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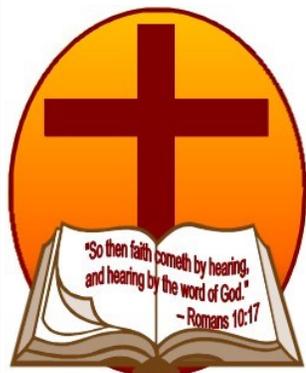
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Praying for Ungodly Leaders

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

Recently, I was asked a question about praying for ungodly leaders. The question was posed as follows:

"I know we are supposed to pray for our leaders even though I did not vote for him I find myself wanting to pray against a lot of them in Washington that their terms be shortened...What's your thoughts as a preacher on that . I know God ordained governments but most governments are so far from doing God's will with all the garbage going on it's hard for me to support our so called leaders."

This is a good question because in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul writes:

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

This reason, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" is reflected in the second paragraph of the United States Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

And in the first paragraph of the United States Constitution:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice,

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

This reflects the responsibilities of government officials, from police officers and judges to legislators, governors, presidents, prime ministers, and kings, indicated by Romans 13:4:

"For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

However, the next two verses of 2 Timothy 2, verses 3-4, provide a further reason to pray for government officials:

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

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"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."
—Romans 12:21

This year is the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks against the United States of America. Please take time to pray for our nation today and those whose job it is to keep it safe.

Coming Events at the BBC

September 2021

- 6 - Labor Day
- 11 - Patriot Day & 20th Anniversary of September 11 Terror Attacks
- 17 - Constitution Day

- 19 - RBBC's 39th Anniversary Service, Dinner & concert following AM service

October 2021

- 11 - Columbus Day

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Godly leaders, therefore, are to protect and uphold peace and tranquility, along with life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness among their fellow citizens and countrymen. And, in doing so, they make it possible for Christians to freely share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is God's plan for human governments and government officials. As Christians, we are to pray that God's will be done and, so, that means praying for "For kings, and for all that are in authority".

Unfortunately, not all leaders or government officials fulfill God's mandate to be a "minister of God to thee for good" and "a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Instead, they become ministers of self/Satan/etc. to us for evil and revengers who execute wrath on them that do good. What then? Do we still blindly follow such leaders and pray for God to bless them and grant them success?

Unfortunately, there are many pastors who teach that we are to obey those in authority over us in all things. They cite passages such as:

Romans 13:1-2 - "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

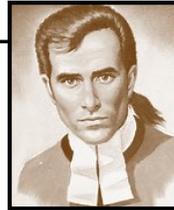
Titus 3:1-2 - "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

1 Peter 2:13-14 - "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."

However, this is an unfortunate misunderstanding or, in some cases, a gross misrepresentation of the Scriptures. Those who propagate blind allegiance to government officials fail, or worse yet ignore, what the Bible teaches us about the limits of obedience to human authorities in light of our greater responsibility to obey God's ultimate authority in all

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What the Zealous Can Do



With a cry of pain, the horse lurched forward causing her master to topple to the ground. David Brainerd stood, brushed himself off, and looked to see what had happened. The mare lay in agony on the ground, her leg snapped in two. David was beyond despair as he knew the inevitable must take place. With two Native Indians and a fellow missionary looking on, David raised his weapon and killed the faithful horse. He and his travelling companions then trekked thirty miles to the next house.

Such was the life of a young man who gave his life to see others won to Christ. Literally working himself to death, David Brainerd made it a point throughout his life to see to it that men, women, children, old and young, could have a chance to know Jesus.

David Brainerd was a young man with a heart for missionary work. He once said, "I never, since I began to preach, could feel any freedom to enter into other men's labours and settle down in the ministry where the Gospel was preached before." He wanted to do something for God that had never been accomplished.

After spending much time as a young man struggling with his salvation, he gave himself to prayer and sought the face of God to know how he might be saved. On July 12, 1739, while walking in the forest, David Brainerd gave his heart to the Lord and was gloriously saved. He became a zealous and fervent witness for his Lord. Although at times he suffered from depression, self-pity, and loneliness, he al-

ways righted himself in the Lord.

