



## Michael New: U.S. Court of Appeals Denies Government's Motion to Dismiss

By Patricia Stegman

Michael New won a long-awaited victory in July when the U.S. Court of Appeals denied the government's motion to dismiss New's appeal of his court-martial conviction for refusing to obey an illegal order.

Specialist Michael New was court-martialed in 1996 for his refusal to wear a United Nations uniform, to deploy to Macedonia under United Nations command, and to serve under the command of a general officer from Finland.

The military judge in New's court-martial refused to allow any evidence before the jury, thus denying the jury's duty to judge the facts of the case – a violation of Constitutional requirements for criminal prosecution. Both the Army Court of Criminal Appeals (ACCA) and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) sustained the court-martial; the U.S. District Court in D.C. dismissed New's subsequent appeal, and the Supreme Court declined to hear his case.

Had the U.S. Court of Appeals turned him down, that would have ended the soldier's legal battle to overturn his court-martial, and to defend his right and duty to disobey an illegal order.

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## Why Many Churches Refuse to Register *The Issue in Context*

By Gennady Kryuchkov

*This article first appeared in the Prisoner Bulletin, a quarterly put out by a group in Indiana for the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches of the Soviet Union, in 1988. It was reprinted in the Trumpet in May/June 1996. Due to the timeless importance of the subject matter, we are reprinting it again for the benefit of our readers.*

*A Note from Georgi P. Vins [Editor of the Prisoner Bulletin]: Recent events [of 1988] have focused a great deal of attention on the Soviet Union. More and more believers are becoming interested in the plight of Christians who live there. But it is impossible to get a true picture of what is happening among the believers from ordinary newspapers. Some journalists report seeing large churches worshipping without hindrance from the authorities; others report that persecution continues and mention "unregistered" churches which must worship in homes or outdoors.*

*The religious scene in the Soviet Union is complex. Not everything is as simple as it appears on the surface. To help our readers get a firm understanding of the situation today . . . "Why Many Churches Refuse to Register" . . . gives a concise overview of the life of the Evangelical Baptist church in Russia during the 20th century. May the Lord bless you as you uphold the brethren in the Soviet Union with your prayers. - Georgi P. Vins, (deceased), Editor of the Prisoner Bulletin.*

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### 21st Annual UBF Conference Oct. 10-12, 2005 Moved to Paducah, Kentucky

The 21st Annual Unregistered Baptist Fellowship Conference will be held Monday through Wednesday, October 10-12, 2005 in Paducah, Kentucky.

Because the Indianapolis Baptist Temple's new facilities will not be ready in time for the scheduled UBF meeting, and alternate facilities suitable for the meeting could not be secured, **the 21st Annual UBF meeting will be moved to Victory Baptist Church in Paducah, Kentucky.**

All services will be held at the Victory Baptist Church with Pastor Homer Fletcher as the host. The church is located at 2157 Homewood Ave. in Paducah. Contact by phone at 270-442-4249 and 270-559-9105 or by e-mail at [fletch@vci.net](mailto:fletch@vci.net).

See page 4 and 10 for more information. For information on lodging, go to [www.unregisteredbaptistfellowship.com](http://www.unregisteredbaptistfellowship.com).

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# The Power of God's Word

## *One Preacher May Shut Down City's Halloween Parade*

By Patricia Stegman

Officials in York, Pennsylvania, are scrambling to preserve the city's Halloween parade after the actions of one preacher may lead to the cancellation of the decades-old tradition.

Jim Grove, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Loganville, Pennsylvania, preaches in public forums in York and surrounding towns on a regular basis. He had for several years preached along the Halloween parade route. Traditionally the city would close off several blocks to allow the parade to pass by the 30,000 spectators. Grove would walk in the middle of the closed-off street, starting about 20 minutes prior to the start of the parade, preaching the Gospel. Several church members, including children, followed, holding Scripture signs and handing out tracts. York police, who were posted at every intersection in anticipation of the parade start, never interfered with the preaching or indicated in any way that Grove was in violation of any ordinances for walking down the center of the street in advance of the parade.

In 2002, however, Grove felt led to bring to the people's attention the bloody results of abortion. "The parade is all about blood and guts," he stated, citing examples of various depictions of death and dismemberment among the parade floats. "The abortion pictures fit right in. The people need to see what's going on at the local abortion clinic."

Accordingly, he contacted Bruce Murch of Full Quiver Ministries in Virginia who, along with his family, brought several 3' x 5' posters of aborted babies to display.

As Grove, Murch and the other "soldiers of the cross" began their journey well in advance of the parade, it caused no small stir among the crowds. Initial shock gave way to comments both against and in support of the posters. Many thought the graphic images were disgusting, while others nodded approvingly and indicated that "it was about time someone showed what abortion really is."

