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## I'm Offended!

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

"Why do you have hate speech on your table?" asked the voice behind me.

I turned to see a rather petulant woman standing in front of our display table at the county fair. It was opening day and I was still setting things up in the rest of our church booth.

"Hate speech?" I said while walking over to the display table. Having a fairly good idea of what tract she had issue with, I asked innocently, "What do you mean?"

Just as I expected, she pointed to a black card with a series of religious symbols spelling out the word "CONTRADICT", much like the popular "COEXIST" bumper stickers. Underneath, the word "CONTRADICT" it said in all caps, "THEY CAN'T ALL BE TRUE."

She angrily huffed, "You're saying if someone does not believe what you believe then they will suffer for all eternity. How judgmental! You can't tell people that what they believe is wrong. That's hate speech! I'm offended!"

I responded by saying that Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"

Even though the verse was quoted on the front of the card, complete with the reference of John 14:6, she cut me off and demanded where Jesus ever said that. I decided to play along and answered, "In the Bible."

"Where?" she demanded.

"In the Gospels," I answered.

"Which one?"

"John."

"That's right," she snorted triumphantly, "The Gospel of John, which was written nearly 150 years after Jesus lived. Jesus never said that. Some man made it up. It's not true. It offends me!"

I responded that Jesus really did say, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,*" but she would have none of it. She peevishly informed me that she had been studying the Bible and how it came to be since she had first learned to read and that I didn't know what I was talking about. That led to a short discussion of Bible translations where she tried to argue that the Bible has been change so many times that you can't really trust any version. I countered by agreeing that modern

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## The Early Baptists of Ohio

By Albert W. Newman, 1894

Ohio was settled late in the present period, but Baptists were early on the ground. In 1789 a number of Baptist families from Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey formed a settlement on the Little Miami at Columbia, now within the limits of Cincinnati. Among these were Isaac Ferris, from Connecticut, Judge Goforth and General

John Gano, from New York, and Benjamin and Elijah Stites, from New Jersey. Gano was a son of the famous preacher. There was no minister in the company, but the brethren took turns in conducting the services. In 1790 Stephen Gano, pastor of the First Church, Providence, and brother of the general, visited the settlement, baptized three

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## Coming Events at the BBC

#### AUGUST 2023

- 4 - Pastor Davis' 26th anniversary at RBBC
- 8 - Special Election Day
- 20 - 17th anniversary of "Live with Pastor Al" on the radio

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 - Labor Day
- 11 - Patriot Day
- 17 - 41st Anniversary of RBBC; Fellowship dinner following Sunday morning service

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## An Instrument in God's Hand

By Baptist Bible Translators Institute

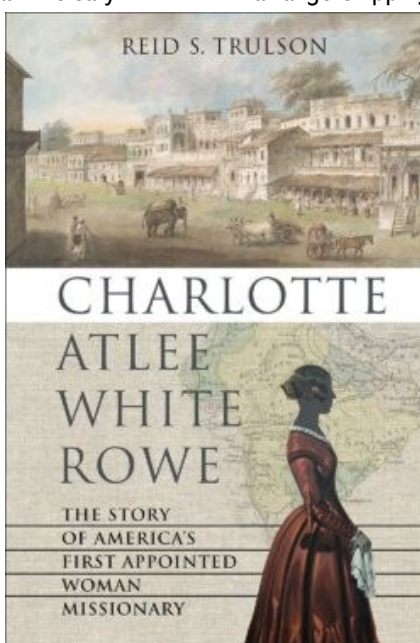
There was no headstone for Charlotte Rowe until her name was uncovered among the missionaries appointed by American Baptist International Ministries during research as it prepared for its 200th anniversary.

Charlotte White Rowe was the first woman missionary to be officially appointed from the United States by any denomination or agency. Charlotte was born in 1782. Her early life was marked by sadness. She was orphaned at age twelve and widowed at twenty-two. She moved to Massachusetts where she was saved and joined First Baptist Church of Merimac.

