobs, and personal pursuits to engage with us. Even a small part done by many will accomplish large successes.
  8. Continue to read articles and pick a book to read and study on activism and the government. A list of books and web articles are in this document. Commit at least 2 hours a week in educating yourself and sharing what you learn with others.
  9. Commit 30 minutes a day in prayer and reading the word. Training will be provided to help make your prayer time/reading time as effective as possible for your spiritual life (discipleship).

10. Vaughn provided a comprehensive list off all state and local offices and who is holding those offices and contact information. Those will be posted.
  11. Cole mentioned that as Men in Action what more actions can we do right now.
  12. Anthony stated that presence is very important, even though nothing of significance has surfaced.
- Jul 20, 2023 meeting discussion/assignments
    1. Mike attend the Grammar school board meeting on 7/17. Most noteworthy was the board received a commendation plaque for 2022 for excellent board performance.
    2. The meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:30 at 302 College St main administrative building. There was also reassignment of some teaches to higher grade levels.
    3. Harley talked about how in the grade school there is a homosexual 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who was teaching against some Christian literature (sermon).
    4. We discussed about getting some Christian/conservative teacher allies and learning about what they are seeing.
    5. Parents need to be watching what their kids are being taught and provide a forum whether a meeting or maybe Facebook so they can post issues and concerns they are having.
  - Jul 27, 2023 agenda/meeting discussion/assignments
    1. Cocke County School Board monthly meeting is on 8/10 at 6 PM behind Crystal 's. They do not post agenda ahead of time and agenda in available at the meeting. Can call to add items to agenda
  - Aug 3, 2023. Attendees: Vaughn, Mike, Cole, Wayne, John, Anthony
    1. We prayed and had a devotion about being aware of our behavior and who might be watching – to keep practicing God honoring behavior so our life will be a Christian witness to Jesus and His Way, Truth and Life.
    2. Anthony facilitated a discussion about grouping initiatives according to the 7 mountains and to begin prioritizing activities and events to fit with our available group size so we are not going to too many different directions. It was decided we would initially focus on the Education mountain and identify the activities that can and should be done to ensure children are not being influenced away from Christian values and to partner with the school system and find a way to get parents more involved in supporting and helping at school.
    3. We had a lot of good discussion on different areas and concerns in regards to how we should move forward as effectively as possible.
    4. We discussed the possibility in the future of using our local newspaper for publishing information and articles that may be important to our community as needed. Vaughn has a contact at the paper.
    5. Most discussion was around government and education and seems to be where we can begin to build a watcher network and develop a Christian presence. Agencies include both school boards to include directors and teachers. Harley says we have a teacher in the high school who is pro Christian and who we can connect with. Government included CLB, city council, REPS/Senate and the mayor.
    6. We talked about the topic “what can I do?” So far we need watchers and Christian presence and to voice our opinions. We can also replace/boycott.
    7. Harley stated that the county offers a training course on the local government and how it works among all the local government agencies. He will get contact information for those interested.

8. Anthony suggested we have regular members who attended regularly and adhoc type members who want to be informed about initiatives so they can support us when needed.
  9. Mentioned how schools in Arizona have classrooms open at any time for parents to attend and many activities that parents can help out in the school. Other members shared similar experience in places they have been.
- Aug 17, 2023 Attendees: Vaughn, Wayne, John, Anthony, Josh
    1. John led the devotion. Theme was “Grow Up” – putting away childish ways and act like men. 1Cor 13:11 Jesus is the model of manhood. We are to walk as Jesus walked 2:6
    2. Josh/Anthony discussed the Life Wise program for schools and said they are looking for volunteers. Further discussion is needed about the various roles and support that is needed.
    3. Anthony mentioned the next Grammar School Board is this Monday at 5:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
    4. Talked about the delinquency issue with the High School but more information is needed about what the school is doing about this.
    5. Discussed school and local libraries. Local library may provide an opportunity to have information/story time with a Godly theme. School libraries – who selects the books and how are they selected. Need someone on the inside that we can vet such questions to.
    6. We also need someone who will review school curriculum.
    7. Josh asked prayer for his son to free him from addiction.
    8. Anthony mentioned the Theater Guild that is Christian based needing actors for their next performance. Mike mentioned that it would be good to follow up with men who have not attended for awhile to see if they are ok.
  - Aug 24,2023
    1. Invite 1 person in the next month to come to our group. Goal is to have 10 active men who will meet with us regularly and help us do the good works God is calling us too.
    2. Discuss how the Sunday saved to serve event went.
    3. Anthony and Josh may consider for the future to either enlist men from their churches or begin a group in their churches. It can start with 2 or 3.
    4. Discuss grammar school and Cocke county school board meetings.
    5. Discuss BAND texting app
    6. Discuss Moms for Liberty videos and maybe view some of them.
    7. Mentoring **approach to discipleship – how to we proceed forward.**
    8. **Meeting** results:
      - We reviewed our plan to address the two mountains of government and education, our primary focus being education and specifically our local grammar and high schools.
      - The issues discussed were how to vet our concerns to the school board – to learn and test that process with a request for prayer at the grammar school board meeting since the Cocke County and other local councils start with prayer.