When his desire to serve the Lord returned, he was too zealous for some, and after calling his Yale professors less than zealous, he was expelled. After battling disappointment and bitterness, he learned to give it to the Lord, and he instead devoted his life to God's service. An excerpt from his life journal reads, "I hardly ever so longed to live to God and to be altogether devoted to Him; I wanted to wear out my life in his service and for his glory."

Although his ministry was full of many heartbreaks, hardships, sicknesses and unexplained difficulties, David Brainerd served the Lord for five years with over one hundred converts. He also did some Bible translation into an American Indian language. When ill health incapacitated him, he returned home and spent his last days with the Jonathan Edwards family. Even then his zeal was infectious. At the young age of twenty-nine, David Brainerd breathed his last on this earth. And as he entered heaven's portals, may we not say he was eagerly welcomed?

God takes what we think is of little worth and uses it for His honour and His glory. He can use the weak or the sometimes depressed to serve Him. So, dear Christian, do not give up. Keep serving the Lord! He will be everything that you need!

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Words Worth Considering...



"As for the notion that opinions are all equal, it must be pointed out that if all opinions were equal, no opinion would be worth taking seriously."
—Anthony J. DeBlasi

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right and evil doesn't become good just because it's accepted by a majority."
—Booker T. Washington (1856-1915)

"I have come to realize that culture does matter, that not all cultures are equal, that Christian culture has produced the highest levels of freedom and prosperity and the lowest levels of corruption and oppression in the world, and that transforming culture is a laudable and worthwhile goal."
—Voddie T. Baucham, Jr.

"America does not have a race problem, but it has a grace problem."
—Robert Woodson, civil rights activist

"Thought that is silenced is always rebellious. Majorities, of course, are often mistaken. This is why the silencing of minorities is necessarily dangerous. Criticism and dissent are the indispensable antidote to major delusions."
—Alan Barth (1906-1979)

"A true friend is the greatest of all blessings, and that which we take the least care of all to acquire."
—François de La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

"Liberty, or the absence of coercion, or the leaving people to think, speak, and act as they please, is in itself a good thing. It is the object of a favourable presumption. The burden of proving it inexpedient always lies, and wholly lies, on those who wish to abridge it by coercion, whether direct or indirect."
—John Morley (1838-1923)

"When enough people in a nation develop a paternalistic/maternalistic visage of the role of government, it is not difficult at all to get them to comply or acquiesce to anything. As long as a mandate or rule satiates their sense of safety and comfort, they'll consent to anything."
—Darrell B. Harrison

"One way in which the CDC's unscientific approach is currently on display is its refusal to acknowledge that [recovering from] covid confers immunity to the disease, to the same extent, and probably more, than being vaccinated. This stands to reason, since the whole point of vaccination is to mimic the effect — production of antibodies — of having a disease."
—John Hinderaker



MINISTRY FOCUS



RBBC 39TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Mark your calendars for September 19!

Sunday, September 19, the Richfield Bible Baptist Church will be celebrating its 39th anniversary. Pastor Don Whitecar and the original members of RBBC first gathered in the old Richfield Elementary School gymnasium on Streetsboro Road back in 1982. Alfred B. Davis later became the second pastor of the church after Pastor Whitecar resigned in 1997. Pastor Davis and his wife, Kimberly, had originally served as missionaries sent out by RBBC to plant churches in the Samoan Islands.

