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### Sunday

10:00 AM - Bible Study  
11:00 AM - Morning Service  
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## Pride Goeth Before Destruction

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

Welcome to the month of June. Or, as the woke left would have it, Pride Month.

Pride Month, also known as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Pride Month, keeps growing bigger and more inclusive every year. Originally it was celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," in the United States on the last Sunday in June, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall riots when patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn, a well-known gay bar in New York City, began an uprising to resist police harassment and persecution of LGBT individuals. The Stonewall riots are considered the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans. Pride Day soon became Pride Week, then Pride Month, and continues to expand to include all manner of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, questioning, and whatever other abnormal or sexually deviant alphabet groups that the Left can dream up.

This reminds me of Romans 1:24-32, where

Paul wrote:

*"<sup>24</sup>Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: <sup>25</sup>Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. <sup>26</sup>For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup>And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. <sup>28</sup>And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; <sup>29</sup>Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, <sup>30</sup>Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inven-*

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## When I See that Great Flag

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis (March 2009)

When I see that great flag of the United States of America, I see more than just a flag. I'm reminded of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and what He did for me.

The stars remind me of the universe and all that He created when He spoke it into existence through the mighty power of His Word.

The blue field behind the stars speaks to me of the heaven beyond the starry sky and the promise of a mansion there to all who will believe.

The red stripes illustrate the stripes upon His back and show the precious blood He shed as payment for my sin.

The white stripes, bordered by the red, remind me that although my sins were scarlet, He washed them white as

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## Coming Events at the BBC

### JUNE 2023

14 - Flag Day  
18 - Father's Day

### JULY 2023

4 - Independence Day  
25-30 - Summit County Fair

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# MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

## Do We Dare?

By Baptist Bible Translators Institute

"Satan knows well the power of concentration." Do we? Do we dare to focus on Christ with such genuine intensity that His glory is our only motive and consideration for every choice we make?

In October 1876, John Ruskin, a famous English painter and severe art critic, consented to evaluate a young woman's artwork. Astonished by her exceptional portrayal of artistic elements and principles, Ruskin immediately offered to train the artist. As time progressed, he declared that she was a rare talent destined to become one of the century's greatest English artists.

The young artist, Isabella Liliastrotter, was born on July 14, 1853, to an affluent family in London. Her godly parents intentionally instilled spiritual truths in her life which blossomed following her salvation. Liliastrotter's love for art was matched only by her passion for ministry. When faced with a choice between the



Liliastrotter 1853-1928

fortune and fame of an artistic career and a simple life of service, Liliastrotter chose to relinquish her rights to her talent and follow Christ. In 1879, she journaled: "Are our hands off the very blossom of our lives? Are all things—even the treasures He sanctified—held loosely, ready to be parted with without a struggle when He asks for them? It is a loss to keep what God says to give."

After she surrendered her life and talents to Christ, He opened His way before her. At a mission conference in 1887, Liliastrotter clearly

knew that God wanted her to go to Algeria, North Africa. The following year, she moved to Algeria where she ministered to Arabs until her death in 1928. Although she worked closely with North African Mission, the ministry never accepted her as a missionary because her heart was weak. However, Christ was Liliastrotter's focus; nothing could dissuade her obedience. For the next thirty-nine

years, she faithfully ministered to Algerian women and children through Bible studies, prayer meetings, and literacy classes. Her artistic and literary talents enabled her to write and translate many tracts, parables, Christian literature, and Scripture portions into both classical and colloquial Arabic. During her later ministry, Liliastrotter and her team pioneered work among the Arab Sufi mystics in the Southlands of Algeria. When her weak heart left her bedridden, she continued writing. The famous hymn, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," was

inspired by Liliastrotter's booklet *Focussed*, in which she wrote: "Dare to lay bare your whole life and being before Him, and ask Him to show you whether or not all is focused on Christ and His glory."

Lives are legacies, yet only Christ-focused lives leave legacies of faithfulness. Focused lives fearlessly follow Christ without hesitation at the cost to oneself, family, friends, or ministries. "Christ—Christ—Christ—filling all the horizon. Everything in us: everything to

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tors of evil things, disobedient to parents,<sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:<sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Not only do they have pleasure in them that do them, they want you and me to have pleasure in them that do them as well.

Consider, for example, the Riddel Scale of Homophobia:

### Homophobic Levels of Attitude

1. Repulsion
  2. Pity
  3. Tolerance
  4. Acceptance
- ### Positive Levels of Attitude
5. Support
  6. Admiration
  7. Appreciation
  8. Nurturance

The Riddel Scale, originally developed by Dr. Dorothy Riddel in the early 1970's, is widely used by a variety of institutions, companies, and organizations to gauge discriminatory, homophobic, and prejudicial attitudes regarding the LGBTQ+ community. As such, it overinflates claims of homophobia by ranking attitudes, such as tolerance and acceptance, that most people would not consider homophobic as homophobic. Consequently, if you are a "live and let live" or "to each his own" kind of person, you are still considered homophobic. It is only when you reach the level of support that you are no longer considered homophobic, but just barely.

