

# Return America

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## PRAYER ISSUE

As I am sure you are aware, this writer was asked not to continue offering prayers at the beginning of the North Carolina Legislative sessions even though I had been asked to do so for the week of May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. My faith has taught me that prayer must have an address! *“And whatsoever ye shall ask **in my name**, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the son.”* (John 14:13) *“Hitherto have ye asked nothing **in my name**; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”* (John 16:24) *“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father **in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”* (Ephesians 5:20) These verses, along with others, make it abundantly clear that prayer must be offered according to a prescribed manner not invented by man, but mandated by our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been stated by those who oppose us that we must not be allowed to invoke the **Name of Jesus** because in so doing, we are infringing upon the establishment of a state religion. If this were not so serious it would be absolutely hilarious. The state mandated that I not pray in the **Name of Jesus** and if I chose to do so I was disqualified. The State of North Carolina knowingly or unknowingly established a state religion when, as a state institution, they told me how to parse my pray.

The North Carolina State Constitution affords each individual the freedom to pray according to their conscience. “All persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, **and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.**” (Article 1, Section 13)

The Preamble of our State Constitution also guarantees our religious freedom. “We the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of American Union and the existence of our civil, political and **religious liberties**, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those blessings to us and our poster-

ity, do, for the most certain security thereof and for the better government of this State ordain and establish this Constitution.”

Our forefathers were very careful to implement safeguards to guarantee religious freedom. Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, and even Thomas Jefferson insisted that the Constitution clearly contain in writing those specific liberties the colonist were intent on preserving. Congress therefore enacted the ten amendments to the Constitution which included the First Amendment; “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Nothing in the Constitution mentions the phrase so often used; “The separation of church and state.” Today’s political leaders would do well to read an article found in Time Magazine many years ago. “In this nation of spiritual paradoxes, it is legal to...utter virtually any conceivable blasphemy in a public place; it is not legal, the federal courts have ruled, to mention God reverently in a classroom, on a football field or at a commencement ceremony as part of a public prayer.” We might also add Legislative Sessions.

Peter Marshall, who served faithfully as Chaplain of the United State Senate, voiced his concern about the future of this nation; “The choice before us is plain, Christ or Chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I’m rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come, it is now when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America’s future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God’s government.”

Patrick Henry was certainly right when he stated; “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”



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## WEB SITE

You may contact us through our web site at [www.returnamerica.org](http://www.returnamerica.org).

## CIVITAS POLL

A recent Civitas Poll has established that a majority of both Democrats and Republicans in North Carolina disagree with the policy of our State Government on prayer. In a poll, released July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Civitas Institute, after interviewing 600 likely voters, determined that 70 percent of voters disagree with the policy that forbids chaplains from mentioning **Jesus** in their prayer. Civitas stated that "Speaker Hackney's attempt to stifle free speech has backfired, evidenced by voter disagreement with this policy that caters to a minority viewpoint."

### NEW SUPPORTING CHURCHES

We are thankful for the following churches who have placed Return America in their missions budget

Pinnacle Baptist Church  
Nebo, NC

Highland Baptist Church  
High Point, NC

### UPCOMING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**August 4, 2010**

Trindale Baptist Church  
Trinity, NC  
7 pm

**August 18, 2010**

Turkey Cove Baptist Church  
Marion, NC  
7 pm

**August 28, 2010**

State Convention Constitutional Party  
Charlotte, NC

**August 30-31, 2010**

New Life Baptist Church  
Randleman, NC  
7 pm

## REBIRTH OF REALITY

In this late hour, the leadership of America needs a study course on the sayings of those who were responsible for establishing this great republic. "In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity" (John Quincy Adams)

"We may with one heart and voice humbly implore His gracious and free pardon through Jesus Christ, supplicating His Divine aid . . . [and] above all to cause the religion of Jesus Christ, in its true spirit, to spread far and wide till the whole earth shall be filled with His glory." (Samuel Adams)

"Grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, He had conferred on my beloved country in her emancipation and on myself in permitting me, under circumstances of mercy, to live to the age of 89 years, and to survive the fiftieth year of independence, adopted by Congress on the 4th of July 1776, which I originally subscribed on the 2nd day of August of the same year and of which I am now the last surviving signer." (Charles Carroll)

"The great, vital, and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and the divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." (Congress 1854)

"Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle. . . In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity. . . That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." (Congress, United States Judiciary Committee, 1854)

"That all nations may bow to the scepter of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that the whole earth may be filled with his glory. That the spiritual kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be continually increasing until the whole earth shall be filled with His glory to confess their sins and to implore forgiveness of God through the merits of the Savior of the World. To cause the benign religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be known, understood, and practiced among all the inhabitants of the earth. To confess their sins before God and implore His forgiveness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior." (John Hancock)

## WE TREMBLE

We tremble when we realize the vast retreat of this nation from its beginnings. From the first prayer prayed in **The Name of Jesus** in that first Congress of 1774, until no prayer allowed in **The Name of Jesus** in our State Government today. In the dawn of this republic the theme was; "No King but Jesus" but today's theme is "squelch His Precious Name from public view lest we offend those who would seek our demise". Yes, we tremble, especially when we anticipate the difficulty the oncoming generations face simply because the previous generations went to sleep while on guard duty. Dear friend, our days are numbered as individuals and so is our nation. Our only hope is to Return America to those Judeo-Christian values and belief system she was founded upon.