

April Edition: Bullied in America?



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The irony exceeds description: Those in the LGBT movement claim to be bullied, yet they themselves bully Christians in the United States --especially Christian women and children. Why? Christian rights have become second-rate to other social groups (i.e. LGBT).

Consider this: A true Christian does not hate others. A true Christian loves others and desires all to know Jesus, yet realizes that it is up to every individual to make a personal decision for Christ. No one can force conversion. So what is there to fear?

Well, Leftists fear losing their ability to promote their sexual and financial agendas. There exists a major market for sinful practices, and there exists a major campaign to promote such practices. And it targets Christians.

Speaking of targeting Christians, Target stores have done just that: They have elected to remove a safe haven (a women's restroom) and instead create gender neutral bathrooms that allow men to follow women into restrooms

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without being asked questions. This endangers women and innocent children. (Take action now and sign the AFA petition.)

Further, a recent episode of "Saturday Night Live" featured a segment mocking the new movie *God's Not Dead 2*. The skit spewed sarcasm and ridicule directed towards God and Christians. It included content too awful and offensive to share here. The skit made fun of how Christians are being punished for following their faith and not agreeing with homosexuality.

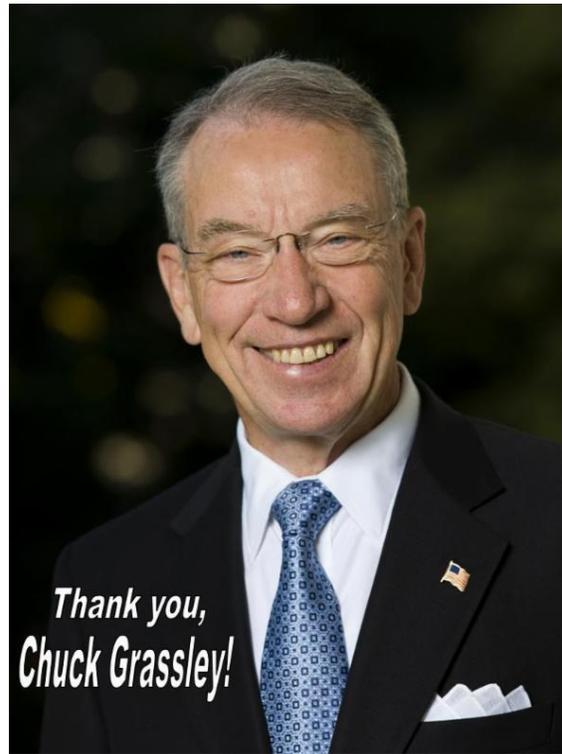
Pastor Carl Gallups responded by saying, "This is exactly what Christians have been saying was going to happen, and it is exactly why many states are now considering and/or have passed laws to remedy such vicious targeting and bullying by gay activists. I found the 'SNL' clip to be very telling indeed. It depicts two gays walking into a Christian cake baker's shop and ordering her to bake their 'wedding cake.' It is obvious that they have targeted her because of her faith - and for the sole purpose of introducing a lawsuit against her. And that's actually what's happening."

Sadly, the SNL skit is just one of example of the bullying and ridicule directed towards Christianity within our own country. In response, Pat Boone and several leaders are pointing that a climate of fear is settling over America. We salute Pat Boone for having the courage to speak out. He said, "Even ministers in the church are afraid to preach truth out of the Bible because it may be labeled hate speech." We are thankful for Pat Boone. (We're still honored that Mr. Boone endorsed our book *Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism*. It's full of tips on how to help our country.)

Christianity and the cross are despised by liberal groups who strategically campaign to silence us. It's tragic that this is happening within the Land of the Free. However, we're reminded of what Jesus said in John 15:18.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

But also remember what He said in John 16:33.



Thank you, Senator Chuck Grassley!

As Iowans, we're thankful for our own Senator Grassley. At this point, the next president should be the one to nominate Justice Scalia's replacement. As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Grassley remains right to follow precedent regarding this matter and to delay the nominating process until next year.

We appreciate Senator Grassley's leadership for the best interest of Iowans and all Americans. Join us and thank Senator Grassley today!

To show your support, contact him on social media or contact his office:

This Month's Bible Verse

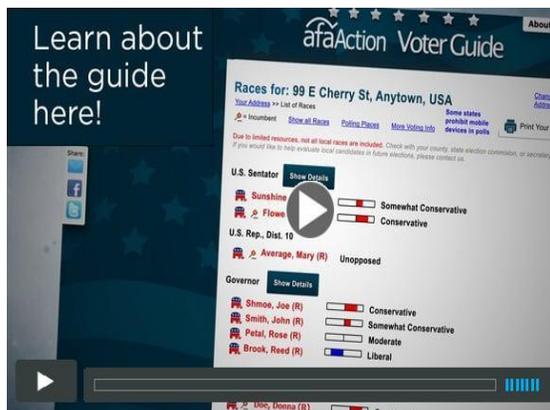
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. And knowledge of the Holy One is

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

We have hope because we have the Lord. Don't stop sharing about Him. Keep praying for our country. Keep working to protect our liberties. Please read this important edition of [Unite the USA](#) and share it with your friends. Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness.

