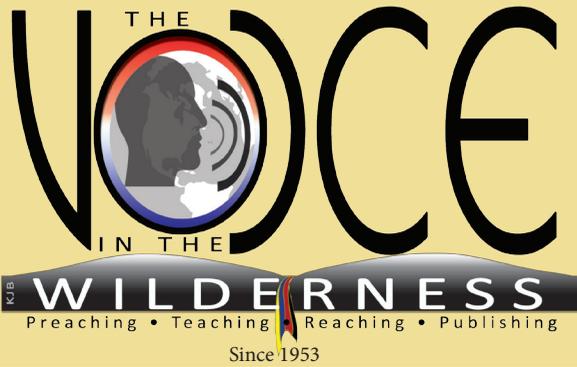


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

This special newsletter is sent out to hundreds of Voice in the Wilderness readers. No one is specifically targeted but the LORD may lead someone to help this ministry in a unique way. Thank you for taking the time to read the following message.

Several years ago a dear friend and supporter of The Voice in the Wilderness became seriously ill and went home to be with the LORD. Sadly, the family neglected to answer any inquiries during the illness and subsequent death. The funeral passed and it was quite some time later through the funeral home that we learned of the passing. Of course, we were heartbroken. After attempts to correspond with anyone related to this dear friend, it was obvious they refused to reply. That was the sad end to more than two decades of partnership. Often the relations of a Voice in the Wilderness supporter is not a Christian or not in agreement with our Biblical stand. Thus, they will not even notify The Voice when a dear friend passes. Obviously that is sad.

Now that brings me to the purpose of this letter. The Voice in the Wilderness is a unique ministry, faithfully standing on The King James Bible and Biblical Standards. Repeatedly I have had Brothers and Sisters come to me after Church when I have preached and said "thank you, that is the kind of preaching I was saved under, the preaching I grew up on. God Bless you. Keep preaching brother." These are indeed perilous times and God's people hunger for His Truth preached boldly and enthusiastically. The devil's crowd is screaming out perversions while far too many "churches" are singing the world's music pierced and dressed for a rock concert they call worship. The lines are blurred, distinctives gone and therapeutic preaching counsels folk into a pseudo-gospel of come-as-you-were, leave-as-you-will. Hell, sin and the need for repentance is out. *God is love and understands you were born this way so, peace, my friend. Kumbaya and love that liberty and license. That legalistic, traditional white shirt and tie, stuffy Sunday go-to-meeting hymn book, King James Bible Church is out. Get down with Jesus is cool dude. Drums, electric guitars and long-haired guys and short-on-clothes girls is in for a night club style worship.* Has your church become a tree hugging, rock 'n roll whatever is comfortable concert? Who moved? Mothers, the sodomites are coming for your children. What Bible version is God's inspired, preserved word that anchors you and your family in this crazy world when we don't know which bathroom they will choose while you are in there alone?

Look and listen up! The Voice in the Wilderness is still standing. I am asking you to stand with The Voice in the Wilderness. Your prayers and financial support is essential. As you read this letter, Scriptures are ready to ship - six native languages printed and packaged for Reservations and villages where God's people await His Word. Lost souls need the Gospel. Book and resources are printed and ready to encourage and equip churches. Please help us carry out the great commission. There are others, but not many in these prophetic times are preaching, teaching and reaching forth with "The Old Paths." Standing on **The Old Paths** is **Standing on Top!** God help us to mount up with eagles and soar above this carnality. May we lay up treasures in heaven and not just check off a worldly bucket list. Your support is eternally appreciated. And including The Voice in the Wilderness in your estate giving will help this faith ministry to continue until our LORD returns for His Church. Thank you for your partnership and prayers.

For Christ and souls,
Ronnie Williamson
Ronnie L. Williamson
Isa. 40:31
Happy Trails!