For ten blocks, the procession was unmolested by spectators or police, until one officer attempted to forcibly propel a

12-year-old girl off the street. The entire group was then ordered to stop and move onto the crowded sidewalk among the increasingly hostile crowd. Additional police arrived to demand that the abortion signs be removed, which Grove politely declined to do. The crowd, unrestrained by police, screamed profanities and threats at church members. Eventually, police forcibly seized the abortion signs, threw them in the trunk of a police cruiser, and sped off without issuing citations or arrests. The group continued its journey up the center of the street with the Scripture signs, proclaiming the Gospel.

Twenty-nine days later, Grove received 4 citations in the mail containing three summary offenses and a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge. He subsequently filed in federal court for an injunction against the city of York, citing First Amendment free exercise of religion, and filed a federal suit against the city for damages. The injunction was granted, but the city continued to pursue the charges. After a 5-day jury trial in which Grove defended himself, he was acquitted of all charges in September 2003.

Grove does not believe in obtaining permits to preach in the public arena, but the judge made it clear that he would be in violation of a parade ordinance if he walked on the closed-off streets as in previous parades. He decided to apply for admission to participate in the 2003 Halloween parade, creating an entry called "Dr. Butcher's Chop Shop – Featuring Choice Cuts." Participants were clothed in surgeon's garb, and baby dolls were dismembered and painted to simulate blood. A van was to be decorated with the abortion posters, tiny coffins, and Scripture signs, while a garbage can marked "Baby Parts For Sale" was piled with the bloody baby doll parts. Although the application was accepted, upon arrival at the staging area, and even before the van was decorated, city officials told Grove he would not be permitted in the parade. Instead, Grove led the decorated van through other public thoroughfares and preached on a corner several blocks away.

Meanwhile, the federal case from 2002

for damages was eventually adjudicated in Grove's favor, with enough monetary damages to get the attention of the cash-strapped city. Additionally, the judge ruled that the city could not ban Grove's parade entry. In 2004, the entry was reluctantly permitted – behind the traditional end-of-the-line fire engine and followed by a police vehicle. The mayor even preceded the parade and verbally warned the spectators of what was coming. A masked protester was permitted to march in front of Grove with a sign warning of Grove's appearance. Some spectators turned their backs or became unruly, but many thousands of people heard the Gospel and saw the truth about abortion that day.

The Halloween parade became a real hot potato for the city. They no longer wanted to sponsor the parade and deal with whatever Grove might come up with. City officials began to solicit private sponsorship, who could then legitimately preclude Grove by rewriting the rules to their liking. The Jaycees agreed to take over the parade, and the resulting media coverage trumpeted what the city perceived as a victory over the preacher.

The victory soon soured, however, as national legal counsel for the Jaycees intervened. The deal was off and the Jaycees backed out, saying, "The potential liabilities and legal ramifications are just too great." York, with only a few months before the next parade, is now in a tizzy, indicating that the city will have to choose between organizing the parade as it has done in the past – and allowing Grove in again – or cancelling the long-standing tradition.

"Preachers need to be confronting our sinful society about their wickedness," Grove says.

Pastor Grove, along with Pastor Dan Hardin of Michigan, will be conducting a Public Ministry seminar at this year's National UBF Conference in October, to instruct preachers and pastors about engaging in public ministry. They will address such topics as preaching tactics, legal issues, why churches should have a public ministry, what to expect, how to communicate with police, and what to do if arrested.

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The persecution of Biblical Christianity in the Soviet Union is not new. Even under the Russian tsars, Christians who did not belong to the government church suffered persecution from both the government and the Russian Orthodox church. Thus, it is not surprising that some believers in 1917 viewed the fall of the tsar as a chance for new religious freedom.

At that time, two groups, the Evangelical Christians and the Baptists, truly did gain certain religious freedoms. During the 1920's, Protestant churches seemed safe, mushrooming up to 5000 congregations. In 1929, however, the atheistic government stepped up its struggle against religion, passing legislation that sharply curbed Christian activities. For example, seminaries were closed, and the publishing of Christian literature was halted.

Between 1929 and 1940, even by the most conservative statistics, at least 25,000 Evangelical Christian and Baptist pastors and preachers were arrested and shipped to Soviet prisons and labor camps. In 1928, Ivan Prokhanov, president of the Evangelical Christian Union, had been exiled from the USSR for his Christian activities. In 1933 the president of the Russian Baptist Union, Nikolai Odintsov, was arrested and torn apart by guard dogs as he and other prisoners were chased from one prison camp to another. By the mid-1930s, the Baptist and Evangelical Christian congregations had been whittled down to just a few. During the years leading up to World War II, believers remained scattered, forbidden to gather openly for worship.

