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Satan's Master Plan to Destroy the Lord's Church The Trap, Sin and Hoax of Tax Exemption

By Dr. Greg Dixon

In this issue of The Trumpet, we are beginning a new series entitled, Satan's Master Plan to Destroy the Lord's Church Part I, that will be an in depth study on how the Devil is using tax-exemption to accomplish his goal. The outline is available as a Power Point presentation in full color through The Trumpet. In this study we want to show that tax-exemption isn't an option for the New Testament Church, but rather a trap set by Satan himself to destroy the Lord's church by causing her to leave her true Lord and His benefits for Satan's baubles and fake jewelry. Our position is clear; we believe that tax-exemption for the Lord's church to be a sin and in reality a hoax. Tax-exemption isn't really tax-exemption at all.

Few people, no doubt, have ever considered tax-exemption for churches and other religious entities as being wrong. In fact, nearly everyone believes that it is a right guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Constitutions of the fifty States. All kinds of tax-exemption have become so commonplace in America it is just taken for granted. Property tax exemption, sales tax exemption, and income tax exemption don't even raise a question by pastors or parishioners — religious exemption is just an assumed right. Young preachers starting out never even give it a thought. They just follow without question what they are taught in the Bible Colleges and Seminaries on this subject.

This fact was brought home to me in a very unexpected way some time ago. Deep into the 92 day siege of the

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Indianapolis Baptist Temple by federal marshal's in the winter of 2001, I decided to call a dear elderly pastor in Indianapolis and simply ask him why we hadn't heard from him, especially in that we were such close friends. Our church had been a great help to him and his church in a time of need in the past, and I was surprised that he hadn't contacted us in some manner. His response was quite surprising. First, he said that he wasn't for our position but he had remained silent because he didn't want to hurt us in any way. But, his next statement is what shocked me the most. He said that he believed that tax-exemption was a privilege not a right and that we should have obeyed the law rather than rebelling against it. I said, "Dear Brother, that's what we believe." But he never understood that the Lord's church is non-taxable, not tax-exempt. Even though he understood that tax-exemption is a privilege-benefit from government he saw no problem in the Lord's church accepting the handout. He had no problem in giving up God given rights for a few paltry crumbs of tax-exemption from the rich man's table. How sad, but true. Neither did he understand that IBT had operated as a New Testament Church rather than a tax exempt "Public Charity" under the rules, regulations and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service at (501(c)(3)) since 1986.

Why shouldn't Satan want to catch the Lord's church in his trap and use it for his benefit rather than the divine purpose that God has planned for it? Obviously, the eternal souls of men are at stake.

INTRODUCTION

Just as Israel was God's instrument for the production, preservation, and propagation of His truth in the Old Testament Dispensation, God has chosen His divine church (assembly) to be the instrument for the same purpose in the New Testament. **Romans 3:1** What advantage then

hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? **Romans 3:2** Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. Oracles literally meaning the utterances of God. **Romans 9:4** Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;. But Paul the Apostle said concerning the Church, **1 Tim. 3:15** But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. This alone should be evident as to why Satan desires to destroy the Lord's church (assembly). Because, to destroy the Lord's church is to destroy the only true depository and dispenser of truth in the New Testament era.

The Lord Jesus gave the great commission to His church just before He ascended into glory. Individuals carry out the great commission, but it is the church as a corporate body, the body of Christ, which was given this command of world evangelism. **Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even unto the end of the world.* Amen.

Satan has a greater respect for the power and purpose of the church than do most believers. If he can destroy the church or at least its effectiveness, then he has thwarted God's program for world evangelism.

I. How Is Satan Accomplishing This Plan?

A. By destroying the biblical

definition of the New Testament Church

The origin and meaning of the Lord's Church

The Lord Jesus Christ established the church upon Himself as recorded in these words.

"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (**Matthew 16:18**); "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church. (**Ephesians 1:22**)

Every known Baptist confession of faith teaches this principle in their doctrinal statement regarding the church. The following definition is from the Articles of Faith of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International.

The New Testament Church Defined Matthew 28:16-20

"We believe that a Baptist church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith fellowship of the Gospel. Said church being understood to be the citadel and propagator of the divine and eternal grace, observing the ordinances of Christ; GOVERNED BY HIS LAWS; exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers of ordination are pastors or elders whose qualifications, and claims and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe the true mission of the church is found in the great commission:..."

