



## “The Bible and Our American Form of Government”

Rev. Darwyn Hassert

*Christianity and the Bible have fallen upon hard times today, as our government insists on a separation of church and state in public classrooms and courtrooms across America. Churches have been restricted from using the pulpit for political purposes since 1954. Rev. Darwyn Hassert reminds us of the biblical principles influencing our Forefathers:*

This July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate America’s 241<sup>st</sup> birthday. We easily remember this date, but many Americans do not understand that our Constitutional Republic was one founded on Biblical principles. What our Founding Fathers thought, wrote, and did was based in a large measure, on principles found in the Bible.

Historical research has brought to light that even though our Founding Fathers knew history, literature and the thinking of the world in which they lived, the Bible was the major influence upon their thinking. This was proven by the research of Drs. Donald S. Lutz and Charles S. Hyneman, when they studied sources that our Forefathers read and cited. These researchers reviewed approximately 15,000 items, closely examined 2,200 books, pamphlets, newspaper articles and monographs with political content, published between 1760 and 1805. They reduced this information to 916 writings and identified 3,154 references cited by the Founding Fathers. The reference cited far more than any other source was the Bible, amounting to 34 percent of all Constitutional quotations. The Book of Deuteronomy was quoted more often than other Bible books because of its strong emphasis on biblical law. Therefore, we know that what our Founders thought and wrote was for the most part based on principles found in the Bible.

The study by Lutz and Hyneman also revealed the political thinkers that influenced the minds of the Founders. The three most quoted thinkers were Charles Montesquieu (8.3 percent), Sir William Blackstone (7.9 percent), and John Locke (2.9 percent). All three of them professed to be Christians. Montesquieu (1689-1755) was Catholic, Blackstone (1723-1780) was Anglican, and Locke (1632-1704) would be considered a Christian, though his views were less orthodox because he placed a higher value on human reason. Locke was a British philosopher and political thinker, but had a high view of Scripture and frequently quoted the Bible in his political writings. His thoughts about independence and the rights of men were a great inspiration to the Colonists.

Sir William Blackstone, an English lawyer published his *Commentaries on*

*the Laws of England* in the 1760’s. These *Commentaries* were widely used in America throughout the later part of the 1700’s and studied by all American law students into the 1870’s. Blackstone quoted the Bible so often because he believed that the Word of God was the basis of all good laws. When Rev. Charles Finney began the study of law, in the early 1800’s, he found so many references to the Bible in Blackstone’s *Commentaries*, that he became interested in Bible study. As a result, Finney trusted Christ as Savior, went into the ministry and became a famous evangelist.

The major contribution of the Frenchman Charles Montesquieu to the thinking of the Founders is the concept of the separation of powers, seen in our three branches of government. The sinful nature of man was the motivation for Montesquieu’s contribution which is the philosophical explanation for what we read in *Isaiah 33:22*: “*For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.*” Reflecting on this, our Constitution creates the three branches of the Federal Government: The Judicial, Legislative, and Executive. This remarkable practical application of *Isaiah 33:22* to our form of government has brought untold blessing to generations of Americans.

The key to perpetuating our Republic is for Christians to live like we really believe the Lord is our Lawgiver, King, and Judge. Then we must remember the stirring words of President Lincoln, “Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our Fathers made it inviolate [unpolluted]. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.” (Hassert, *Patriotism from an American Pulpit*, ( pp. 152-155)

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## Words of Wisdom Dr. Charles Svoboda “On Serving God”



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Now when I look at I Thess. 1:9, “they turned to God from idols,” turning means salvation. Also in verse 9, “...Ye turned to God from idols to serve...” So turning to God means salvation; now serving means appreciation.

You turn to God from idols to serve the living and true God. In other words, one way to say thank you to God is to begin serving Him. That is, finding out what gifts God has endowed you with. And it’s a cop-out for someone to come up and say, I don’t have any gifts. You do! You’ve got either a gift – singular - or gifts plural. But there isn’t anyone in this world that’s a Christian, who can say truthfully before God you don’t have any gifts. You have gifts. God says: exercise those gifts for the glory of God.