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Tweety-Pie Reports

SCRIPTURES TO NATIVE AMERICANS

by AbiNoelle Lilly

I was so excited to go on my first official missions trip out to New Mexico and Arizona! The excitement began with my first plane trip. But, of course, the hardest part - Packing! With two weeks worth of clothes in one backpack and a few things stuffed into my violin case, I didn't need to check any baggage. Going through the security in the airport was a super nervous time for me. The beeper kept going off and I was beginning to wonder if the police were going to haul me off, but it turned out it was just the RFID wallet I was holding. To fly above the clouds was incredible! Once we got to Phoenix, we made our way through the airport and to the rental car agency. After driving for hours in the car, we stopped at Pastor Sarracino's Navajo missions church in Grants, New Mexico, for their Wednesday night service. The next day we met up with everyone at the Gathering of Nations. It was so amazing to see the distribution of the Cherokee and Navajo Scriptures that, just a couple weeks ago, we helped hand assemble. The Stouts had driven 5,000 Scriptures to the Gathering of Nations for this evangelistic effort. It was awesome just to be able to see them passed out and received by the Native Americans in attendance from literally all over the world! Most seemed very appreciative that you were giving them something in their own native language. At one point, Meme and I sat down outside and people watched for a while. There were so many people dressed in their native regalia. It was obvious that the people were very proud of their cultural heritage, showing that through their regalia, and would be offended by anyone simply calling it a costume. (Side note: some of you will know what it is like to be sick on a trip. Well, I experienced a stomach bug for a day. But thankfully, I recovered enough to play the violin in the Sunday service for Pastor Sarracino and the church family.) It was such a blessing to also be able to play "How Great Thou Art" on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and see the famous Red Rocks of the Southwest. What an amazing Creator we have! I will never forget seeing the work of God in action at the Gathering of Nations. To read about the Native Americans in a book is nothing like being with them in person, seeing the miles of primitive, shack houses on the Reservation and experiencing first-hand and understanding better their beliefs. God loves them. They need the Gospel, and I am so glad I could join with you and the many others in being a small part of this Gospel outreach.

("Navajo Code Talker" coming next month)



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Ukrainian Support—Congress voted on a bill that will send aid to Ukraine as well as Israel. Look at those who voted in favor and against the bill. Victoria Spartz is the US Representative for District 5 Indiana. Why take note of her vote? She is the only person elected to Congress that is Ukrainian born. Her vote—against the bill. The reason—better oversight of US funds and border security. One of the reasons why she may be taking this stand is that she is in a re-election fight for her seat. Spartz said that just because she was born in Ukraine does not necessarily mean that she should vote to send aid if she feels as if the money would be used inappropriately. (msn.com) US fiscal responsibility?...in lieu of over 30 trillion dollars in debt.

Do numbers lie?—The UN halved its original numbers for the women and children killed in Gaza earlier this month. Originally they reported 9,500 women and 14,500 children dead; now they are reporting 4,959 women and 7,797 children dead. So where is the UN getting their numbers? How are they receiving the numbers so quickly? Some things to think about when numbers of civilians are reported dead during war. People might be missing but not dead. They could have fled, gone into hiding or died of natural causes. Victims may be buried under buildings, vaporized, burnt, or disfigured so that forensics would not be able to identify them. If the UN's sources "facts" from Hamas, how credible is their data?

Board Correction—The North Carolina Board of Governors have decided to recant their previous decision to require DEI training and teaching on public university campuses across the state. This change will no longer require faculty and staff of public universities and colleges in North Carolina to complete the yearly DEI training. North Carolina, unlike Texas and Florida has chosen to not legislate a DEI ban, but leave it to individual institutions. UNC Chapel Hill chose to divert its DEI funding to add additional police support after pro-Palestinian protests. Patriots nationwide applauded the men's fraternity who raised and defended the American flag amidst the rampage on campus.

Contending for American Freedom— What is the Flag? A flag or standard is a military tool used for centuries to distinguish a distinctively different force. It is an insignia of leadership and a rallying point for troops. Henceforth, it becomes the first object of attack because, when stripped from its post, it immediately brings confusion and dejection resulting in a victory for its attackers. To strike the flag or pull it down in a fight is undoubtedly a sign of submission, surrender and defeat. On June 14, 1777, after George Washington had requested a flag for his soldiers, the Second Continental Congress took a break from the crafting of the Articles of Confederation to clearly define the description of the Patriot's flag. In 1861 it became a rally banner for the Union forces, and with the invention of print on fabric became widely distributed in common households. By 1916, Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14th Flag Day. On February 23, 1945, the United States Marines overcame en-

trenched and unrelenting Japanese to top Mount Siribachi. From land to sea, Americans cheered as they did under the pen of Sir Francis Scott Key years before when they saw the stars and stripes rise from the rubble. The Marines at Iwo Jima rallied and surged to victory and that little flag was soon replaced by a 96 x 56 inch flag that was undeniable to all! On July 4, 1960, President Eisenhower stood over the first-to-be-flown, 50 star-American flag and people of all ages pledged allegiance to the flag "under God." The Flag is for distinction. It is for leadership. It is for rallying the troops. AND it is the first to be attacked and replaced. Americans - fly the red, white and blue!