The war, however, brought a new era for the church in the USSR. As the hardships of the war years gave birth to spiritual hunger, numerous citizens turned to God. Many new churches began to emerge. The Soviet government, however, feared that the life of the local churches would be independent of government control. Furthermore, the government desperately wanted all the efforts of its citizens behind the war effort. For these reasons, the government decided to allow a large, controlled association of churches. So in 1944 the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists (AUCECB) was born, drawing together the Evangelical Christians and Baptists. (All-Union means

"nationwide," "throughout the Soviet Union.") Years later, Pentecostals and Mennonites also joined the AUCECB.

This government-authorized council was not founded by Christians for Christians. Rather, it was conceived by atheists who wanted to unite local churches in order to direct and control them from behind the scenes. To form this central organization, the government needed ministers who were respected by Christians but who would also collaborate with government authorities (i.e., secret police). At that time, all the ministers still surviving in prison were approached and asked to join the new union, submitting to outside controls. Most refused, but some agreed in order to end their physical misery.

Undoubtedly, some of the original ministers of the AUCECB must have intended to remain true to God while meeting the government's demands. But finding it impossible to fully obey both God and the demands of atheists, these men ended up obeying the atheists while pretending faithfulness to God. Meanwhile, God's people, not yet aware of what was happening among their leadership, thanked Him that they could again openly gather for worship and began to apply for registration under the All-Union Council.

As time passed, inconsistencies with the Word of God in the ministers of the All-Union Council grew more evident. Under their leadership, the church was stagnating, its members growing older while the size of congregations dwindled. District AUCECB superintendents dismissed uncooperative pastors and choir directors from their ministries. Council members advised pastors to inform government officials about whomever made a profession of faith or desired baptism. Sermons about the Rapture, Great Tribulation, Millennium, or Judgment were unacceptable. Concerned Christians, however, found themselves powerless to influence the leadership: members of the All-Union Council were elected by "experienced persons with the Union," who were themselves appointed by the Council!

Then in 1960, the All-Union Council sent out its now-infamous "Letter of Instructions" and "New Regulations." These documents forbade children from coming to church, commanded that evangelism stop, limited baptisms of people

under age thirty, prohibited ministers from preaching in other churches, forbade appeals to repentance at the end of services, ordered restraint of "unhealthy missionary tendencies," and made other prohibitions contrary to Scriptures. Apostasy in the ranks of the leadership was then unmasked for many believers. Refusing to disobey the Scriptures, numerous pastors continued to teach and baptize young people, doing it in secret.

In 1961, a concerned group of ministers known as the Initiative Group was formed under the leadership of Gennady Kryuchkov. Their goal was to bring the churches and their leadership back into line with the Word of God. These men personally wrote and visited the AUCECB, urging them to resist the attempts of atheists to destroy the church, but in vain. The leadership refused to take any action displeasing to atheistic officials.

The Initiative Group proposed a congress of ministers of Evangelical Christian-Baptist churches to discuss the future of the church and to repeal the above-mentioned instructions. (By that time, no congress of pastors had met since the 1920's.) The All-Union Council, however, refused to support such a congress.

Before long, hundreds of churches were pressing for a congress. Losing trust in the leadership of the All-Union Council, these churches appointed representatives to organize a congress and renamed the Initiative Group to the Organizing Committee.

Alarmed, the government allowed the All-Union Council to hold a congress in 1963, but it was government-controlled; the issues were not even mentioned. Ironically, those believers who had originally called for a congress were not allowed into the building where it was held. Furthermore, hundreds of believers were then in prison for insisting on a congress.

By 1965 a spiritual revival was well under way, with the Organizing Committee (which had outgrown its job of simply organizing a congress) to take a new name to better represent them. In September of that year, the Organizing Committee heeded the requests and assumed the name "Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches" (CEBC). The All-Union Council continued to suggest that unity was more important than any differences between them, but the

church is essential and would not submit to atheistic infiltration and controls.

The banner around which the CEBC churches rallied was a call to sanctification, revival, and evangelism. As a result, new churches were formed, special ministries for children and youth were started, and printing presses were constructed, enabling believers to publish Bibles (in secret) for the first time in decades.

Christians of the CEBC have been continually slandered and persecuted. The truth is, however, that those unregistered churches simply value spiritual purity and faithfulness to God above all else. Because they will not bow to the anti-Scriptural demands of atheism, they worship without official permission, attracting persecution while the government tries to encourage defections by granting special favors to its controlled, registered churches.

Gennady Kryuchkov, president of the CEBC, explained, "If the laws concerning separation of church and state were indeed observed, we would not reject legalization under those terms. . . . The past twenty years of repression have convinced us that the unwritten code behind the atheists' laws contains the principle that the church, if it is unwilling to collaborate with the authorities, not only cannot exist officially, but must be destroyed" (*Bratsky Listok* No. 4, 1981).

Today [1988], the AUCECB is in the World Council of Churches. (AUCECB general secretary Aleksei Bychkov is a member of the WCC's Executive Committee.) Its leaders take part in international peace conferences and tell the world that no religious persecution exists in the USSR. Unlike many laymen in registered churches, AUCECB leaders fully realize that they are helping atheism in its struggle against the cause of the Gospel. Meanwhile, thousands of believers across the Soviet Union continue to worship in homes and forests, persecuted for unswerving faithfulness to God.