Persevering with prayer,
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Q & A with [UnitetheUSA.org](#)

Q: So, what exactly is a delegate and how are delegates chosen?

A: With all the election news, many are wondering just what the word "delegate" means? For starters, here the dictionary

understanding."
-Proverbs 15:33

Featured Quote

"When our Founding Fathers passed the First Amendment, they sought to protect churches from government interference. They never intended to construct a wall of hostility between government and the concept of religious belief itself."

-Ronald Reagan

In Memory of Mother Angelica

On Easter we said goodbye to one of the greatest defenders of life, freedom, and faith: Mother Angelica. We have been deeply moved by her life story, love for Jesus, strong defense of life of unborn babies, and her bold voice against euthanasia. We're thankful for her life and how she made such a tremendous impact on so many levels. May God bless her memory...



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*definition: delegate: del-e-gate
noun: delegate; plural noun: delegates*

"A person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular an elected representative sent to a conference."

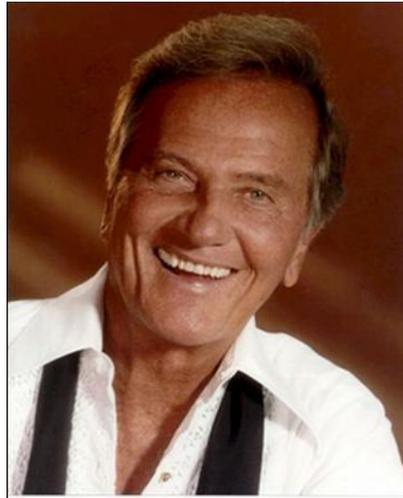
The delegate selection process varies from state to state. As an example, here are the basics on how it works for Republican voters in Iowa:

This year, Iowa Republicans participated in the Iowa Caucus on February 1. The people voted in their own voting precincts. After the vote was taken for presidential candidates, the caucusgoers elected delegates to attend their county GOP convention in March. (Anyone at the caucus can run for delegate.) At the county convention, county delegates voted in a select number of delegates and alternate delegates to go to the district and state GOP conventions. (Any of the county delegates can run to be district and state delegates.) This year, the district and state conventions are held in April and May. At those conventions, the district and state delegates vote for national delegates and alternate delegates. This year, the national delegates (and alternates) will go to Cleveland, Ohio where they will likely need to decide on who will be our presidential nominee (that's assuming that no candidate earns 1237 delegates through the caucuses/primaries).

Presidential elections are decided by the number of delegates earned -not simply by the number of votes. This process has been in place for several decades. Presidential candidates should know that the race depends on earning enough delegates to win. Whether you agree or disagree, that's just how the process works.

The War On the Cross

By Dr. Jerry Newcombe



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Pat Boone: God's Not Dead 2

"We believers are often too timid and we need to be more outspoken and bold." -Pat Boone



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There is a war being waged against a major symbol of Christianity - the cross.

In 1925, a large cross was erected in Bladensburg, Maryland, to honor fallen soldiers of World War I. But now that cross is being challenged by a lawsuit from the American Humanist Association. It lost its 2014 lawsuit against it, but it is appealing the case.

Last week, there was a bipartisan effort among members of Congress to save the Bladensburg cross. They filed a friend of the court brief to support this memorial.

First Liberty Institute is instrumental in the fight to save the cross from being demolished. It has been leading the charge in fighting these kinds of cases.

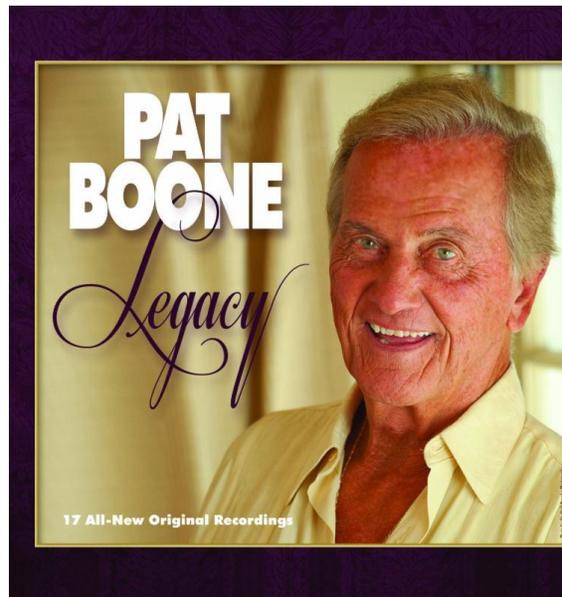
First Liberty Institute's founder and president is Kelly Shackelford, who said, "In a time when America is divided over many issues, there is one thing members of the House and Senate, both Democratic and Republican, have agreed on, along with 90 percent of the American public - our veterans memorials should be protected. We must always strive to honor the selfless sacrifice of our fallen heroes."

Jeremy Dys is an attorney with First Liberty, and I spoke with him about the case on my radio show recently.