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CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY - What's in your brain? *Garbage In and Garbage Out* - a computing phrase that describes the quality of input and output coined by an IBM programmer. Our brains and our faith, dear child of God, is affected by what goes into our minds. Beware of addictions from drugs, alcohol, music and fashion. The power of addiction captivates and controls our minds and our bodies. The Gospel of John in Navajo and Cherokee alongside the English King James were printed by The Voice in the Wilderness to give the Native Americans the opportunity to know the transforming mind of the Christ and the power of the Gospel that

NEWS BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

can free from the enslavement of sin. Casino gambling is a 39 billion dollar industry for 243 federally recognized Native American tribes in 29 states. Gambling activates and stimulates the brain in such a way to form an addiction. Dopamine released in the brain gives a high and feel-good emotion and potent pleasure to the point of addiction. The money received by Native Americans from gambling dividends is certainly addicting. The Bible warns: *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.* How could they, in their minds and hearts, err from the faith unless they have the faith? And then they are pierced through with many sorrows. Can you imagine receiving thousands of dollars a month and voting for a politician that campaigns on taking your dividends away? Or what about a pastor who might preach against gambling and that which gives you those dividends? The power of money and piercing of sorrows is to many an eternal stronghold.

Did you Decorate?—Each Memorial Day, our family takes time to visit a grave of Col. Connelly buried in Asheville. While we are not related to him or his family in any way, there is a connection on Rebekah’s side of the family dating back to the Civil War. Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was set up to honor those who sacrificed their lives in America’s bloodiest war. While the official birthplace of Memorial Day is Waterloo, NY, the decision to honor those who had fallen was observed throughout the nation at various times. The first national Decoration Day was held at Arlington National Cemetery when 5,000 people decorated the 20,000 Civil War graves. James Garfield, former President and veteran spoke at the occasion. While it was mostly celebrated in the North on May 30th, the Southern States did remember the fallen at different times of the year. Currently, most people think of Memorial Day as the unofficial start of the summer season, but we should remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom. Take time each year to visit the graves of those who died. Explain to your children the importance of visiting those graves. Place a flag to honor those who have fallen. May we never forget the sacrifices that they have made for our freedoms.

To Release or Not—The World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, recently met to discuss the Israel/Hamas War that is currently underway. The original resolution drafted by the nations represented did not include the actions of Hamas, the development of the situation in Gaza or the release of hostages held by Hamas. The Israeli delegation to the WHO was successful in introducing an amendment to the resolution and, with the support of 50 countries, passed it. The Palestinian delegation along with their supporters refused to vote in favor of the amendment that called for the release of hostages and are in the process of trying to revoke it. (Jerusalem Post)

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Legalized Gambling — Earlier this year during the NCAA basketball tournament, the State of North Carolina legalized on-line gambling. With the ease of a tap on their mobile device, many fell prey online to losing their money by betting on the games or certain aspects of the game. Now, the Catawba Indian Nation plans to cash-in on this addictive fetish of gambling. Construction plans for a casino outside of Charlotte are estimated to cost around \$700 million. They plan to have the 2 million square foot building completed in 2026. The first phase of the resort will have 1,350 slot machines and electronic table games, 12 table games, and a restaurant that will have a sportsbook area with 30 self-serve kiosks for betting. The final plans for the casino will include a casino, slot machines, a parking garage, 400 room hotel and restaurants. The enterprise will line the pockets of the Catawba Nation with an estimation of over 300 million dollars a year. (The Charlotte Observer)

The Bible Back in School?—The Ten Commandments may be displayed this next school year in the Louisiana public schools. The state legislature has finalized the bill and Gov. Jeff Landry is expected to sign it into law. The bill stated that a poster-size display of the Ten Commandments must be placed in all classrooms from kindergarten to the state-funded universities level. The Republican supermajority in the legislature is passing laws ranging from tough on crime bills, migrant enforcement and anti-LGBTQ bills. The state executive branch is expected to sign each one into law. Other states that have proposed the display of the Ten Commandments include Texas, Oklahoma and Utah, but none as of yet have signed the bills into law. If these states do enact the law, expect to see many challenges to it in the courts. LA State Senator Jay Morris said that “the purpose is not solely religious to have the Ten Commandments displayed in our schools, but rather its historical significance....(it is) simply one of many documents that display the history of our country and foundation of our legal system.” Other “documents” that could be displayed are the Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence and Northwest Ordinance. (apnews.com)



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