Please note the words, "Governed by His laws." If this is true, then why has every church in the BBFI submitted themselves to incorporation or other legal entities created by the state, and have committed themselves to be obedient to those laws governing

such entities? And yet, the preachers stand in their pulpits and trumpet such passages as (Eph. 2:20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.” Does this not violate the warning of our Lord when He said that, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)?

The American Definition of the Church

Black’s Law Dictionary, 4th Edition - CHURCH - “In the most general sense, the religious society of Jesus Christ, to receive, preserve and propagate His doctrines and ordinances.”

Please note that it is the, “Society of Jesus Christ.” By definition this is the meaning when our founding documents mention the word religion such as the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Multi-culturalism was totally unknown to the founding documents of our country.

The New Testament Church according to Matthew 28:16-20

- It is visible - “...eleven disciples...”- (v-16) They could be seen. (Not invisible)
- It is local - “...into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.” (v-16) They could be found. (Not universal)
- It’s Purpose – (v-17) “...they worshipped Him.” The N.T. church is the only institution on earth that is established for the specific purpose of worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. (Not

formal)

- Its authority - “...all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (v-18) He said, “As the father hath sent me, even so send I you.”
- Its commission - “Go ye therefore and teach all nations.” (v-19)
- Its perpetuity - “...baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.” (v-19) It is the only institution authorized to baptize.
- Its teaching - “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” (v-20) It is the, “...pillar and ground of the truth.” (I Tim. 3:15)
- Its promise - “...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” (v-20)

There are Only Three Possible Positions on the Doctrine of the Church

- Catholic Position-Universal Visible Church
- Protestant Position-Universal Invisible Church
- Biblical (Baptist) Position-Local Visible Church

What the New Testament Church (assembly) is Not

It is not a legal entity (an organization as defined by the courts and the Internal Revenue Service)

- Such as a Non-Profit Corporation
- An Un-incorporated Association
- A Corporation Sole

- A Charitable Trust

The Devil’s Church has always been a State Approved and Recognized church (a legal entity or organization) The Lord’s Church is and will always be a divine organism - the body of Christ – Corpus Christi Heaven’s Corporation.

Note: The Bible that the State Church Must Use
Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
Department of the Treasury

Publication 1828 (Rev. 7-2002)
Catalog No., 121096G
www.irs.gov
IRS State Church Defined
Pub. 1828; pg. 1

“Churches and religious organizations may be legally organized ...under state law, including as un-incorporated associations, non-profit corporations, corporations sole and charitable trusts.

IRC: Section 501(c)(3) describes charitable organizations, including churches and religious organizations, which qualify for exemption from federal income tax and generally are eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.”

“CHURCH – Certain characteristics are generally attributed to churches. These attributes of a church have been developed by the IRS and by court decisions. They include: A distinct legal existence; A recognized creed and form of worship; A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government; A formal code of doctrine and discipline; A distinct religious history; An organization of ordained ministers; Ordained ministers selected after completing prescribed courses of study, etc.”

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From My Briefcase
Attorney David C. Gibbs, Jr.
April, 1998

“Will Churches Remain Tax Exempt in America?”

“Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) provides for the tax exemption of certain organizations, including churches and schools, if they meet seven (7) criteria. These criteria are easy for the church to meet, if the church knows and understands them.

1. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE A FORMAL ORGANIZATION.

This means the church must be organized as a trust, an unincorporated association, or a corporation;...”

You will notice that he says that it is “easy” for the church to meet these “criteria.” Why would the Lord’s church want anything from the IRS which, no doubt, is one of the most wicked and ruthless agencies of government that has ever existed in the history of mankind. Can the human mind think

of anything more evil than the Lord’s church entering into league with these cutthroats in order to receive benefits. Is their no embarrassment, no blush, no thought of receiving provisions (taxes) from the public trough to finance the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This socialistic program is nothing other than a violation of the eighth commandment, “Thou shalt not steal.” Abraham will stand in the judgment against this generation of preachers and condemn them. He even refused to take the spoils of war from the King of Sodom, which he had a right to, as he stated,

“...I have lift up mine hand to the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth. That I will not take from a thread even a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:”

2. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EXEMPT PURPOSES.