*Editor's Note – This was before Russia opened to her present condition. However, there is a danger that the CEBC will be destroyed by compromise more than the former persecution. They no doubt need the continued prayers of God's people everywhere.*

# Unregistered Baptist Fellowship 21st Annual National Conference

## Oct. 10-12, 2005

### **SCHEDULE**

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#### MONDAY

7 PM

*Dr. Greg Dixon*

*Pastor Aubrey Vaughan*

#### TUESDAY

9 AM - NOON

*Speakers To Be Announced*

2 PM - 4:30 PM

*Seminars - see details below*

6:30 PM

*Songfest*

7 PM

*Pastor Greg A. Dixon*

*Attorney Jerald Finney -*

*Lead Counsel for the Biblical Law Center*

#### WEDNESDAY

9 AM - NOON

*Speakers To Be Announced*

2 PM - 4:30 PM

*Seminars - see details below*

6:30 PM

*Songfest*

7 PM

*Pastor Garrett Lear - Patriot Pastor from New Hampshire*

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**Health Seminar - Pastor "Doc" Meador**

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# IRS Church Seizure is a Tragedy for Religious Liberty

By Ron Paul

*Reprinted from "Texas Straight Talk," the weekly column of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, Monday, February 26, 2001*

February 13th [2001] marked a sad day for religious liberty in America, as the federal government took the unprecedented step of seizing a church to satisfy an alleged tax debt. Armed federal marshals forcibly removed parishioners and clergy from the Indianapolis Baptist Temple (IBT), bringing a close to years of legal challenges after the Supreme Court refused to hear an IBT appeal.

Amazingly, the tax dispute arose not over a failure to pay income taxes per se, but rather over the failure of the IBT to follow tax withholding rules. The tax code forces all employers, including churches, to act as collection agents for the IRS by presumptively withholding a portion of every employee's paycheck for federal taxes. The IBT steadfastly has refused to withhold taxes from its employees, arguing that religious beliefs prevent it from acting as an agent for a secular government agency. Two important facts have been largely overlooked in the ensuing controversy. First, the IBT (unlike most churches) also refused tax benefits available to it through registration as a tax-exempt religious organization. Second, more than 60 present and former IBT employees successfully passed IRS audits, meaning they paid full taxes the IBT had not withheld. So the heart of the dispute really was about IBT's principled refusal to do the government's bidding. The real motivation behind the IRS seizure was not to satisfy a tax bill, but rather to act as an example for any other churches that might dare to question their obligation to act as tax collectors.

The IBT tragedy is about religious liberty, not taxes. Churches should not be required to pay or withhold taxes any more than they should be given tax dollars from the government. The First Amendment grants churches the absolute right to freely exercise their religious beliefs without interference from government. When tax laws force churches to act

as collection agents for the IRS, this precious right is lost. The income tax represents the ultimate entanglement between churches and the government. When churches file income tax returns, the government become intimately familiar with their activities. Only those faiths deemed valid by IRS bureaucrats are rewarded with partial tax-exempt status. This entanglement chills true religious expression, because churches may alter their message to quell criticism of government and avoid audits. When the government has the power to tax churches, it ultimately has the power to control them.

The state-loving media scarcely mentioned the IBT story, with brief articles predictably portraying the church as a fringe organization that avoided its taxes. This follows an established pattern of characterizing religious conservatives who protest the federal government as dangerous extremists, implicitly associated with militias and racists. Imagine the national media coverage, and resulting public outrage, if a minority church was seized over a refusal to pay taxes. Protestors supporting left-wing causes like abortion, affirmative action, environmentalism, feminism, AIDS, and animal rights consistently are shown as courageous martyrs fighting for principle against an unfeeling society and government. Conservative protestors, however, as shown as sinister bigots who selfishly refuse to follow benign laws and politically correct social needs.

The IBT story has resounded with many Americans, however. A strong undercurrent of dissent has manifested itself below the mainstream media radar on radio talk shows and websites. My office has received hundreds of angry letters, emails, and phone calls denouncing the government's actions. People of all faiths understand that the threat to religious liberty affects all Americans. No society can remain free if it lacks strong institutions to challenge an overreaching government.

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# Show compassion toward church, Bush

By Michelle Malkin

*Malkin is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist. This column originally appeared on February 20, 2001 in newspapers all across the land.*

President Bush is causing gastric distress among liberals over his aggressive support for tax relief and faith-based organizations. But conservatives should keep the Pepto Bismol within reach, too. While Bush preaches the gospel of religious liberty and limited government, his administration has already undermined those principles in a most stomach-churning way.