- Another issue are the books in the grammar school library that have been banned by many schools. Several of these inappropriate books are in the grammar school library.
  - We will check the high school library also. Also to check to see if the school libraries have bibles.
  - Vaugh stated that the election commission will need pole workers and suggest we may want to participate in that to help us learn more about the voting process.
  - We discussed the student pickup process for the grammar school and the long lines of cars as possibly a way to hand out tracks to these cars since they are outside school property.
  - We will discuss with John how best to follow up with the 5 individuals that came to the save to be served talk for men's ministry.
  - A reading assignment was suggested to read the first chapter of "The American Covenant" book that Vaughn has provided to us through the church.
- Meeting 31 August 2023: Attendees – Wayne, Mike, Vaughn, Cole, Anthony
  1. Review Anthony's document on the 7 mountains, action activities under the various mountains, possible activities under the various mountains and which ones we are undertaking in terms of the education mountain and government mountain.
  2. Vaughn reported he was able to initial prayer in the Electoral Commission as they had not had prayer offered at the beginning of their meetings.
  3. We will approach the grammar school board about prayer before their meeting and the inappropriate grade level books in the library.
  4. Anthony is taking part in the Living Wise program that brings students from class that choose to and teach them how to live for Jesus.
  5. Mike talked about light and darkness. Each little initiative we take is a little more light someplace, such as Vaughn initiating prayer in his meeting. As these lights multiply, the darkness is pushed back to counter the enemy actions over many years of snuffing out the light, little by little.
  6. We discussed the first chapter of The American Covenant and some of the important points such as remembering history, repentance, and renewing of commitment to God's way as show in the American Covenant.
  7. A possible initiative of getting the message of the American Covenant to our Newport leadership by providing them a copy of American Covenant and an opportunity to attend a discussion group.

7/21/2023 Harley stated there are a couple homosexual teachers in the grade school and one of them taught on a sermon by Jonathan Edwards and painted a negative picture of what was written. Is there something our group should do?

### **Assignments:**

- Mike/Cole: maintain Guardians of Freedom document and update with new information.

- Vaughn: Current list of elected officials and post updates when there are changes.
- Mike: develop discipleship approach for all members that is acceptable to the group and the group is willing to commit to the approach and commit time to be and make disciples.
- Wayne: Research elections to determine who we should be voting for.
- Cole: schedule periodic prayer walks at local schools.

### **Current recurring meetings:**

**Grammar School monthly board meeting.**

**Cocke County School monthly board meeting.**

**City Council monthly meeting**

## Thoughts on ‘The American Covenant’

Develop a presentation that simply and clearly presents where we started as a nation and the results and where we are now and the results and why we are where we are. **Three main points: remembering, repentance (turning from the error of our way) and doing the deeds we did at first** in keeping God and the way, the truth, and the life that He gave us through our founding fathers.

**The providence of God has been replaced with the providence of man** – man can save himself, is master of his own destiny, and his chief aim is for self improvement and having a satisfying life – the ascendancy of self and a self driven life. This worldview comes from naturalism – humanism and materialism. Even world views that say there is a God, say that he is distant and not involved in the affairs of men and therefore man is on his own to find out how to survive and have a satisfying life without God.

The American Covenant from now on I will refer to it in this document as the AMC. The message of this book must undergird all our actions as the reason we are doing what we are doing: to honor God by reminding ourselves and others so as to facilitate repentance and restoration of our nation and its people back to God’s way, His truth, and His life – the Gospel of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace through faith.