3. THE ORGANIZATION MUST BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EXEMPT PURPOSES.

4. NONE OF THE ORGANIZATION’S NET EARNINGS MAY INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL.

This means that no one connected to the organization may take advantage of their position for financial gain. A church cannot even loan money to their pastor. This also means that the IRS will set the salaries of the pastors of America.

5. THE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT INFLUENCE LEGISLATION.

6. THE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

7. THE ORGANIZATION MUST NOT ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITY CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY.

As we conclude Part I of this article we trust that the reader will see that Attorney David Gibbs, Jr. is not referring to a New Testament Church which is a divine organism, the Lord’s divine Assembly, but rather he is referring to a man made organization created by the Internal Revenue Service - an artificial person or legal entity, to perform a state function as dictated to by the IRS.

We will continue Part II in the April-June issue of The Trumpet. For a Power Point Presentation on this subject please send a suggested gift of \$15 to The Trumpet. Make out checks or Money Orders to the Indianapolis Baptist Temple.

THE TRAP, SIN AND HOAX OF TAX EXEMPTION

BY DR. GREG DIXON

This dynamic Power Point presentation on the IRS control of churches is an absolute must for every pastor, church officer and congregation in America. Pastor Dixon will show you how the Internal Revenue Service has tricked churches into believing that they must apply for tax-exempt status. He will also show you the difference between tax-exemption and a non-taxable position. He will show you the contrast between the Lord’s Church and an IRS controlled State Church. This presentation will also reveal how the IRS and the Courts have stripped the Churches of America of their God given rights to preach the Gospel.

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Ecclesiastical Court Held At Federal Court Building Indianapolis October 14 Condemns the supreme court of the United States

By The Trumpet Staff

In cooperation with Operation Save America, scores of people attending the 19th annual Unregistered Baptist Fellowship Meeting, held an Ecclesiastical Court at the Federal Courts Building downtown Indianapolis, Indiana on October 14 on cold blustery day at high noon. The media was well represented with a reporters from the Indianapolis Star along with Channel eight and six TV stations. Seven black cardboard caskets depicting the seven supreme court decisions that have destroyed the U.S. Constitution and brought the nation to the brink of a total police state was held by pastors and laymen that had come from as far as California to New York to attend the conference which was held at the Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria and Banquet facilities in Greenwood 10 miles south on I 65. The conference was sponsored by the Indianapolis Baptist Temple. Host pastors were Greg A. Dixon and his father Dr. Greg Dixon. The charges were presented by W.N. Otwell of Mt. Sterling, Texas. The seven caskets displayed in white letters the most important supreme court decisions relating to the moral decline of America spanning a period of 41 years from 1962 to 2003.

1- Engle vs. Vitale (1962) was held by Mike Anderson from Clinton, Iowa. The supreme court silenced the prayers of our children in public schools of the U.S. The prayers targeted for destruction stated, "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country."

2- Abington vs. Schemp (1963) was held by Ray Shydler from New York. The supreme court removed the Bible from the education of our children in public schools. The knowledge of God

was replaced with metal detectors, condoms, drugs, and violence of unprecedented magnitude.

3- Roe vs. Wade (1973) The supreme court removed the humanity and personhood of the unborn. With one stroke of the pen, the laws that once protected the most vulnerable were struck down and it became open season to kill precious babies in the womb. Our nation has been defiled, and the innocent blood of our children cries out to God for vengeance.

4- Stone vs. Graham (1980) was held by Paul Zander and Dennis Meador, Sr. from Montpeilor, Iowa. The supreme court stripped the Ten Commandments from the walls of our public classrooms, removing the foundation upon which the moral, legal, and ethical freedoms of America rests. "The court declared, "If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the school children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments."

5- Planned Parenthood vs. Casey (1992) was held by Garrett Lear from New Hampshire. The supreme court reiterated the lie of the serpent in the Garden (Genesis 3) that man can become as God. In a joint majority opinion, Kennedy, O'Connor, and Souter said, "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning of the universe, and the mystery of human life." With this statement the supreme court declared itself to be "God," and discarded it's historical reliance on a transcendent standard."