The feds this week [Feb. 13, 2001] seized an Indiana church whose leaders objected to serving as tax collectors for Big Brother. Supporters of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple watched helplessly as 85 armed federal marshals and 70 city police officers swarmed the church property. IBT's pastor emeritus, Rev. Greg Dixon, was hauled away on a gurney as he prayed. Several buildings on the 1,000-member church's complex, which housed a school, day care and living quarters, will be auctioned off and proceeds funneled to the Internal Revenue Service.

The agency had hounded the congregation for nearly two decades because church leaders – citing their First Amendment rights – refused to withhold federal income, Social Security and Medicare taxes from their lay ministry's paychecks. These employees provided services such as teaching at the church school or pitching in to clean gym and daycare facilities. IBT also dissolved its incorporation, declined to organize as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity and did not affiliate with any formal religious entity.

"We take nothing from government, and as a result, the church owes government nothing but our prayers," Dixon said. "Our entire argument is very simple . . . Congress is forbidden by the fundamental law of our land to require anything of a church." In 1999, a federal judge disagreed, rendered a \$5 million judgment to the IRS, and gave the government a green light to shut down the 50-year-old church. The U.S.

Supreme Court refused to hear the church's appeal.

This is an unprecedented seizure in modern American history, perhaps one of the most drastic acts ever taken by government to punish a religious community for refusing to submit to tax tyranny. So where's the outrage? Civil-liberties advocates are nowhere to be found. No surprise there, since those groups act as though the freedom-of-religion clause of the First Amendment were written in invisible ink. But Republicans are also missing in action. No prominent GOP official assailed the confiscation. The Bush Justice Department declined to intervene because the case was avoidable only "if they paid their taxes," spokeswoman Mindy Tucker told *The Washington Times*.

That response is severely misinformed. This case is not about tax cheats taking sanctuary in church pews. Dixon has repeatedly stated this his church was "not challenging the legality, constitutionality or morality of U.S. tax laws" (though maybe he should). He advised individual parishioners who contributed labor to the church to follow those laws. Indeed, Dixon reports, 60 lay ministers who paid their own tax liability personally were audited by the IRS in 1996. All passed. The IRS even returned a large chunk of the Social Security and Medicare taxes the church followers had sent.

Critics of the church's stance invoke the Biblical directive to "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's" – but nowhere in Scripture (or in the federal tax code) does it order churches to do the rendering for their parishioners. The issue is not whether church workers should be required to pay taxes, but whether the church should be forced to withhold and report for them. The \$6 million judgment against the church is essentially a punitive fine for refusing to act as a tax-collecting middleman for the federal bureaucracy. Meanwhile, thousands of businesses that openly defy withholding rules have gone unpunished by the IRS.

At the heart of this case is whether a group of believers can enjoy their constitutionally protected religious freedom without constant intrusion from the IRS's prying eyes and grubby hands. The courts may not have sided with the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, but its members answer first and foremost to a higher authority – the same one the president invoked repeatedly

throughout his campaign.

President Bush should now practice some of his compassionate conservatism by giving this church back and leaving its members alone to serve their Lord and community.

*Editor's note: It is the position of Dr. Dixon that the federal income tax is immoral, illegal and unconstitutional. However, in U.S. vs IBT (Gregory A. Dixon, Trustee), the church did not pursue that line of argument because even if the tax was moral, legal and constitutional, the Lord's church cannot collect and pay it because it would be a violation of the central doctrine of IBT, which is the total and complete Lordship of Jesus Christ over His own blood bought church. The court in its decision said that Jesus Christ cannot be the Lord over His own church, but rather the IRS does and must control all churches in America whether it violates their doctrinal position or not.*

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At the heart of the issue is whether an American soldier, having taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, may be forced instead to serve under the military command of a foreign power, specifically the United Nations. The military courts ruled that this was a political question, outside the jurisdiction of their courts. Thus, New was denied his day in court in order to protect the former Clinton administration from having to justify the deployment. U.S. District Court Judge Friedman conceded that Clinton may have broken the law, but that it is the duty of Congress, not a mere soldier, to challenge the president.

Herbert W. Titus of Virginia, who heads up the legal team representing Michael New and the Constitution, said the case has "serious implications for every American who ever wears a uniform. Michael New's stand is for them, and their right to defend their country exclusively, in accordance with the American soldier's Oath of Office."

New, who is now pursuing a degree in Information Management Systems in Texas, says, "Right is right, and wrong is wrong. They can argue until the End of Time, but I will never serve the United Nations."

The case is expected to be heard before the U.S. Court of Appeals in late 2005 or early 2006.

