

# Return America

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## PRAYER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

We stand amazed at the calloused unconcern found among God's people pertaining to the prayer issue. Most Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the only means of salvation. (John 14:6) Most Christians also believe that there is only "One mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 2:5) Jesus Himself taught that all prayer must be offered in His Name; "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." (John 16:23b) When one chooses to exegete the Book of Hebrews it becomes apparent that there is "A new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;" (Hebrews 10:20) We are told that we have "A great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God" and that we may "Come boldly unto the throne of grace." (Hebrews 4:14,16) God is approachable but only on His terms and not ours! Just as a letter must have an address so our prayers must be addressed through Jesus Christ to the Father. Any other verbiage is a waste of time and effort. It is futile to mumble some phrases without acknowledging the means through which prayers approach the Father. Any Theological persuasion which otherwise seeks to minimize prayer in the Name of Jesus will eventually be found on the shoals

of shipwreck. Furthermore to impede the necessity of prayer in the Name of Jesus is to do despite to the Spirit of grace.

We often wonder where the multitudes whom Jesus fed, healed, taught and ministered to were when he hung upon the cross. It would seem logical that out of appreciation and respect they would have flooded Mount Calvary and challenged those who sought to do Him harm. I also often wonder where the multitudes who name the Name of Jesus are today when asked to deny His Precious Name. We are told that prayer in the Name of Jesus is illegal. Our forefathers never accepted that premise and neither should we. In fact the first prayer at the Continental Congress was closed "In the Name and through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son and our Savior." Throughout our history the Name of Jesus has been invoked in numerous Government functions. Political correctness has now replaced Theological truth. Liberal leanings compromise historical tradition. Laodicean churches are embarrassed when the contenders for the faith step forward and contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

### GOOD NEWS FROM INDIANA

In 2005 a lawsuit was filed against the Indiana House because they permitted invited clergy from all faiths to offer prayers from their faith tradition. Many of those prayers were offered in the Name of Jesus. It is interesting to note that those who sued the Legislature were only concerned about the prayers offered in the Name of Jesus. The Sev-

enth Circuit has now ruled that the Legislature is free to continue its long tradition of offering prayers before the sessions even if they are offered in the Name of Jesus. Prayers in the Name of Jesus remains protected speech in Indiana and this ruling supports the ongoing battle to protect this free speech issue throughout our Nation.



*Dr. Ron Baity, President*

### Newsletter Spotlight

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### NEW SUPPORTING CHURCHES

More and more churches are placing Return America in their missions budget. We are honored and thankful to each of you who consistently remember Return America with your financial giving. We are also thankful for the individuals who help support this work. Some send one time gifts and others support this ministry monthly. However you choose to give please accept our deep gratitude and appreciation. The Return America Board expresses to you our sincere thanks for your prayers and support. We are grateful to the following churches who have placed Return America in their monthly giving.

Gospel Light Baptist Church  
Walkertown, NC  
Pastor Bobby Roberson

Caraway Baptist Church  
Sophia, NC  
Pastor Jim Honeycutt

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## MIDWAY COMMUNITY

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Midway is a community of over 3000 registered voters located in Davidson County. Those chosen to represent the district with the exception of one board member decided early on that prayer in the Name of Jesus was out. Return America got involved and worked with local pastors and churches putting together potential candidates for both mayor and councilmen. The voters

unanimously elected our slate of candidates. They will be sworn into office December 3rd and will begin their tenure with prayer in the Name of Jesus. The Midway community is a pattern of what can be accomplished when God's people stand together. It is our prayer that like happenings will occur all across our State.

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*The purpose of Return America is to build a network of churches and individuals to educate, motivate and mobilize citizens in a united effort in promoting Judeo-Christian values; to educate and influence government in these principles upon which our state and nation were founded.*

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## NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE AMMENDMENT

Thousands came to Raleigh March 6th of this year to show their support for an Amendment to our State Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Our Legislators incorrectly reported that our current Statutory Law provided the needed protection for the citizenry of our State. A liberal Judge in Iowa recently struck down Iowa's Defense of Marriage Act and ordered the state to award marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In a matter of time North Carolina will face the same issues. Return America is committed to bringing enough pressure to bear on our Representatives that they will hear our voices and represent our just cause accurately. Return America is already planning another large rally at Halifax Mall during the long session of our Legislature. Please remember this large event scheduled for March 2009.

## Web Site

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