6- U.S. vs Indianapolis Baptist Temple- Gregory A. Dixon, Pastor/ Trustee (2001) was held by Ed Chan-

dlar from Atlanta, Georgia. The supreme court refused to hear the plea of a sovereign New Testament Church by allowing the federal district court (Indianapolis, Indiana) and the seventh circuit court to stand which resulted in the church being raided by federal marshal's on February 13, 2001. By this decision the court has declared that the IRS is the god of the Lord's Church rather than the Lord Jesus Christ. This decision has outlawed the N.T. churches in America.

7- Lawrence vs. Texas (2003) was held by Aubrey Vaughn from Houston, Texas. In this case the supreme court ruled that there is a Constitutional right to homosexual sodomy. In one fell swoop, this court threw out God, His law, over 4,000 years of history, and its own past precedent, to declare sodomy, in all of it's perverse forms, a Constitutional right in America.

Pastor Otwell closed the Court which was held by the authority of the local New Testament churches that were represented by the members in particular that were present by reading Isaiah 1:21-23-"How is the faithful city become an harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them"

For the full text and video of the Court please contact The Trumpet at P.O. Box 11, Indianapolis, Indiana or e-mail drgregdixon@earthlink.net

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19



Officer Rand Answers Street Preachers Street Preachers Answer Back With Federal Law Suit Report to the Trumpet From The Street Preachers Fellowship

As reported in the July-September issue of *The Trumpet*, Indianapolis Police Officer Mark Rand said, "If you say the name of Jesus Christ again on this sidewalk, I am going to arrest you and put you in jail." You might have guessed, the street preachers ignored Rand and kept on preaching at the 500 Festival Parade down town Indianapolis this past May 24. And then another policeman approached them and threatened to jail the preachers if, "He said the name of Jesus Christ again on

this sidewalk." And the officer continued by calling the Old Testament 'a book of fables,' according to Ron McRae the Director of the Street Preachers Fellowship which is a world wide organization to promote open air preaching. The preachers spent 12 hours in lock up at the City lockup and then later without any explanation the charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic were dropped. Nine members of the fellowship just returned from a trip to England where they preached to a Witches Conference that drew approximately 2000 witches from all over the world.

According to the October 16 issue of the *Indianapolis Star* the Baptist preachers filed a lawsuit in federal court the day before naming Mayor Bart Peterson, Lt. Michael J. O'Connor, Officer Mark R. Rand and Officer C.J. White as defendants. Besides McRae, 49, police arrested Bruce Perrault, 44, Holley, N.Y., Daniel Gowen,

37, Boswell, Pa, and Stephen McRae, 21, Hollsopple. In the suit, the Fellowship's Counsel of Record seeks Declaratory Judgment, Injunctive Relief, Compensatory Damages and Attorney Fees.

In a August 5 letter to the editor of *The Star*, Rand wrote that many spectators found McRae's words offensive and thanked him for the arrest. He said, "McRae preaches God's word only as long as you worship 'his God.'" Rand continued, "If you are Jewish, Muslim, Catholic or non-McRae Christian, then God help you, for according to him, you will burn in hell."

McRae said he did not believe the actions and comments by the officers were justified. "I used to be a police officer, you have to leave your personal opinions at home."

Learn more about the Fellowship at www.streetpreachersfellowship.com

An Eye Witness Account of the Inquisition of Judge Roy Moore

The Issue is GOD! And has Always Been GOD!

(The following is part of an eye-witness account from Chuck Baldwin of the so called "trial" of Chief Justice Roy Moore before a judicial hearing of all the justices of the Alabama Supreme Court in Montgomery, Alabama on November 12. According to Baldwin, Judge Moore's attorney had twenty pieces of evidentiary material to present to the "court" but was denied. There were also several credible witnesses, including former Alabama Governor Fob James, present to testify on Judge Moore's behalf but this was also denied. Space does not permit the entire transcript but hopefully the following brief exchange will show that this is not a Ten Commandments issue but rather an issue with God Himself.)

"I was in attendance at Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore's trial in Montgomery on November 5-6. A better word for trial would be "inquisition". There was no doubt that the "judges" had made up their minds to remove Chief Justice Moore from the bench before the proceedings ever began and with only one exception, made no comments, and asked no questions. Furthermore Moore's attorney's had some 20 pieces of evidentiary material that they could have presented but was denied. There were also some very credible wit-

nesses including former Governor Fob James, but they were also denied the opportunity to speak on behalf of Judge Moore.