So, why do we need a whole month to celebrate immorality and sexual deviancy?

Well, the answer lies in the word PRIDE. Not pride in the sense of taking satisfaction in a job well done or in the accomplishments of others, but, rather, in the narcissistic selfishness of the self-centered. This exaggerated sense of self is because the center of PRIDE is I. When I, meaning self, becomes the center of our life, we begin to be lifted up with PRIDE.

When self becomes more important than others, and certainly more important than God, it leads to sin, which is the breaking of God's Law. And, inci-

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Roger & Tammy Tooley  
Church Planting in England  
(Currently on the Field)

John Yingling  
General Director  
Baptist International Outreach  
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mike & Debby Drust  
Church Planting in Albania  
(Currently on the Field)

Mt. Pisgah  
Bible Printing Ministry  
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

Jim Robideau  
Lighthouse Legal Ministries  
at Lighthouse Baptist Church  
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civala  
Church Planting Assistance  
in the Samoan Islands  
(Currently in the USA)



## Words Worth Considering...



"The world has shifted to a global mindset to such an extent that all that's missing for the antichrist's arrival is a red carpet."  
—Amir Tsarfati

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."  
—Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"The woke culture that's invaded many churches thrives on promoting a Jesus that's far different from the One we read about in the New Testament, which always happens when a church moves 'away from a text-based faith.' *It's always a problem when churches distance Jesus from what He said.*"

—Jonathan Brentner

"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."  
—President Ronald Reagan

"Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

—Northwest Ordinance, July 13, 1787

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

—John Jay, (Letter to Peter Augustus Jay, April 8, 1784)

"Hate is whatever those in power say it is. Traditional Christian beliefs about marriage, human sexuality and the sanctity of life have all been censored on the basis that they are hateful."

—Paul Coleman (Executive Director, Alliance Defending Freedom International)

"Don't waver for one second when it comes to Target. They are selling products that encourage kids and adults to mutilate their bodies. There are few things more wicked than that. Gender confusion is evil and destructive. It should be resisted with every bit of resolve you have."  
—Allie Beth Stuckey

"We must not allow the enemy to isolate us and destroy us one by one – we must rally around the cross, for there we find the mercy, strength and grace of Jesus anew. We are not fighting for man's opinion – we are fighting for God's truth."  
—Dean Dwyer

"All lawful authority, legislative, and executive, originates from the people."  
—James Burgh (1714-1775)

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good Citizens and soldiers we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of Religion. To the distinguished Character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to add the more distinguished Character of Christian."  
—George Washington



## MINISTRY FOCUS



### Friday Night Bible Study

Some years ago the Richfield Bible Baptist Church attempted to start an addictions recovery program. The format of the program involved meeting every Friday night from 7-9. We worked at it for a year but it never quite got off the ground. By the end of the year, however, it had begun to morph into a Bible question and answer time.

At the end of the year we prayerfully reevaluated the addictions program and decided to suspend it. But, since we were now in the habit of meeting every Friday night to discuss the Bible, we decided to turn it into a Bible study. And with that, our Friday night Bible study was born.

We kept the informal format that had developed with the opportunity for those attending to bring their questions about the Bible and current events in light of God's Word. Rather than meet in the auditorium of our old building, we met in the fellowship area to maintain the informal atmosphere, setting out tables to encourage people to bring their Bible's and take notes, and providing refreshments.



Over time the Bible study began to take root and grow. From a small handful of people in the beginning, we began attracting a core group. Some were already coming to our regular church services, some were going to other churches but did not have anything going on at their home church on Friday nights, and some were not going to any church at all.

Eventually, we moved from our old building into a hotel meeting room. While in the hotel COVID struck and we had some concerns about what would happen. We made contingency plans to keep meeting should the hotel close. Fortunately, however, the hotel never closed and we never had to follow through on those plans. Instead, our core group continued to meet and even began to grow.