In 1813 Charlotte moved to Philadelphia and joined the Sanson Street Baptist Church. There she met and joined Charles and

women missionaries.

After four months at sea, Charlotte and the Houghs landed in Calcutta and traveled to Serampore. It took two months for them to arrange shipping for the printing press and



supplies to Burma. During that time, she met missionary Joshua Rowe, a widower with three small boys. They were married and Charlotte stayed in India with her new family while the Howes went on to Burma.

Charlotte's first task was to learn the local language, Hindi. She was a remarkable linguist and learned so quickly that she soon began establishing schools. It wasn't hard to get native teachers for the boys. To get teachers for the girls she had to hold classes and train the women first. Her resources were limited so she began writing schoolbooks in Hindi.

After only seven years of marriage, with six children and a busy and thriving ministry, Joshua Rowe died. Charlotte was only financially able to continue for an additional three years. She traveled to London in hope of being appointed by the British Mission society, only to find that they, too, had established a ruling against single women missionaries. She then worked to raise passage back to the United States

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Bible versions are corrupt and that that was why I only use the King James Bible, which, to her, only proved my ignorance.

I took a moment to look at her before continuing. She looked to be about 30 something and was picking up another card that had the word "PRIDE" in big, rainbow-colored capital letters across the front of it.

I continued, "Well, I'm offended! You came over here and called me a hateful, ignorant bigot. Who are you to tell me that what I believe is wrong? You are offending me!"

I know, how dare I accuse her of doing what she claimed I was doing. Fundamentalist Neanderthals like me are not supposed to be able to see the hypocrisy of such enlightened religious luminaries as her.

Anyway, she looked somewhat taken aback. She quickly regained her composure, however, and attempted to change the subject. Looking at the "PRIDE" card she asked, "Why was homosexuality added to the King James Bible in 1946?"

Having several King James Bibles, many printed well after 1946, I assured her homosexuality was never added to the King James Bible. She continued to argue that it was but when she realized the "PRIDE" card that she was looking at said absolutely nothing about homosexuality or the LGBTQ+ lifestyle she decided to change subjects again, trying to get me off balance by rapidly throwing a number of issues and questions at me and not giving me time to answer any sufficiently. She only paused briefly when another woman came up to tell her that the therapy dog demonstrations would begin shortly.

She began to get frustrated because I kept going back to John 14:6 and hammering the point that if Jesus really did say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," and that if what Jesus said is true, then any religion that is contrary to or denies what Jesus said is wrong and that it would be hateful to say otherwise. Growing more and more frustrated,

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

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(Currently in the USA)



## Words Worth Considering...



"We want to have you learn to see and appreciate the religion of Christ. We hope to help you see that religion, that Christianity, is not something that is far off, something in the air, that it is something to be enjoyed only after the breath has left your body. We want you to see that the religion of Christ is a real and helpful thing; that it is something which you can take with you into your classrooms, into your shops, on the farm, into your very sleeping rooms, and that you do not have to wait until tomorrow before you can find out about the power and helpfulness of Christ's religion."

—Booker T. Washington

"From a worldview perspective, a church's most important ministers are the children's pastor and the youth pastor. Discovering that seven out of every eight of those pastors lack a biblical worldview helps to explain why so few people in the nation's youngest generations are developing a heart and mind for biblical principles and ways of life, and why our society seems to have run wild over the last decade, in particular."

—George Barna

"Pastors and teachers immersed in covenant theology must spiritualize a very large number of Old and New Testament passages that teach the restoration of a kingdom for Israel. In doing so, they deny the reality of the Tribulation and Jesus' thousand-year reign and because of these errant beliefs they must find alternate interpretations for passages that refer to Jesus' appearing as an event separate from the Second Coming."

—Jonathan Brentner

"One can have a religious view that is compatible with evolution only if the religious view is indistinguishable from atheism."

—William Provine (Atheist)

"Personal responsibility is hard. Taking responsibility for the separate human life growing inside a woman's womb is hard for that woman. Hard things are often also right and very worthwhile things. They're just really hard to sell politically to people who prefer what they think is the easy way out. That just means proliferators need to redouble our efforts to change hearts and minds."