Our civic and church leadership in Newport must be made aware of where our nation came from and where it is today and garner a united effort to undertake small or large activities to restore Newport. Many churches do not have this knowledge and are swatting at gnats and swallowing a camel. We must get a copy of AMC in the hands of all Newport leadership. Maybe even teaching the principles in schools, seminars, library meetings and every other place we can find an opportunity to present the message and provide the AMC for others to have as a reference.

Develop a short list of what has changed in our nation since our founding fathers and what are all the results and consequences that have happened because of our departure from God’s governing principles. We now have the understanding that we can bring in Godly principles into all institutions and to all peoples because we can factually show that our nation was founded on those principles. God will empower, anoint, and convict people. We only have to put feet to the message and God will do the rest.

I don’t think we realize the power of a Godly majority in this city to encourage change when we are all connected and in unity about what is needed. For instance, we can boycott anything in this city that is operating contrary to what is right, just and for the people by the people and aligns with the AMC. It will take time to align all those who profess and return to the God that established the AMC. We show how little steps that bring little lights in our city can begin to eliminate the darkness that surrounds us. Then we have a great model that can be shared with other areas in Cockey County.

A big task is to decide how we will get the message out and create a communication method to keep our community informed of what God is doing and the ability to easily create petitions/boycotts with large support for whatever stands in the way. We may need a reader’s digest presentation of the core points in the AMC to get people interested and engaged. God’s people will have two choices – either continue down the road to judgment of our nation and their own personal lives by



doing nothing, which is why we are where we are at, or turn back to God's divine providence for our nation and get engaged.

For instance, consider the murder of babies. If that is not one of the biggest areas where our nation has turned from God, I don't know what else it would be. Women groups can have a great impact on women who might be considering abortion. How can other women reach out to them so they have the support and love to not choose abortion as an option? Maybe online book vendors can be boycotted if they are offering pro-abortion books. Churches must repeat the message to their congregations first of all and establish women groups that are paying attention to other women who are pregnant. Their families and friends should encourage them and come along side them to give that child a life whether with or without the mother. Every child that is saved can be another little light against the darkness. Christians who have wealth can advertise on billboards, Facebook, TV, and other media much more so than is being done now.

We kick up our involvement in prisons and find out how God can save even more of these men and women and thereby adding more lights to the community. Programs like Renovatus Farm are doing this now, but as amazing as this ministry is and the changed lives resulting from their efforts, it is only a drop in the bucket. The amount of financial resources wasted by those who profess Christ and even money given to church programs could finance hundreds of such programs.

Our men's group, Guardians of Freedom, is small, and some of the men in that group have grasped the vision of what can be. **Where are the rest of the men?** Maybe we need a heavy emphasis by the pulpit and teaching groups at Crossroads to commit some time, even 15 minutes in every class, every sermon, every event to review what is going on and ask men and women to commit to God's work that He is starting here or **they will continue to be part of the problem** (stating this to them in a non condemning way) because they are not light that we desperately need.

The crux of the problem is that the principles and providence of God has been hidden, dissolved and minimized continually from our nation over hundreds of years and more and more generations have no knowledge of where we came from and how to fix our nation. They have believed that God is not important, that God does not really care, and that nothing really matters except finding ways to continue a meaningless existence through self satisfaction and doing my own thing. If God does not raise up faithful, godly men to present the truth about this and how we can fix our nation, nothing else we do will really matter.

### **Education of Youth is critical for us to change future generations.**

The youth (education) are the key to our future and they must be first priority in the remedy. If parents will not turn, then we find ways and avenues that already exist to confront them with the truth and bend their minds back with the truth.

What history books are being used in our classrooms here in Newport? Find history texts that portray history accurately based on historical factual documents and events beginning with the Mayflower event.

Develop and multiple presentations by age for age appropriateness. Something like the Bible Project visual lessons.

We are putting in little stepping stones for the light of the Gospel and taking away stepping stones from the enemies of darkness. We are building a bridge for the next generation that will then drive tanks across. Every changed mind is another light and forming an unbreakable chain of faith and believing, becoming witnesses to the truth by a changed life.

First we need a message – remember and repent (turn back) and reclaim/reform.

The Individual

What did Webster say about the Bible?

Webster wrote, “The Bible is the chief moral cause of all that is good, and the best corrector of all that is evil, in human society; the best book for regulating the temporal concerns of men, and the only book that can serve as an infallible guide to future happiness.