The trial took upon itself a distinctive tone of inquisition when Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor questioned Chief Justice Moore. Here is an exchange between Pryor and Moore taken from the official transcript.

Pryor: Mr. Chief Justice? And your understanding is that the Federal court ordered that you could not acknowledge God; isn't that right?

Moore: Yes.

Pryor: And if you resume your duties as Chief Justice after this proceeding, you will continue to acknowledge God as you have testified that you would today?

Moore: That's right.

Pryor: No matter what any other official says?

Moore: Absolutely. (Chief Justice Moore then elaborated.)

Pryor: the only point I am trying to clarify, Mr. Chief Justice, is not why, but only that, in fact, if you do resume your duties as Chief Justice, you will continue to do that [acknowledge God] without regard to what any other official says; isn't that right?

Moore: (He responds by listing numerous examples of the public acknowledgement of God, and concluded answering the question.) I think you must.

Does any reader of this exchange not see what Bill Pryor was demanding? He was demanding that Chief Justice Roy Moore not acknowledge God! Pryor did not even refer to the Ten commandments. He repeatedly asked Moore if he would continue to acknowledge God. To acknowledge

God was deemed an impermissible activity and for this Roy Moore was removed as Alabama Chief Justice by a unanimous vote.

Watching Bill Pryor examine Roy Moore in such a fashion reminded me of the movie "Luther." It was shockingly similar to the moment when the great reformer stood in front of the Roman council and heard the inquisitor shout, "Will you recant?" Will you recant? Will you recant? It is also more than interesting that Bill Pryor asked Chief Justice Moore three times whether he would continue to acknowledge God, because Satan asked the Lord Jesus three times to fall down and worship him, and also Simon Peter denied the Lord three times. There does seem to be a pattern!

The removal of Chief Justice Roy Moore is a travesty of Justice, a reproach upon our national honor, and an insult to the voters of Alabama! It is also painfully obvious that since the American inquisition has begun, it is now time for an American reformation! It should begin with the State of Alabama returning Chief Justice Moore to the highest office of that state and by the American people electing people to Congress who will immediately put a stop to these black-robed inquisitors!

Let the reformation begin.

(Chuck Baldwin is the pastor of the Crossroad Church in Pensacola, Florida and also conducts a large radio and internet ministry called Chuck Baldwin live. He is a regular contributor to World Net Daily.)

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**HIGH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Columbus, Ohio
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Charles Mainos, Sr.**

Evangelist Art Wilson has Finished His Course at Age 91 Years. Now Home With the Lord!

By Dr. Greg Dixon

Early on, the press called him the "Kansas Tornado", because, when he left a city he had so uprooted the status quo and converted so many sinners, many times some of the most prominent citizens of the community, that it seemed as if a powerful spiritual wind had blown in from the Colorado Rockies. Arthur William Wilson was born May 26, 1912 and was converted to Christ in Aurora, Colorado under the ministry of a Baptist preacher named Ira Deal. He later became associated with Dr. Harvey Springer, the cowboy preacher, who pastored the Englewood Baptist Church for many years, which is a suburb of Denver. Dr. Art Wilson was affectionately called Bro. Art by his many friends and church family, of the Wichita Baptist Tabernacle in Wichita, Kansas that he founded out of a tent crusade in 1938 and served as pastor for 31 years. The original church building at 3rd and Cleveland Streets had dirt floors and open rafters for some time, but that didn't keep people from flocking in to hear one of the most powerful preachers of the 20th century. It was my privilege to attend those services when I was only seven years old. Later, I was saved at the age of 14 while he was preaching under a big tent at the corner of Waco and Douglas in downtown Wichita. His dramatized sermons kept people literally glued to their seats up to 2-3 hours sometimes. They left such an indelible impression that people could remember them almost verbatim many years later. In a revival meeting in the forties, he preached in a different colored church nightly depicting the theme of his sermons. In

the early fifties he filled the Forum in Wichita with approximately 5000 people on four consecutive Sunday nights for a series on Bible prophecy that he had advertised with full page ads in the Wichita papers, keeping with his reputation as one of the greatest Pre-Millennial scholars and expositors of his day. He was a preachers' preacher, having been elected President of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International five times, four times from the floor. He also had been one of the original founders of the BBFI having cast his lot with Dr. G.B. Vick, W.E. Dowell and John Rawlings when they broke with Dr. J. Frank Norris and the World Baptist Fellowship in 1950.