—Nate Jackson

"If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered the loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct."

—President Theodore Roosevelt

"If you and I believe that the original writings of the Scriptures were verbally inspired by God, then of necessity they must have been providentially preserved through the ages."

—Dr. D.O. Fuller

"There is no failure in God's will, and no success outside of God's will."

—George W. Truett



## MINISTRY FOCUS



Richfield Bible Baptist Church fair booth

## Recapping The Summit County Fair Booth

We had a great time at the Summit County Fair again this year with our church booth. Attendance was up. The commercial booths

were nearly full for the first time in several years. It was like a pre-COVID fair.

As you can see in the picture above, we added some extra space this year. We used the extra space to advocate on behalf of Issue 1. Part of our reason for encouraging people to vote YES on Issue 1 in the August special election was to help prevent radical leftist's from inserting their antichrist agenda into the Ohio Constitution. Although Issue 1 ultimately failed, we believe that the idea behind it was sound. An effort to prevent the radical abortion on demand up until the moment of birth with no state or parental control from passing this coming November. Raising the bar from the current 50%+1 vote to 60% would also help defeat the recreational marijuana amendment this November as well.

In addition to the Issue 1 materials, we also added a new display item. It was a box on a pedestal containing the most banned book in the world, complete with warnings not to open it. When people got curious we would tell them that more people have been imprisoned, fined, beaten, and killed for having this book than any other book in history or even in the world today. Opening the box revealed a Bible.

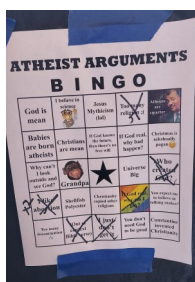


It was a lot of fun watching people dare each other to open the box. I think people thought something was going to jump out at them. My favorite interaction with the box was a group of young teenage Muslim girls. They kept looking at the box and talking until one of them sort of stepped over sideways and cautiously lifted the lid with one finger while leaning away. When she realized that it was a Bible in the box she quickly stepped away, pointing back at the box, while they began talking about it before hurrying off. Although I did not get a chance to talk with them, I can't help but wonder what kind of conversations occurred if they told their parents or their imam at the mosque about it.

Of course, we also had our "3 THINGS GOD CANNOT DO" display front and center. After all these years, it still never fails to get a reaction or spark a discussion while giving us an opportunity to share the gospel and give out some Bible tracts. While we would love to be able to lead people to the Lord right away, we recognize that our location just inside the main entrance does not lend itself to having a lot of time to talk with people. When they are coming into the fair they are usually focused on getting somewhere and when they are leaving they are often tired and just want to get to their cars.

Consequently, much of our ministry at the fair seems to be more seed planting and watering than harvesting. So, whether we are privileged to harvest a soul for Christ or not, we thank God that we are able to be a witness for Him and are confident that His Word will not return void. After all, as Paul observed in 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

We also had fun playing *Atheist Bingo* at the fair this year as well. We had our "Bingo" card taped to the back of our display and marked



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she kept denying that Jesus ever said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," and proceeded to inform me that Jesus was all about love and how we are all to love one another. After all, the other three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, all record Jesus as saying that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. With that, she picked up a stack of Bible tracks and

people on the left can be. They absolutely believe that there are no absolutes. When I tried to explain that Jesus' statement, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,*" in John 14:6 excludes any other way but Him, she would have none of it. When I tried to explain that two mutually exclusive statements cannot both be true, she refused to accept that, insisting, instead, that all beliefs are valid. I even



angrily threw them on the table and stomped off.

"Hey!" I said, "Don't mess with our stuff!" Then, succumbing to temptation, (I know, confession is good for the soul) I quickly stepped out from behind the table and called after her, "Thank you, I feel the love!" Well, at least I managed to refrain from adding, "Enjoy the therapy dogs!"

So, what can we learn from this encounter?