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## A Pastor's Guide to Success with the IRS

### 21 Key Ways to Avoid IRS Audits and Win the Enthusiastic Approval of Government Agencies

By Texe Marrs

Power of Prophecy Ministries, Austin, Texas, is pleased to present to you this Pastor's Guide to Success with the IRS. As you know, increasingly, pastors and churches are being audited and attacked by the IRS and by government at all levels. But, you and your church do not have to become victims of the bureaucrats who run the IRS. Just follow these 21 proven keys and you will easily avoid IRS audits and win the enthusiastic approval of government. Equally important, these 21 guidelines will enhance your church's standing and popularity in the community and encourage church growth. You can become a vital part of the rich, prosperous, fast-growth, 21st century ecumenical Church. We will show you how!

#### 21 Key Ways

**1. If you have not yet done so, apply immediately for IRS 501(c)3 status.** By your registering, you will be indicating your acceptance of government dictates and your willingness to align your church with whatever currently is Public Policy.

**2. Affiliate your church with a mainline denomination,** like the United Methodist, Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Assembly of God, etc. These groups enthusiastically support the IRS and its policies, so your membership affiliation indicates to the government your church is IRS-compliant.

**3. Work closely with friends of the Jewish ADL, ACLU, Americans United, PAW, and even the Democratic or Republican Party,** as these groups have real clout and influence with the IRS.

**4. Publicly support the NAACP, La Raza, Rainbow Coalition, and other**

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## Persecution Continues Despite Decline of Communism

The news media has made much of the so-called "fall" of Communism, citing the breakup of the Soviet Union and the opening up of China as evidence that Western democratic influences are having a significant effect.

But accounts coming in from former Communist countries in recent years tell a far different story. Religious persecution continues unabated, particularly for Bible-believing Christians who refuse to surrender the Lordship of the church to the state.

Across the former Soviet Union, police are cracking down on unregistered churches, detaining congregants and arresting pastors. In predominantly-Muslim Turkmenistan in 2003, police used physical force on adults and children alike to remove them from a Baptist church building. "What's the point in talking to them, they should be put on a bus and shot!" one police officer reportedly said. The chairman of the government's Committee for Religious Affairs stated, "The law forbids the activity of unregistered religious communities. Let them collect the 500 signatures they need for registration and be registered, and then they can meet."

In April 2004, a student in Uzbekistan was threatened with expulsion from college for belonging to "an illegal religious sect." The Prosecutor's Office summoned 11 members of the same church for questioning, where they were pressured to renounce their faith and convert to Islam, and threatened with being shot.

A deputy police chief told Baptists in 2004 that "in Turkmenistan only two faiths are allowed, Islam and Orthodoxy, while the rest are banned."

Even complying with the registration requirements does not shield churches from persecution. A Baptist church in Turkmenistan which had completed its national government registration was raided in August 2005 during Sunday services by the "6th Department for Combating Terrorism and Organized Crime," which indicated that the church needed to register a second time at the local level. Despite a constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, the local police warned as they confis-

cated Bibles and hymnbooks that "individuals can only believe alone on their own at home."

Protestants in Moscow and across Russia, most of whom do not own their own buildings, are being systematically denied access to rented facilities in which to worship. Most of the facilities are state-controlled, and rental directors are being pressured not to rent to churches, and to evict existing church tenants.

In China, the officially atheistic communist government forbids worship outside of state-sanctioned churches. In an incident in August 2000, 130 members of an underground church in central China – including 2 American missionaries – were seized during a raid. In July 2004, a Chinese woman was taken into custody for distributing Bibles, and beaten to death – the second such death in as many months.

Leaders of the official Protestant church in China, under the socialistic "Three-Self Patriotic Movement," have defended China's policies and calls persecution "rare." They contend that "foreign meddling" has caused many of the reported conflicts between Christians and police, accusing missionaries of "undermining the stability of the country and the running of the official church."

Officially, Protestant and Roman Catholic churches have grown in China – but only within strict government-imposed constraints. Public proselytizing is forbidden; pastors and liturgy are under strict guidelines; church construction is subject to approval and control; and baptism of children is not allowed. Groups that refuse to register with authorities have been under intense pressure, subject to frequent fines, detention and imprisonment in labor camps.

Communism may be a thing of the past — or at least evolving into a more politically correct form — but persecution of Bible-believing Christians continues to intensify in the blood-stained shadows of Stalin and Mao.

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Sources: Associated Press (8/23/00), New York Times News Service (9/24/00), Maranatha Christian News Service (5/28/03), [www.forum18.org](http://www.forum18.org) archives.

# The Night Old John Barley Corn Gave the Preacher a Pain in the Neck

## (A True Story)

This spring, this preacher and his wife flew to Phoenix, Arizona to spend a few days with our youngest daughter and family. While there, I thought that since I only see my grandchildren out west a couple times a year at best, that it would be a good idea to take my oldest grandson, Hudson, who just turned eleven, to a Diamond Backs vs. Cubs baseball game. In spite of the exorbitant cost of tickets these days, unless you sit in the nose bleed area, I bit the bullet and got great seats a few rows up from the box seat area and just a few yards behind first base. Of course I took Hudson's dad Eric too.