The church has met in a number of locations over the years. From the school gymnasium, RBBC utilized both the old Richfield Baptist Church building and the historic Richfield Town Hall, located across



from the Post Office on Broadview Road and then a commercial space in what once was the Skyline Drive In concession stand on Brecksville Road. From there the church



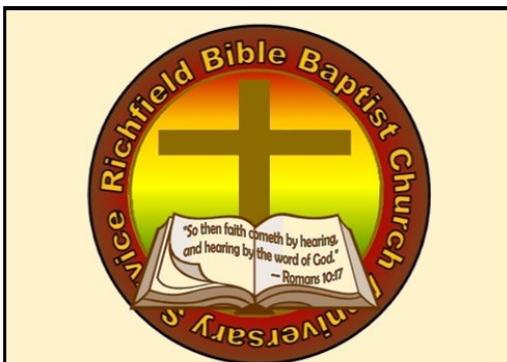
rented a building next to the where the old Richfield Family Restaurant once stood at the corner of Farnham and Brecksville Roads. Eventually, due to the owners of the building losing the building, the church was forced to relocate once more in the spring of 2009. From there we began temporarily meeting at the Richfield Holiday Inn Express, where we continue to meet today on Sundays and Friday nights.

Eric John Hawout will be our special guest again this year, providing special music during our morning service at 11:00 AM. Following the morning service you are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 12:30 PM. Following dinner, Bro. Hawout will be singing at 2:00 PM. Stay for fellowship and potluck leftovers after the concert.



Please make every effort to be here and to bring a friend. If you have ever been a part of the church in the past, we want to extend a

special invitation for you to be a part of our celebration. If you cannot make it for the morning service, you are welcome to join us for for dinner and a free gospel concert. †



Sunday, September 19, 2021

- Special Music with Eric Hawout during Morning Service at 11:00 AM
- Dinner & Fellowship at 12:30 PM
- Concert with Eric Hawout at 2:00 PM
- No Evening Service

If Biblical headlines were written by today's liberal media...

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE!



Pursuing Environmentalists Killed by Rising Oceans

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things.

For instance, in Acts chapters 4 and 5, Peter and John are apprehended by the Sanhedrim, a 71 member ruling council of the Jews made up of the chief priests, rulers, scribes, and elders. They are commanded by the Council, “*not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus*” (Acts 4:18). Peter and John responded in Acts 4:19-20, “*Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*” Then, after they are further threatened by the Council in verse 21, they are set free, only to be found again later, in chapter 5, speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus. Brought before the Council, they are asked by the High priest in Acts 5:28, “*Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?*” Rather than back down, the Apostles stood firm in their resolve to obey Christ in all things and responded in verse 29, “*We ought to obey God rather than men.*”

Their answer, “*We ought to obey God rather than men,*” is instrumental in understanding the limits of our obedience to human authority. Another indication of the limitations of human authority is found in Ephesians 6:1 where Paul writes:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.”

Obedience to human authority is commanded, but with a qualification: “*in the Lord*”.

Now, this is not a contradiction with what Paul writes in Colossians 3:20:

“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”

In Colossians Paul is emphasizing how obedience is “*well pleasing unto the Lord.*” In Ephesians he gives us the limitation on that obedience by saying that children are to obey their parents “*in the Lord: for this is right.*”

Other limitations on human authority can be seen in the example of the Hebrew midwives who were told by the King of Egypt, in Exodus 1:16, to kill any male Hebrew babies that they delivered. Never-

theless, according to Exodus 1:17:

“But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.”

God did not condemn the midwives for their civil disobedience. Instead, according to Exodus 1:20-21, He rewarded them:

“Therefore, God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.”

In fact, Moses, one of Israel’s greatest prophets, was himself a product of civil disobedience. His mother, Jochebed, vio-

lated Pharaoh’s order to kill all male Hebrew babies and saved Moses by putting him in an ark of bulrushes. In Exodus chapter 2 we read how Pharaoh’s daughter found the ark and then God orches-

trated events so that Jochebed had the privilege of being hired to nurse Moses and take care of him.

These are but a few examples disobedience on the part of God’s people toward ungodly laws and commandments. Other examples can be drawn from the ministries of both Jesus and Paul, as well as from many of the Old Testament prophets as you study the Bible. So, clearly, we are not called to blindly obey unjust and ungodly leaders.