Well, several things. First, we can see just how clueless people on the left can be. Apparently, she had no idea that she was doing exactly what she was accusing me of doing. The irony of her telling me that what I believed was wrong while telling me that it was wrong to tell someone that what they believe is wrong was lost on her. After all, if everybody should be allowed to believe anything they want to believe and nobody should ever tell them that what they believe is wrong, how is it that she could come up to me and tell me that what I believe is wrong and I should not believe the way I believe? After all, isn't calling me judgmental being more than a bit judgmental on her part?

Second, we can see how illogical

tried to get her to do a logic exercise with me by saying that if Jesus was right, then any other way to God other than Jesus Christ was wrong but if Jesus was wrong then other religions could be right. Apparently it was too logical for her and she grew frustrated and attempted to change subjects.

Third, we can see how ignorant people on the left can be. President Ronald Reagan once observed, "*It isn't so much that liberals are ignorant. It's just that they know so many things that aren't so.*" Take, for example, her insistence that homosexuality was added to the King James Bible in 1946. Now, this is a demonstrably false statement. I could have taken any of the several King James Bibles sitting around our booth, each of which was published after 1946, and asked her to show me where homosexuality was added and she could not have done it because it never happened. No matter to her. She was insistent that I didn't know what I was talking about. She was right and I was wrong. Never mind the truth, homosexuality was there because she believed it was there.

Fourth, we can see how domineering people on the left can be. She began

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converts, and assisted in organizing the first evangelical church north of the Ohio River. The first pastor of the church was John Smith, who afterward became a member of the United States Senate. By 1797 three other churches had sprung up in the neighborhood: Miami Island, Carpenter's Run, and Clear Creek. These four united at this time in forming the Miami Association. Turtle Creek and Little Prairie churches soon joined the Association. The other pastors were Peter Smith, James Lee, and Daniel Clarke. Joshua Carman and Josiah Dodge, from Kentucky, were present when the Association was formed. The ministry was soon reinforced by the accession of John Sutton, Joshua Carman, and John Mason, the two last from Kentucky. As the Columbia church became speedily the mother of churches, so the Miami Association became the mother of Associations.

In 1801 a Baptist church of German extraction removed from Shenandoah County, Va., to the Scioto River district in Ohio. They settled at Pleasant Run, near Lancaster. In 1809 the church had three ministers, named Stites, Comer, and Cofman, who could conduct services in both German and English. At about the same date a company of Baptists from New England formed a church at Ames. This church united with the Pleasant

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where she ran a boarding school with the help of her twin daughters until the girls died, one in 1851 and the other in 1852. Charlotte died in 1863 at the age of eighty-two and was buried beside her twin daughters in an unmarked grave.

"I am but a mere instrument in God's hand . . ." —Charlotte Rowe

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## Ministry Focus

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off statements such as, "God is mean," "I believe in science," and "Who created God?". No one got a BINGO but it was a lot of fun listening for liberal catch phrases.

Thankfully, the weather was not as oppressively hot and humid as we had expected. However, we did have several heavy showers and a couple of thunderstorms. At one point it looked like we were in the midst of a monsoon. But, at least the roof did not leak!

A special thanks to all who helped and prayed!✠



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Run (1805) in forming the Scioto Association.

The remaining Associations formed during this period are the Muskingum (1811) and the Mad River (1812). These resulted from a subdivision of the Miami, whose churches had become too numerous and widespread conveniently to assemble.

The Baptist life of Ohio was more heterogeneous than that in most of the other newly opened territories, and considerable discord was to be expected. The advance movement of the succeeding period was to meet with less opposition here than in some of the States. This was due in part, no doubt, to the fact that in the settlement of the country the New England and Middle States were in the ascendancy.

In 1790 Ohio had 2 Baptist churches and 64 members; in 1812, 60 churches and 2400 members were reported.