What a beautiful experience to be part of genuine Americana again, and just sit back and take in the unbelievably exotic scene. I even forgot the cost of the tickets for awhile. Webb started warming up for the Diamond Backs and Dempster for the Cubbies. I had never heard of Webb before and hardly had heard of Dempster who some were calling Dumpster by the time the D' Backs dumped him about five innings later.

Folks, when that retractable ceiling began to move back and the huge doors started opening on the outfield walls of Bank One Stadium, and the smells of that Arizona desert breeze began wafting upon us, and that beautiful young lady sang The Star Spangled Banner, I would have paid double what those tickets cost. I thought how my grandson Hudson – named for J. Hudson Taylor – was worth every penny of it. My son-in-law? Just joking.

The first few innings were pretty tight, and it gave me time to reflect on my boyhood days when I used to go to Lawrence Stadium on the Arkansas (not Ar-kan-sas) river. I was there on VJ day, and still remember walking across the outfield grass after the game and picking up a spent Roman candle that had been a part of the pre-game ceremonies. God spoke to a 13 year old boy that night, even before I was saved, and it seemed that a voice from inside said, will this spent cartridge be all that you have left of your life when you come to the end of the road? Just a year

later, I would hit the old saw dust trail and receive Christ in an old fashioned tent crusade under the powerful preaching of Dr. Art Wilson.

The game wasn't much, as Arizona, even without Randy Johnson, still kept inching out ahead until they had quite a lead that ended 8-3 in their favor. There were a lot of Cubs fans right around us, because when the guy at the ticket window saw my Pacer's hat, we ended up in that section. The thing I kept noticing the most were the hard working vendors. Men and women, selling everything that you can imagine. My, how those precious memories of by gone days kept flooding back to when I used to sell soft drinks – they called it pop in those days – at the old stadium. I used to take home a bundle on many nights during the summer.

It seemed that the beer salesmen worked the hardest. Man, did this one dude sweat and work. He had 6 plastic bottles tied together somehow and he would hold them up and yell, "Cold Beer, anyone want a cold one?" There was no end as men, women and young people (I'm sure of age, of course) kept paying \$6.00 for a gigantic plastic cup of suds. I was still smarting over the tickets, but finally broke down and bought three bottles of water at \$2.00 a piece, all the time thinking how can these people afford all of this booze? I wish Ken Barber had been there to sing, "When Old Jack Daniels Met John 3:16."

By the 7th inning, when the game had become quite dull and it looked like the Cubs had already run out of gas before the season had hardly started, I noticed that the vendors were still slopping the hogs, and it seemed that there would be no end. All of a sudden I saw this big grey blur out of the corner of my eye, as a man fell full on my neck and right shoulder.

My 73rd birthday will be next month, so I don't hear so well any more (there – I finally admitted it), but Hudson has big ears and hears everything. He said "PaPa, those two drunk men were arguing over which team was the best and the Cub fan

won by picking the D'Back fanatic up and threw him across the aisle where you were sitting."

Well, here I am back home in Florida, sitting at my computer with a broken neck and a cervical collar on that feels like a boa constrictor, still thinking about the cost of those tickets. Let's see, the tickets \$99, the parking \$8, 3 bottles of water \$6.00, Next Care (intermediate care clinic in Phoenix) \$145, pain medicine \$12, Dr. Smith and X-Rays ?, Cervical collar \$41, more pain medicine \$31. The Orthopedic doctor Monday ?. But to be there with my grandson and Oh for those memories of childhood one more time, it was worth every penny. Will I go next year? Don't ask.

I have sense enough to know that no one is going to get alcohol banned from sports arenas any time soon, but I believe that the time has come when there needs to be a limit in baseball by the end of the fifth inning, and in other sports by at least half time. I only have a pin in the neck, but how many people will die or be injured this year because, for filthy lucre's sake, they wouldn't stop serving alcohol until they left so drunk that they didn't even know who won.

Proverbs 20:1 – *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

- Dr. Greg Dixon

### Mid-Winter Meeting UNREGISTERED BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY & TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2005

Host Church – Victory Baptist Church  
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Services begin at 7 p.m. Monday  
Tuesday 9-5 p.m. – Evening Service Tuesday 7 p.m.

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**minority rights groups.** Again, the IRS respects and protects churches that are pro-African American, pro-illegal immigrant. Mention occasionally in your sermons and in your church bulletin how much you admire fine men like Reverend Al Sharpton and Reverend Jesse Jackson. Honor the black community on MKL's holiday and conduct a Kwanzaa ceremony.

**5. Have a "Women's Day" annually at your church and read quotes from feminist books from the pulpit.** Consider inviting a representative from the National Organization for Women (NOW).

**6. Introduce the "new" music format for worship services (rock 'n' roll, contemporary music, hip hop, etc.) and junk the hymns.** Say farewell to the old standards like "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" (too militaristic, too preachy, etc.)