I believe, then, that in so much as possible, we should do our best to obey those that have authority over us. However, when they come in conflict with God’s Word, we are compelled to resist government officials and leaders who are acting and ruling contrary to God’s Word and their God ordained responsibility to rule as ministers of God. We still pray for them, though, in hopes that God will get ahold of their hearts and bring them under conviction that they might get saved, if they are unsaved, or get their hearts right with God if they are saved. We also pray that, saved or unsaved, they will govern and lead in accordance with Godly principles.

But what if they don’t? Well, we certainly don’t need to pray for their success if they are acting contrary to God’s Word.

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GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH

Never Loses Sight Of the Cross

Words by T.O. Chisholm
(Hymns of the Heart, 1914)

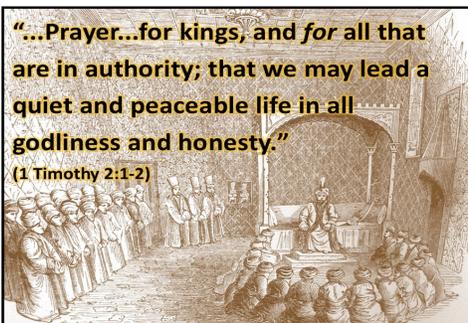
As onward you press t’ward the heavenly goal,
Never lose sight of the cross;
There Jesus was nailed to redeem your soul,
Never lose sight of the cross;
On Him your iniquities were all laid,
There bleeding and dying, your debt He paid;
A full atonement paid,
Never lose sight of the cross.

Tho’ bitter the conflict with sin and with wrong,
Never lose sight of the cross;
The vict’ry is sure, tho’ the fight belong,
Never lose sight of the cross;
Tho’ day should be turned into midnight gloom,
Tho’ weary and lonely your path become;
Press onward, for surely ’twill lead you home,
Never lose sight of the cross.

A wonderful, mighty unchanging love!
Never lose sight of the cross;
Tho’ God ev’ry token but this remove,
Never lose sight of the cross;
Bring Jesus your best tho-gift so small,
For love so amazing demands your all;
And follow where Calvary’s light doth fall,
Never lose sight of the cross.

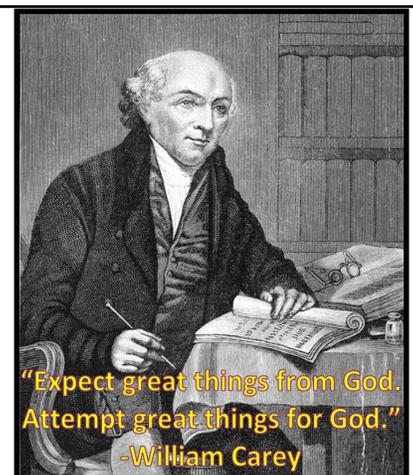
Chorus:

O crimson cross of Calvary,
Were Jesus died to make us free;
Our only hope, our only plea,
Never lose sight of the cross.



“...Prayer...for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)



**“Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.”**
-William Carey

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Instead, I think we can pray that God will prevent them from succeeding with their ungodly plans and hinder their ungodly deeds. We can pray as David did in Psalm 7:9:

“Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.”

And, if need be, we can pray further as David did in these other passages:

Psalm 5:8-10 - “Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.”

Psalm 10:15 - “Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.”

Psalm 17:13 - “Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:”

Psalm 28:3-5 - “Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts. Give

them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.”

Psalm 31:18 - “Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.”

We can also pray in accordance with Jude 15 that the Lord would soon come *“To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”*

In the meanwhile, Paul’s admonition in Romans 12:18, *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men”*, is good advice, keeping in mind that we, according to Ephesians 6:12, *“...wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

And, by all means, don’t stop praying *“for kings, and for all that are in authority”*, whether they are godly or not, *“that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”*

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GOD’S CHARACTERISTICS FOR LEADERS:

- Humble
(Exodus 3:11; Judges 6:15; 1 Samuel 9:21; 1 Samuel 18:18; 1 Kings 3:7)
- Able
(Exodus 18:21, 25)
- God-fearing
(Exodus 18:21; 2 Samuel 23:3; Nehemiah 7:1-2; Psalms 21:7)
- Truthful
(Proverbs 20:28; Exodus 18:21)
- Not covetousness
(Exodus 18:21)
- Mature
(Numbers 11:16)
- Wise
(Deuteronomy 1:13; Psalms 2:10; Matthew 24:45-47; Luke 12:42-44)
- Understanding
(Deuteronomy 1:13)
- Just
(2 Samuel 23:3)
- Valorous
(1 Kings 11:28)
- Industrious
(1 Kings 11:28; Matthew 24:45-47; Luke 12:42-44)
- Faithful
(Nehemiah 7:1-2; Proverbs 29:14; Matthew 24:45-47; Matthew 25:20-23; Luke 12:42-44)
- Teachable
(Psalms 2:10)
- Righteous
(Proverbs 16:12-13; Proverbs 25:5)
- Merciful
(Proverbs 20:28)
- Sober
(Proverbs 31:4-5)
- Good
(Matthew 25:20-23)

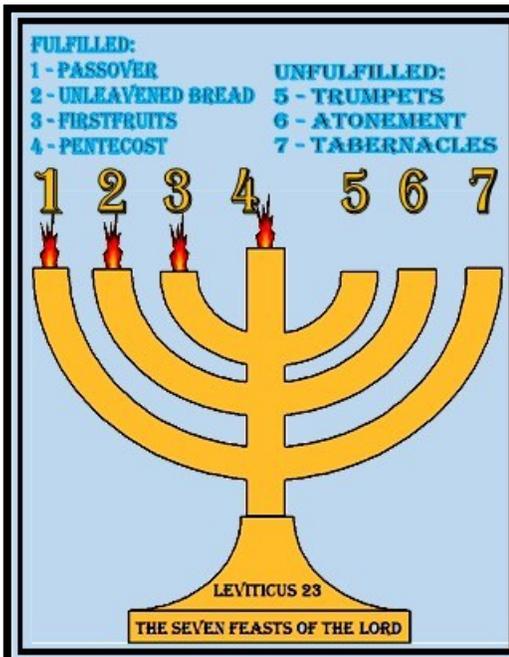
The Seven Feasts of the Lord

Leviticus details for the Jewish people seven important feasts in chapter 23. These feasts, or holy days, not only have historical and spiritual meaning for the Jews, they also have prophetic meaning. They have historical, spiritual, and prophetic meaning for Christians as well.

The first four, the spring feasts, were fulfilled through the first coming of the Lord. Jesus was our Passover Lamb at Passover, His sacrifice was the Unleavened Bread at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, He rose as the Firstfruits of the resurrection on the Feast of Firstfruits, and He poured His Spirit out on the Believers on the Day of Pentecost.

Now, after a season, it is time for the fulfillment of the autumn feasts. First is the Feast of Trumpets, a celebration where people know the season but neither the day or the hour. They are to watch and wait, listening for the trumpets. Sounds much like the coming Rapture of the Believers! Next comes the Day of Atonement, which may well find fulfillment in the Tribulation when Jesus returns to this world at the battle of Armageddon. Finally comes the Feast of Tabernacles. Following the Lord’s return, He will set up His kingdom on this earth and dwell with us here for a thousand years.

Judging by world events, are we about to see the fulfillment of the autumn feasts? That is the blessed hope of the Believer! Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!



<p>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) • WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) • WHERE DID SIN COME FROM? "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) • WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) • WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) • WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "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) • "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) 	<p>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM • Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM • Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM • (Call for meeting location) • Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM <p>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Studies & Expository Preaching • World Missions & Local Evangelism • Nursing Home Outreach • Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com • 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 <p>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Baptist Church meets at the Richfield Holiday Inn Express, located at 5171 Brecksville Road, in Richfield, Ohio. • We are located on State Route 21 just off I-77 exit 146, north of the Ohio Turnpike (I-80) exit 173. The Richfield Holiday Inn Express is located next to the Pilot Truck Stop.
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*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. (Psalms 33:12)*