[From Albert W. Newman, *A History of the Baptist Churches in the United States*, 1894, pp. 338-340. The title is added. Formatted and scanned by Jim Duvall. <http://www.baptisthistoryhomepage.com/ohio.early.baptist.newman.html>]

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her tirade with a shock and awe attack. "Why do you have hate speech on your table?" "I'm offended!" When that didn't work, she then began to accuse me of being a hateful, ignorant bigot. I was supposed to be intimidated and apologetic. Unfortunately for her, that didn't work so she began hitting me with a number of questions and then changing the subject to try to get me off balance and confused. All tactics designed to dominate and intimidate.

And finally, we can see how thin-skinned people on the left can be. When I interrupted her tirade to say that I was offended and accused her of judging me, she paused, took a step back, and looked startled, even confused. She tried to back pedal, denying that she was telling me that I was wrong or accusing me of being judgmental. She quickly recovered, however, and went right back to accusing me of being a hateful, ignorant bigot. But when I continued to tell her that she was offending me with her accusations she became increasingly irritable. Finally, when she realized that she was not going to get me to budge on my assertion that Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the life and that no man can come to the Father but by Him is a true statement and that it was, in fact, actually said by Jesus, she got more frustrated, more irritable, and even began to become agitated. She testily pointed out that Jesus said that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, threw a stack of Bible tracts down on the table, and stomped off.

So, what can you do to prepare for encounters like this? Let me suggest three things:

- (1) Know what you believe,
- (2) Know why you believe what you believe, and
- (3) Trust who you believe in.

As to the first, knowing what you believe means studying the Scriptures. Or, as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

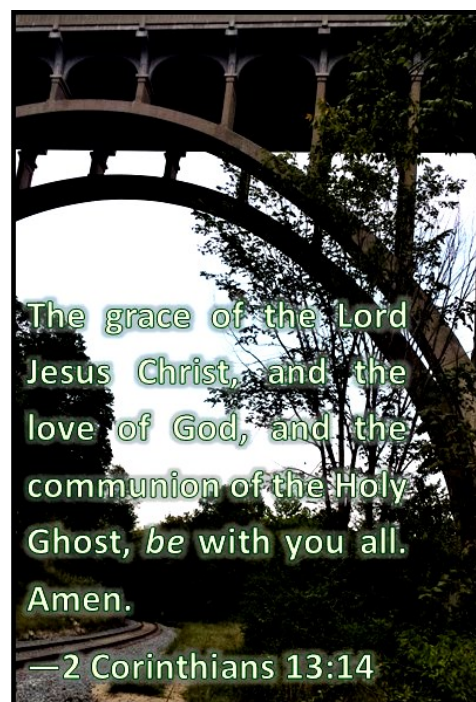
As to the second, Peter indicates how in 1 Peter 3:1, saying, "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear*". In other words, you should spend time not just studying but also thinking and meditating on God's Word so that you know why you believe what you believe.

And, as to the third, Jesus tells us in John 14:26, "*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*"

In closing, let me add one final piece of advice given by God to the Prophet Ezekiel in Ezekiel 2:6-7:

*"And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious."*

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<p><b>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WHO IS GOOD?</b> "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)</li> <li>• <b>WHO HAS SINNED?</b> "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)</li> <li>• <b>WHERE DID SIN COME FROM?</b> "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)</li> <li>• <b>WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN?</b> "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)</li> <li>• <b>WHAT IS OUR HOPE?</b> "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)</li> <li>• <b>WHAT SHOULD WE DO?</b> "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)</li> <li>• "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)</li> </ul>	<p><b>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School 10:00 AM</li> <li>• Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM</li> <li>• Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM</li> <li>• Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM</li> <li>• Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Studies &amp; Expository Preaching</li> <li>• World Missions &amp; Local Evangelism</li> <li>• Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com LiveWithPastorAl.com</li> <li>• Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: Late Night Live with Pastor Al — Sunday, 11:00 PM Live With Pastor Al — Friday 1:30 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible Baptist Church meets in the Richfield Commons Plaza at the corner of Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, in Richfield, Ohio.</li> <li>• Our meeting location is at: 4174 Wheatley Rd., Suite 200 Richfield, Ohio 44286</li> </ul>
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