Jeremy told me, "There seems to be a general allergy to religion any time any religious symbol appears in public." He noted this applies to

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Featured Founding Father

Christian symbols in particular and stars of David.

Dys said, "What we're attempting to do in all these cases is to allow these veterans who erect these monuments to honor their comrades who have fallen in arms."

He noted, "In the case of the Bladensburg Veterans Memorial outside of Washington, D.C., that was actually even erected by the mothers of these fallen soldiers from World War I."

Dys added, "When you have these moms who scraped together dimes and nickels in order to be able to erect this memorial, and you still have children and grandchildren and probably great-grandchildren now that gather around that memorial on Armistice Day, it's remarkable that someone would have the gall to try to knock down what one mother called 'the tombstone of her son that she could actually visit,' instead of the one that's listed in Flanders Field."

The American Humanist Association sued to have this cross removed because it believes it violates the separation of church and state, because the cross supposedly establishes religion.

The Constitution does not mention the "separation of church and state." Instead, the First Amendment begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..."

Historically, it was understood in America that "establishing religion" was the creation of a national church, such as the Church of England, which was "by law established." When we became a free country, this was no longer to be the case - that we would have a state church at the national level "by law established."



George Walton was one of three Georgians to sign the Declaration of Independence. He served in numerous capacities for the state of Georgia after the American Revolution (1775-83).

The exact year of Walton's birth is unknown; it is believed that he was born in 1749 in Virginia. In 1769 he moved to Savannah, where he pursued a legal career. By the eve of the American Revolution he was one of the most successful lawyers in Georgia. Active in Georgia's Revolutionary government, he was elected to the Provincial Congress and then became president of the Council of Safety in 1775. In 1776 he served as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, where on July 4 he signed the Declaration (along with Button Gwinnett and Lyman Hall of Georgia).

Returning to Savannah, Walton was captured during the 1778 British assault on the city, led by Archibald Campbell. After his exchange he returned to Georgia and was elected governor in 1779, having switched allegiances from the conservative to the radical faction. He served for two controversial months before reelection to Congress.

After the Revolution Walton served as chief justice of Georgia, as a delegate to the state constitutional convention in 1788 that ratified the new federal constitution, as a presidential elector in 1789, as governor that same year, as U.S. senator (appointed by the legislature

At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the First Amendment, even some of the individual states had state churches. That was not ideal, and they withered away of their own volition.

But to say that having a memorial cross to honor the fallen "establishes religion" distorts the founders' words.

These groups that sue against crosses in the public square attempt to jettison America from our true history.

It was the founders of this nation that systematically hired chaplains for the military and legislatures. For the first 200 years or so of our national existence, most of their prayers were Christian ones.

The founders declared national days of thanksgiving to God. Jefferson did that on the state level, but refused to do that on the national level because he thought it was the province of the states.

Our nation's first commander in chief was, of course, George Washington. I've visited his tomb at Mount Vernon and written in stone above his sarcophagus are the words of Jesus Christ from John 11 - promising that those who believe in Him will live, even after they die. Do those words need to be sandblasted away?

Of course, ultimately the cross is controversial because it points to Jesus' voluntary sacrifice to forgive sinners who believe.

Meanwhile, if we don't defend the memorial crosses now, we could go the way of China, where it is reported that the Communist government is now undertaking a systematic removal of *thousands* of crosses in that country, including those atop churches.

This war on the cross by anti-Christian legal groups reminds me of the movie portrayal of Count Dracula, who flinches and becomes powerless at even the sight of a cross. I pray

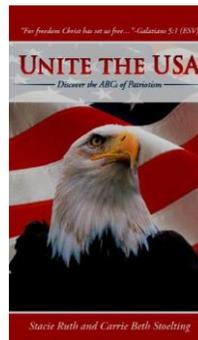
when James Jackson stepped down to fight the Yazoo Land Act), and as a justice of the state superior court. He eventually retired in the 1780s to his Augusta home, where he died on February 2, 1804. Walton is buried in Augusta. Walton County is named for him.

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they will not succeed in their efforts to tear down these memorial crosses to honor the fallen.

Featured Author



Dr. Jerry Newcombe serves as the co-host, a columnist, and a spokesperson for D. James Kennedy Ministries, founded by the late Dr. D. James Kennedy. Jerry has produced or co-produced more than 60 one hour television specials that have aired nationwide. Jerry is the author or co-author of twenty-five books, at least two of which have been bestsellers, *George Washington's Sacred Fire* (with Dr. Peter Lillback) and *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* (with Dr. Kennedy) and *Doubting Thomas? The Life and Legacy of Thomas Jefferson* (with Mark Beliles). Jerry has appeared on numerous talk shows as a guest, including *Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher* (4x), Janet Parshall's America, Point of View, the Moody radio network, TBN, the Fox News Channel, the Fox Business Channel, C-Span2's "Book Notes," etc. Jerry hosts a weekly radio program on Christian radio, "GraceFM," www.gracenetradio.com, Thursdays, 12-1 PM Eastern time. Jerry is happily married with two children and a

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