We soon began running out of room and God opened the door for us to move into our present location just over a year ago. God also provided the tables and chairs needed, as well as other equipment and supplies to allow us to continue to "Study to shew [ourselves] approved unto God, a work[men] that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)" and "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh [us] a reason of the hope that is in [us] with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15)." ✠

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mentally, the center of SIN, like PRIDE is also I. Jesus illustrated this in Matthew 22:37-40 where He is challenged by a lawyer of the Pharisees as to what the greatest of the commandments is:

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

In His response, Jesus condensed the entirety of the Ten Commandments into two. The first, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,” sums up the first table of the Commandments, the four dealing with our relationship with God:

1. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

2. *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

4. *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

(Exodus 20:3-11)

The second, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,” sums up the second table of the Commandments, the six dealing with our relationships with each other:

5. *Honour thy father and thy*

*mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

6. *Thou shalt not kill.*

7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

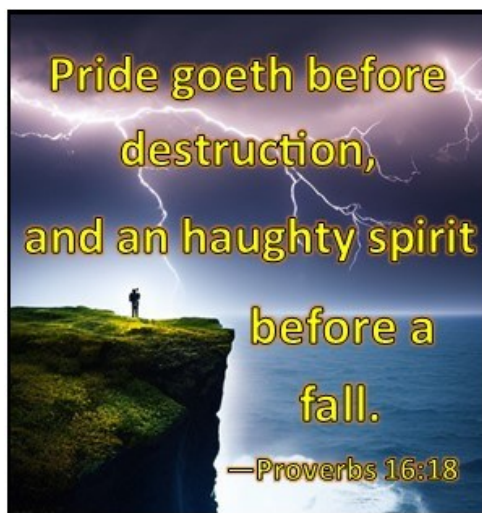
8. *Thou shalt not steal.*

9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

(Exodus 20:12-17)

The heart lifted up with pride says instead that the greatest commandment is, “*I will love myself with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind,*” and that the second is “*I shall love my neighbour less than myself.*” And that, of



course, leads to the complete rejection of the Ten Commandments and the subversion of all the law and the prophets.

Consider, for example, the wretched case of the Devil. The Bible tells us in Ezekiel 28:14-15:

*“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”*

Iniquity, which starts with I, is another word for sin. In Isaiah 14:12-15, the Bible details the sin that led to the Devil’s downfall:

*“12How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13For thou hast said in*

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## On Freedom and Religion

“Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged. 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.

“...To those who cite the First Amendment as reason for excluding God from more and more of our institutions every day, I say: The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny.”

—President Ronald Reagan

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snow and now my heart, although it once was black, now is white within.

The pole that lifts the grand old flag and points into the sky, is like the cross that lifted up my Saviour and like a lonely sentinel still points the only way.

Old Glory tells of what He left behind and what the angels sang, to shepherds keeping watch by night, on the occasion of His birth.

And as the flag lifts and swells with the freshening of the breeze, I remember how He went to rest into a borrowed tomb, but on the third day rose victorious, with a mighty triumph over death and sin.

The snap of the flag, the flash of its broad stripes and bright stars, it's as the Holy Word of God that echoes in my soul and shows to me that the only way to be truly free is to have my sins forgiven and Jesus in my heart.

So, when I see that great flag of the United States of America, I see more than just a flag. I'm reminded of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and what He did for me.

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us: everything through us. 'To live is Christ.'—Amen."

Is our focus changing our lives? Do we dare?

(Quotations from "A Passion for the Impossible" by Miriam Huffman Rockness)

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## In Need of Prayer



A young boy called Pastor Jones at a nearby church and asked him to come by to pray for his father who was very ill with the flu.

Pastor Jones knew the family and was aware they had been attending another church down the road. So he asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Pastor Smith down the road to come by to pray with your dad?"

The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch what Dad has."

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*thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."*

(Emphasis added)

Notice the emphasis on self. Five times Lucifer says, "I will." Five times Lucifer elevates himself above God and all others. Five times Lucifer reveals the iniquity that was found in his heart: PRIDE.

When we develop eye trouble, we cannot see the world around us clearly. When we develop I trouble we cannot see God and ourselves clearly. And, when we cannot see God and ourselves clearly, that leads to iniquity, putting ourselves (I) in the center of sin and pride. And when we, like Lucifer, can no longer see God clearly, we also stumble and fall.

The solution? Admit your sin of pride and ask God to open your spiritual eyes so that you can see clearly. As He said in Revelation 3:17-19:

*"17Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."*

(Emphasis added)

And when God opens your eyes to your sinful condition, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (1 Peter 5:6-7)." Because otherwise, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18)."

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**"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."**

**-Proverbs 17:6**

**Happy Father's Day!**

## More Loony Left Liberal Headlines!

On Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead:

**FUNDAMENTALIST  
PREACHER  
RAISES A STINK!**

Will Reading to be Delayed



**"Not until I went into the Churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and the genius of America. America is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."**

—Alexis de Tocqueville



**"[The] average peaceful Muslim and moderate western Muslim [are that way] because they have not studied the Quran. ...If a Muslim begins to study the Quran, understands the true religion of Islam, and what true Islam requires a true Muslim to do, he will either reject Islam or he will become a Muslim committed to violence."**

—Muhammad Kemal

<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 LiveWithPastorAI.com</li> <li>• Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: Late Night Live with Pastor AI — Sunday, 11:00 PM Live With Pastor AI — 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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"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."  
 (Romans 10:17)