### Yummy Corn and Pea Casserole!

- 1 Pkg. (10 Oz.) Frozen Corn
- 1 Pkg. (10 Oz.) Frozen peas
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Buttered Bread Crumbs
- A small amount of Milk

Cook and drain the vegetables.  
Heat one can of Mushroom Soup with a small amount of Milk  
Mix the Vegetables and Soup together and place into a Casserole Baking Dish. Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

Remove foil, top with buttered bread crumbs and bake ten minutes more.  
Serves six.



**Coffee filters? And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree even the large ones.**

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
5. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or soft fabrics.
6. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
7. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
8. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and to clean up small counter spills.
9. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.

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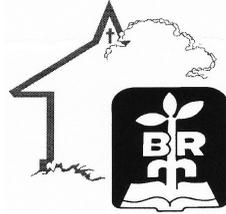
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*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

*--Galatians 3:28*

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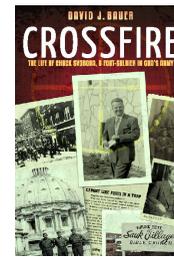
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*Rev. Dave Bauer  
&  
Dr. Jim Rodgers'  
July Itinerary*



- July 2, 9, 16, Mt. Prospect Bible Church, Mt. Prospect, IL  
23, 30 10:30 a.m. Dr. Jim Rodgers
- July 2 Devon Church, Chicago, IL  
9:30 a.m. Rev. David J. Bauer
- July 20 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL  
12:00 noon Rev. David J. Bauer
- July 23 Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL  
11:00 a.m. Rev. David J. Bauer



**From Cicero Gangland, to Enemy Gunfire, to Church Organization, to Arbitration in Churches... and beyond! The Chuck Svoboda Story & Bible Church History!**

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**The Lighter Side** - I had always talked about my job a lot at home, and my young daughter had always expressed great interest. So I thought it would be a treat for her to spend the day with me at the office. Since I wanted it to be a surprise, I didn't tell her where we were going, just that it would be fun. Although usually a bit shy, she seemed excited to meet each colleague I introduced. On the way home, however, she seemed somewhat down. "Didn't you have a nice time?" I asked.

"Well, it was okay." she responded. "But I thought it would be more like a circus."

Confused, I asked, "Whatever do you mean?"

She said, "Well, you said you work with a bunch of clowns, and I never got to see them!"

## BRM Field Report #Seven

Our Countryside office is a busy place, even in the midst of summer. There are always churches looking for pastors and pastors looking for churches.

Director Bauer received a call from several pastors experiencing declining congregations. Folks have been moving out of the area and several who have recently caused strife are also leaving. In one church, the decline has also been reflected in the pastor's lowered salary. The question put to us is: "Should I look for another church?" The answer however, is a bit more complicated than that. Will the current problems follow a pastor to another location? And, do we want to be the ones to leave behind a failing ministry? Forcing a new pastor to address left over issues is not good. This may result in the dissolving of a local church. Whether to stay or leave is a hard decision for a pastor. But ideally, a pastor should seek to improve the ministry health of the church before departing for a new ministry.

We are a ministry shoulder to cry on for discouraged pastors. If at all possible, we try to point them back into ministry-pillars of the church: evangelism, Bible study, discipleship, fellowship and prayer. It is no longer a ministry when we neglect these essentials.

Congratulations Brandon Siwula, associate pastor of Westchester Bible Church, upon completion of an ordination exam. Rev. Brandon Siwula was formally ordained in a special service on June 11.

A special congratulations to the happy newlyweds, the Rev. Derek and Jennifer Mason. Derek Mason is the senior pastor at Moraine Valley Community Church, in Palos Hills, IL.

And last but not least, our dear friend of many years, Lee Roupas and Anne Tumborello were united in holy matrimony on May 28. Both of them waited for years to get God's special choice for their lives. Praise God for His leading all the way. *God always give his best to those who leave the choice to Him.*

Thank you for your faithfulness and thanks for praying.

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Titus 2:11-13