Dr. Wilson went to be with the Lord September 6 at his home in Springfield, Missouri, the city which had been the headquarters for his world wide evangelistic ministry for the past 34 years. At the end he was surrounded by his family as they sang the great hymns of the faith and read Scriptures to him until he fell into a deep sleep a few hours before he died. On the day before, his wife Elaine was standing beside his bed and Bro. Art said, "Who is that man standing beside you?" She said, "Honey, there is no one in our bedroom but you and me." Then Bro. Art said: "Who are those people standing at the foot of my bed?" Then she said: "Maybe they are Jesus and His angels coming to take you home." At that time he was talking rationally and on very little pain medication. His death came approximately four months after my wife and I visited him in his hospital room at Cox Medical Center North in Springfield just after the doctors had informed him, and the family, that there was nothing else that they could do for his failing kidney condition. What a rapturous experience we all enjoyed, as he comforted us by quoting Scriptures, poetry and hymns. Then he looked over at his beloved Elaine and said, "Wife, don't do anything to impede my progress." Other than keeping him comfortable at home with regular visits from hospice until the end, she obeyed

his wishes. The family scheduled two services, one on September 9 at the West Division Street Baptist Church in Springfield and the next day at the Friendship Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. Both auditoriums were filled with hundreds of people who had come from as far as California to pay their respects. Pastor Ray Melugin of Grove, Oklahoma, who had succeeded Dr. Wilson at the Tabernacle, brought the main message in both cities. Dr. Wilson had started more than 50 Fundamental Baptist churches across the nation which for the most part still exist today. He recently preached the 60th anniversary service for the West Side Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, which he founded out of a tent revival in 1943. Also many of the more than 100 preachers who had heard God's call while he was preaching attended the services.

One of the highlights of the services was when a telegram was read from the churches of Japan declaring that they considered Dr. Wilson the father of the modern day missionary movement in that far off land, because of the ministry of Ike and Jane Foster. They had gone to Japan in 1948, having heeded the call of God and General Douglas MacArthur's plea for missionaries to come to that war torn country after their defeat by the U.S. in World War II. Bro. Ike had been saved in the tent meeting that Dr. Wilson conducted in Emporia, Kansas in the mid-forties.

Another highlight of his ministry was the round the world missionary trip that he and his wife took in the mid-seventies. One of the most electrifying events of his life was when he flew to Jerusalem on New Years Eve in 1963 to be there when Pope Paul met with Athenagoras Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem on January 6, which is Christmas day for that Denomination. It was the first time that there had been a meeting between the two prelates since 869 A.D. when the split was affected between the two

branches of the Catholic Church. Bro. Art said, "I wanted to be there when the Greek Church returned to Rome."

Bill Hathaway, who with his wife, served for twenty-one years as a missionary to Japan has written the following tribute to Dr. Wilson: "My association with Dr. Art Wilson was when I was stationed in Japan during the Korean war in the Air Force and met Bro. Ike Foster, Missionary to Japan and now a Missionary to Korea. Bro. Foster told me about Bro. Art and the Baptist Tabernacle in Wichita. Little did I know that I would marry a girl from that church. I was a timid young man when I did my missionary internship at the Tabernacle in the fifties. Bro. Art on at least one occasion stood at the back of that great auditorium filled with a host of people and cried out, "SPEAK UP! CAN'T HEAR YOU!" What an awesome opportunity to stand in his pulpit and teach his Sunday school class. It was not so bad when he was gone, but when he was there, it was something else. He gave me the practical training that I needed. Interpreting for him in Japan when he and his wife came to hold meetings for us was also a tremendous privilege. I had to act out everything he did. The Japanese people watched as he acted out his message. Bro. Art's style of preaching was different, dynamic, inspiring, full of emotion and action...and long! He told me one day, "Never preach a sermonette." There is one thing that I have never seen him do...preach with his coat on. He would

