

# AWAKE AMERICA

*Connecting the people of God with the people of government from Washington, D.C.*



## Wars and Rumors of Wars

WHAT DO WE DO NOW? // 2 KINGS 18

Hezekiah, king of Judah, was a godly king. He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. He trusted in the Lord and, with courage, removed the ungodly high places and images. God's record of Hezekiah reveals *he clave to the Lord and the Lord was with him*. Fourteen years into his reign, Hezekiah came under a major attack from Sennacherib, king of Assyria. Hezekiah foolishly tried to divert his trouble by giving the Assyrian king silver and gold from the House of the Lord. Appeasement only emboldened Sennacherib causing him to send his servant, Rabshakeh, to mock Hezekiah, to mock the God of Heaven, and to turn the Jews from following their king. King Hezekiah realized his mistake. He needed to change his strategy.

Becoming spiritually pro-active, King Hezekiah did the following:

- *Hezekiah went into the House of the Lord.* God's Word commands His people to

come together to worship Him. (Hebrews 10:25) We are capable of using every precaution for health safety in these days. Believers must remember our freedom of worship comes from the Lord and not from government.

- *Hezekiah sent for the man of God. (Isaiah)* Our political leaders need to know men of God care for them and are ready to give wise counsel. Has anyone in government sought you out? *Thank you* for reaching out to meet their spiritual needs.
- *Hezekiah received, from Isaiah, the assurance of Sennacherib's demise.* (2 Kings 19:6-7) Our God is a rock and a sure foundation in these days. Our lives, words, and actions as we live for our conquering King will inspire others to put their confidence in our God.
- *Hezekiah prayed to God for deliverance by bringing Sennacherib's vile letter, which mocked God, before the Lord.* Men may

mock our walk with God, but be assured the victory is ours as we humbly seek the Lord in earnest prayer.

That night, with Jerusalem totally surrounded and no earthly hope, God sent His angel and smote 185,000 Assyrians in the camp including Rabshakeh. The next morning revealed a surreal scene of dead corpses surrounding Jerusalem. A defeated Sennacherib returned to Assyria alone to be killed by his own sons as he worshipped in the house of his false god.

May American believers respond Biblically in troublesome times today with hearts and lives focused on the God of Heaven and His victorious promises given to us.



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Ohio is blessed to have over 425 independent Baptist churches among its population of 11.7 million people, yet we still need to plant more. The framework for strong, Biblical preaching has produced a solid foundation across our 88 counties, and the Gospel seeds which have been sown over the decades have borne fruit in those communities.

Ohio has many principled conservatives among the super majority in the House, Senate and Executive offices, yet we still need to elect more. The tactics and philosophies of the ungodly Left have often met with strong resistance in the Statehouse. At this point the urban dogma, blindly embraced by the media, does not possess enough disciples in the legislature to make much progress.



Ohio has passed and is considering the passage of several very conservative bills, yet there is still much to do. HB 270 is landmark legislation – a model for other states – which addresses the scourge of Comprehensive Sexuality Education being taught in our schools. Further bills addressing biological males competing in biological female sports and Critical Race Theory are currently under consideration at this time.

Through prayer, involvement and determination of God's people, I am hopeful that the Buckeye State will stand in the gap and thwart the onslaught of evil which is sweeping across our nation.



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## Winning Local: Carry, Marry & Bury

MAKING A STRATEGIC IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY //

What if you were able to engage the people of your community at hallmark times in their lives – birth of a child, wedding celebration, or death of a loved one? What if you were able to rejoice with them or offer prayer and condolences to them? This was the case of a pastor's wife I met recently from Holland, New York.

For years she served her local community not only as a pastor's wife, but in the Town Clerk's office. Each day individuals, couples, and families would come into her office to pick up birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates. On many occasions, a friendly face and a warm smile opened the door for opportunities to minister, connect, and encourage.

Think of all the places our Lord went during His earthly ministry. To meet the lowly, He went to lowly places. Yet, He regularly interacted with the wealthy, religious, political, and military classes. Paul by inspiration of the Holy Spirit gave his sentiments on scope of ministry in 1 Corinthians 9, "...I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

Wherever God has placed you, there are great opportunities to minister beyond the walls of the church building. Christ said He would build the church. Let us get out into the community *even in less traditional ways* to reach anyone and everyone we can with the Gospel.

### CONSIDER THIS

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# Prayers of UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS

“Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



**PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON**  
Written from Washington, D.C. March 4, 1801



Friendship Baptist Church built c.1880, now Culture House DC

## Shining Light on Capitol Hill

MINISTERING IN THE SHADOW OF THE NATION’S CAPITOL

For the first time in U.S. history, church goers are the minority according to Gallup as just 47% of Americans claim to be part of any church. This secularization is being felt especially in major metropolitan areas like Washington, D.C. In the last decade, dozens of church buildings in the nation’s capital have been re-purposed for retail, housing, and art and event centers.

As developers are rushing in to buy up church buildings, GraceWay Baptist Church is pushing back, but the challenge is great. It is hard for many of us to imagine competing with all cash offers while trying to purchase a 6,250sf building on .12 acres for \$2.4 million. We do know that GOD IS GREATER! Pray for Pastor Brad Wells and GraceWay Baptist Church as they search for a permanent home while they continue to shine the light of the Gospel on Capitol Hill.



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## How to Pray for Our Leaders

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-5 //

As we understand our leaders’ needs, we can pray purposefully and effectively.

### What to Pray:

Open the heart of [name] to receive the Gospel message. (Acts 16:14)

Give [name] wisdom, discretion, and understanding in making decisions. (James 1:5, 1 Chronicles 22:12)

Protect [name] from evil influences. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

Help [name] to receive godly counsel. (Proverbs 11:14)

Give [name] courage to do the right thing. (Proverbs 2:11-15)

### Pray for Your:

- President
- Vice President
- Cabinet Members
- Senators and Representatives
- Supreme Court Justices
- Military Leaders
- Governor
- State Legislators
- Mayor
- City Council
- Police Chief, Sheriff
- Pastor and Church Leaders

### Free & Other Prayer Resources

<https://awakeamerica.org/pray-for-our-leaders/>



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*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

— JAMES 5:16 —



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# HOPE *from* HISTORY

WILL THE WARS EVER END?

The twentieth anniversary of 9/11 is almost upon us. Enemies, that most never knew we even had, attacked us in a horrific way. Who would do this and why? No doubt these questions ran through all of our minds on a vicious loop. The grim reality of those answers is that this was an enemy we have faced before.

The first war America fought after we won our independence was against Islamic Terrorists. We call it the Barbary Powers War. Five different Islamic nations began attacking vessels from, what they perceived to be, Christian nations. It was first addressed diplomatically in 1784 by three well known founding fathers; John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. The war would go off and on for the next 30 years before a decisive military victory ended the conflict.

We were attacked in the Barbary Powers War because of who we were and the principles on which we stood. The same was true on 9/11. Presumably, the same will be true in the future. If we are not careful we can become despondent by such thoughts. The truth of the matter is that we should expect nothing less. The wars of this world are going to continue waxing worse and revealing more how desperately we need a Saviour.

One day soon our Saviour will return. On that day the entire world will experience what Christians have known for so long; Jesus truly is the Prince of Peace. There is *Hope from History*, but the greatest hope we have is that *Blessed Hope* of our soon returning Saviour.



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