- Personal Mountain –
  - personal discipleship and disciple others.
  - Participating in serving in the church and/or community
  - Cleaning house spiritually by ridding home and family of all godless or god dishonoring activities, book, videos, internet, television, objects. Will increase spiritual light in home.
- The Family Mountain - What can be done:
  - Create a new non-profit organization that serves an unmet community need more effectively than an existing “secular” service.
  - Start a new day care center to reach non-Christian families with inexpensive day care services.
  - Create a sporting league targeting youth in troubled areas offering an overtly Christian environment.
  - Renounce and rid family of godless materials
  - Teach family historical founding fathers world view
  - Teach family consequences today and to stand against godless behavior at school and with friends.
  - Commit with family members who get it to read the bible and work to change godless attitudes, beliefs and behaviors (world view)
  - Reaching out to immigrants and the poor with help, American legacy, and the gospel message.
- Business Mountain - What can be done:
  - Discover and support new Christian Entrepreneurs
  - Praying in pairs at abortion clinics
  - Encourage young Christian men to start new businesses while living at home and offer to help them.
  - If you’re a successful business leader recruit coachable young entrepreneurs and help grow them in their skills and then support them in launching their new business later.
  - Franchise your business model

- Become a business coach
- Start a new intentional 3 generational business and use as a Kingdom resource to employ non-believers.
- Promote Godly philanthropy with your current employer's business
- Aspire to rise to prominence and influence within your current employer, especially in non-Christian companies.
  - Think Joseph in Egypt
  - Proceed with Kingdom principles in earthly language
  - Study, learn, self-educate and push yourself

- Political Mountain – What can be done:

- Run for county or city office
- Work for the campaign of a godly candidate
- Work in the office of a state or federal representative
- Support and receive training from Patriot Academy to become a paid Constitutional Coach (partioracademy.com)
- Create a resource of organizations dedicated to training Christians in biblical political involvement and share with churches and Christian organizations.
- Attend board and council meetings to demonstrate presence and interest to them.
- Volunteer to work for an election commission.

- The education Mountain – What can be done:

- Run for the school board
- Help others run for the school board
- Become a grade-school or HS teacher and seek to serve and influence your students.
- Become a professor
- Create a new home school online service and promote true Christianity
- Home school your children for some or all of their education
- Become a school administrator and aspire work towards becoming a principle.
- Praying in pairs at schools.
- Copy of American Covenant as a gift to school board members and offer to do a workshop to share what we have learned and how we can work together to restore/reform our city.
- Accurate history books in schools and teaching AMC principles.
- Find out how to get parents to an orientation where AMC is presented.
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- Media Mountain – What can be done:

- Support Christian and conservative media.
- Use and promote quality Christian social media, GAB vs Twitter and Rumble vs YouTube.
- Start a new YouTube and or Rumble channel focused on Christian men getting involved in political leadership and host interview from those who are.
- DO the same but as a podcast vs YouTube format.

- Arts and Entertainment Mountain – What can be done:

- Use and promote quality Christian films and entertainment.

- Invest in artists and agencies creating these
- Support Christian comedians and or become one.
- Create a new Christian film company at your local church like the Hendricks Brothers did
- Think outside the box

- Church- What can be done:

- Being a part of a new generation of church leaders encouraging cultural leadership not escapism.
- Become an author and speaker promoting these ideas within the pastoral leadership community.
- Aspire to become a professor of a Christian liberal arts college and teach from this worldview.
- Start a new pastoral training school offering ordination to teach aspiring pastors true historic Biblical Christianity and keeping the cost affordable.
- Volunteer to lead or be part of the leadership of a men's movement group within your local church
- Helping the local church plant new churches in nearby regions with the same culture-changing vision.
- Helping the local church form real community-impacting ministries such as evangelism and discipleship and the AMC
- Host a small group on servant-leadership using John Maxwell's book on the 5 levels of leadership or AMC principles and other Christian activism activities
- Form family groups that learn together in regards to areas like the American Covenant, making changes in their own lives, and strengthening their families. If the church stays the same, what happens to those who come and see our people are complacent/uninvolved/uninterested/concerned but don't care to do something
- Keep AMC and church initiatives in focus all the time.
- Have other men speak at the service to witness and testify so others can be motivated to move off center.
- Find ways to help and influence schools/classrooms/students.