take it off and throw it on the chair behind him. I heard one time he over-threw it and it landed in the baptistry. He always made something out of the sudden unexpected things that happened when he preached, and when Bro. Art preached things happened. One time in the old Tabernacle the janitor had pulled the plug on the baptistry and just as he was completing his sermon the sound of the last of the water going down the drain reverberated throughout the building. Instead of becoming flustered he finished his message with a dramatic picture of lost souls going down the drain of a sinful life into the abyss below. I remember one great tent meeting held in South Wichita when he got so wrapped up in his message when preaching about a person in hell, that he cried out "LOST! LOST! LOST!" as he ran out of the tent and down the street still crying, "LOST! LOST! LOST!" You could hear his voice as it died out in the distance until you couldn't hear it any longer. He never came back until the next night. The Assistant Pastor took the pulpit and gave the invitation. Many came forward that night trusting Christ as their Lord and Savior. Yes, I am proud to claim Bro. Art Wilson as my friend and mentor. What a great reunion we will have when we see each other inside those pearly gates."

Dr. Wilson, as many of the preachers of his time, did not have a formal education beyond high school, but he had an excellent mind for

mathematics, languages, drama and speech. One of his favorite stories was how he was invited to preach one Sunday morning in a Methodist Church out West. He was quite relieved when the robe that they tried to fit him with, didn't fit. While sitting on the platform before the introduction the pastor whispered to him, "What seminary did you say that you graduated from?" He whispered back, "WHALE!" When the pastor introduced him he told the audience that they had a very distinguished speaker that morning that was a graduate of "Yale University." Dr. Wilson never corrected him and he did take his coat off when he preached. When he gave an invitation which was not their custom, the altars were filled with Methodists coming to receive Christ at the close of the message. Dr. Wilson however was a man of wide experience. He trained for the stage as an actor, he was a reporter at one time for the *Denver Post*, and also, as Billy Sunday before him, he played baseball so well that the Pittsburgh Pirates wanted him in their farm system, when he determined to heed the "heavenly calling" that the Apostle Paul wrote about instead. His life was exemplary. He used no bad language, no slang, told no unseemly jokes, and didn't listen to or sing anything but the songs of the faith. Neither did he, complain, gossip, or backbite. He was a strict separationist ecumenically, and a fierce fighter against worldliness, modernism, socialism and communism. He didn't know the word compromise. He was especially elated when Israel became a nation in 1948, which he saw as a justification of his and the older prophetic teachers who had made such predictions concerning the events of the Middle East for many decades.

For the past 12 years of his life he could barely see because of diabetes, but he never missed going to his office nor stopped traveling to the churches of America. One of my favorite pictures is a photograph of my grandson Hudson and Bro. Art, in a church in Phoenix where my youngest daughter and her family went to hear him. He had a Magniviewer that would allow him to

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create his sermons so that he could read and then memorize them. It was amazing to see a man in his nineties preaching without notes or even opening his Bible, and yet hold an audience, even young people and children, in rapt attention. He actually preached his last sermon by telephone the Sunday before his home going to the Heritage Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, pastored by Gerald Manley. Also few people knew that he wrote the little chorus:

“THANK YOU LORD FOR SAVING MY SOUL

THANK YOU LORD FOR MAKING ME WHOLE

THANK YOU LORD FOR GIVING TO ME

THY GREAT SALVATION SO RICH AND SO FREE”

Dr. Wilson was preceded in death by his first wife Rowena, and Donnie, his second son by her. Ray who was his firstborn by her has been a missionary with his wife Bonnie to Mexico for over forty years. If he had lived eleven more days he would have been married to Elaine for 58 years and is survived by her, Paul and his wife Karen, daughter Rose Fields and her husband Dave both of

Wichita, and Mark and his wife Ruth of Springfield. He also leaves several grandchildren. Mrs. Wilson resides at the family home in Springfield and was recently given a computer on which she hopes to compose many of Dr. Wilson’s sermons into a book for distribution. Also a few days before his death his son Mark videotaped a short sermon entitled, “The Other Side.” This video was shown at the closing service of the recent Unregistered Baptist Fellowship meeting in Indianapolis and was a great blessing to all present. It along with the videotape of his funeral, which some churches in the Wichita area had professionally videoed are available through the family. An outstanding biography of his life written by Pastor Jonathan Stewart of Arlington, Texas entitled “*Duty Not Preference*” is also available. For any of these, please contact Elaine Wilson at 4188 N. Farm Road 115, Springfield, Missouri 65803.

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