**7. Celebrate the pro-choice abortion position.** Periodically invite representatives from Planned Parenthood or similar groups to speak at church functions. Severely criticize the "horrible" people who demonstrate in front of abortion clinics.

**8. Regularly praise and commend politicians from the pulpit,** especially those that are liberal Democrats. For example, praising Bill Clinton's moral integrity and George Bush's and John Ashcroft's leadership and aplomb in seizing Indianapolis Baptist Temple's property for "taxes" owed, could inoculate almost any pastor and church from IRS attack. In election years, be sure to invite liberal Congressmen or other officials into your pulpit and endorse their election. (A contribution to their campaign could prove useful.)

**9. Throw a Halloween bash** for the kids and adults each year and have them dress up as witches, devils, blood fiends, etc.

**10. Be an advocate for sexual liberty and expression.** Join hands with local gay organizations. Periodically invite gay ministers, male and female, into your pulpit to declare how much God loves homosexuals and how much he deplures and despises fundamentalist homophobic bigots.

**11. Conduct same-sex marriages.** This will greatly get the homos and other sexual libertines on your side. The IRS will never, but never audit a rabidly pro-

gay church or pastor.

**12. Endorse the ecumenical movement.** At least semi-annually, host at your church an "Interfaith Worship and Prayer Service," inviting into your pulpit a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest, an Episcopal minister, an Islamic Immam, and possibly a Buddhist monk or a Wiccan (witch).

**13. Join and actively participate in your area's Interfaith Council or Ministerial Alliance.** Demonstrate your ecumenicity.

**14. Publicly protest and fight against (letters to the editor, etc.) prayer in schools and posting of the Ten Commandments in schools and public places, etc.**

**15. In the foyer or entrance of your church sanctuary, in literature racks and on tables, always have plenty of tracts and material supporting animal rights, world peace, the United Nations, gun control, Earth Day, and environmentalism.** (No church is ever audited that supports liberal causes.)

**16. Affiliate your church with the National Council of Churches (NCC)** and similar groups. Also, send financial contributions to the NCC.

**17. Criticize often (and harshly!) those "idiots" who are part of the King James Version Only movement.** Renounce them as "cultists." Explain to audiences that while, of course, you love the "ancient and outmoded" KJV, you prefer and endorse the RSV, NIV, ASV, NASB, NLT, NKJV, and all other "newer" Bible versions. (Note: An occasional quote or two from the Holy Koran, the Book of Mormon, or the Hindu's Bagavad Gita would be a good idea.)

**18. In your sermons and church doctrines, emphasize "love."** Preach positive messages and refrain from negativism or judgementalism. Completely exclude any references to: (a) Last days conspiracies, such as are found in Revelation 13 and 17; (b) Terms like "hell," "sin," "damnation," etc. (c) The blood of Christ; (d) the Jews (Note: It's good to praise the Jews as God's Chosen. But never, never, bring up the Jews' role in Christ's crucifixion!)

**19. Be trendy:** Allow the youth of the church to dress and behave the way other

kids do, so they can blend in and become popular and liked by those outside the church. Make condoms available at Sunday school, advising youth that "abstinence just doesn't work."

**20. Praise and assist charitable and self-help groups such as the Masonic Lodge and Alcoholics Anonymous.** (Note: Many IRS agents are either Masons or drunks, or both.)

**21. Stay abreast of emerging trends and fads, and keep up with federal court decisions.** The IRS requires its 501(c)3 subordinate churches to always adhere to whatever is "Public Policy." Since Public Policy is a flexible concept, ever adapting and changing, your church will have to do the same. Remember: Always ask the IRS what to do if you are not sure. The agents of the IRS are your allies. Their regulations are your new cornerstone to security and prosperity in this modern-day, post-Christian New Age.

**Summary:** By following these 21 key guidelines, you will be virtually guaranteed to be IRS protected and audit-free. I do feel, however, it is our duty to warn you of what the old-fashioned fundamentalist preachers see as two big pitfalls if you follow these 21 rules to IRS approval. They insist that:

1. Hell will be your future destination; and
2. Satan will be your constant companion.

But then, few ministers today believe in such old-fashioned and silly ideas as a literal Hell or a real-life entity called Satan. So, why should you?

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### THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

Christ's Assembly Freedom Baptist Church in Belleview, Florida, will be hosting the 2nd South Georgia and Florida Thanksgiving Unregistered Baptist Family Fellowship, Friday night November 18th and Saturday November 19th. FEATURING: Preaching and teaching on various subjects.

Contact Pastor Michael Ernest Slattery at 352-362-2212 or email [PstrMike@Preaching-Freedom.com](mailto:PstrMike@Preaching-Freedom.com). Visit [Preaching-Freedom.com](http://Preaching-Freedom.com).

# **21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL UBF CONFERENCE**

**Monday-Wednesday – October 10-12, 2005**

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