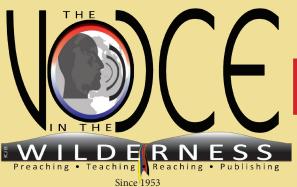
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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### MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dictionaries...do you have one? This past Christmas, as a family gift we purchased a Webster's 1828 Dictionary, and it has already come into good use. In The Voice office, Bro. Ronnie was proofing some new resources and he asked AmiJoy if we had a dictionary. "Yes, Sir," was the answer and out she came with the old tried and true Webster's 1828. He said, "Well, I believe that will do."

Periodically, I use the dictionary, not only to learn new words, but also to confirm that I know the definition of the words that I am about to use. Today, as I write to you, I am consulting Mr. Webster about the word *commit*. It means "to give in trust; to put into the hands or power of another; to entrust." This year, as we travel, we are looking for those who will **commit** to the GO250 project for 2026. Already, we have seen commitments from nine churches to be part of our distribution team project. Others join through printing, assembly, prayer and finances. Will you join the GO250 Team? We are asking for commitments from many others to be a part of distributing 250,000 of this specialized commemorative booklet (see other side for more details) to our fellow Americans during 2026. Would you pray? We need you personally to be involved in this project as well as your church? Psalm 37:5 "Commit thy way to the Lord."

Commit—to give in trust...Over the last 20 years, Rebekah and I have visited churches here in the States as well as overseas. We have met some great men of God (little known to most). One such man is Pastor Rafael in Venezuela. Faithfully he and his family have been serving in the La Guida region working

not only with those in his church, but also with the deaf community and the National Guard. Recently he sent some pictures of one of his classes with the National Guard where he handed out some John and Romans-Jesus Loves Venezuela booklets. Please continue to pray as he ministers to his Jerusalem. 2 Timothy 2:2 ".....commit to faithful men."

Commit....to do some act or make some declaration. For over 70 years, the Voice in the Wilderness has stood on the King James Bible. In this letter, we introduce to you a new resource entitled, "What version is right for me?" Sunday, May 4th is King James Bible Sunday. This simple brochure in our Pulpit Pamphleteer series is an excellent tool for believers in a day when much confusion abounds down the Bible bookstore aisle. Request a quantity to distribute (more details on other side).

Commit....to engage. One of the ways that The Voice engages with you is through our website. It is currently undergoing a much-needed, major facelift. However, we would love for you to take a sneak peak while it is still under construction. Go to www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org and check out the progress. More is coming soon, including a special "Members" section where you will have exclusive access to personal updates from us, key articles, free downloads, videos and other resources. Just keep in mind, as they say when doing renovations, "Please pardon our mess!"

For over 70 years, The Voice has been committed to Fundamental Christianity and American Freedoms. We commit to you to move forward on the foundations that have been laid before us. Thank you for your commitment of prayer and financial support for this ministry.



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### A URGENT NOTE

by Ronnie Williamson

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

This is an urgent prayer request and a FYI Alert. Mailing through the United States Postal Service has for many years been complicated and expensive for Christian ministries like The Voice in the Wilderness. By complicated I mean returned, delayed and mailings damaged or never delivered. Frequently The Voice in the Wilderness has mail returned for "address unknown" and similar reasons. More often than not the recipients address is correct and they have resided at their address for many years. We know the Trump administration is attempting to correct waste and inefficiency in the USPS. All that said, please pray for fundamental Bible ministries that have been hit hard after Covid, Hurricanes, fires and the economy. The Voice in the Wilderness is no exception. Each month we mail a prayer letter and update. On any given month if you do not receive communication from The Voice in the Wilderness please let our office know. Prayers, correspondence, and financial contributions are critical to this faith ministry. Thank you so very much for all you do and please keep in touch. May GOD bless you abundantly.

#### NEW WEBSITE

Have you seen it? We would like to invite you to be the first to visit www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org and see the work that is being done. Our old website was difficult to view on mobile devices and was not compatible with much of the technology in use today. With this new site, The Voice will reach exponentially more with the Gospel and Bible teaching resources. It is still a work in progress, so keep that in mind, but rejoice with us as you click through the open pages, and pray with us about the potential that God is providing. Online giving is up and running, along with our article archives, and access to our current ministry projects. Try out the "Contact Us" form so that we can make sure it is working ©

## **E PHILIPPINES**

As we drove through the streets of Washington D.C. while working on the GO250 project, we passed the Colombian consulate and thought of friends both in that country and its neighbor, Venezuela. Ministry can be quite a challenge for them, yet weekly we receive word of thriving churches doing a work for God. Pastor Rafael is using the "Jesus Loves Venezuela" Gospel booklets as he teaches the National Guard in Venezuela. Pastor June is using KJB study resources in classes at churches in the Philippines. Both have requested more Scriptures and study material. Your offerings will make this possible. No doubt, each

shipment will require a \$500 or more investment, but what better investment could you make than one with such eternal returns!

### KING JAMES BIBLE

Join with us and "Contend for Fundamental Christianity." Mark your calendar for May 4th and plan to recognize the 414th Anniversary of the King James Bible. Visit our new website for timely ideas for recognizing the KJB, listen to teaching videos, read study articles and request KJB resources. Prepare now, whether in your church or through your own personal witness, to share God's hand in providing a sure Word for English-speaking people. Purified and Preserved - the King James Bible.

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Final design and setup work is being completed to prepare for the printing of the commemorative GO250 booklet. Inside, historical narratives, biographies, and Con-

stitutional studies along with the Gospel of John and Romans will guide the reader in not only understanding the history and

heritage of this country, but our spiritual heritage that can lead men to an eternal saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Return this enclosed form indicating your desire to

#### join our GO250 Team.

Churches, individuals, schools, groups, and businesses will be a part of our GO250 Distribution

Team, delivering this witness in their own local area. Surely EVERY church should be able to hand out a thousand of these Gospel witness booklets during the year 2026. We need to know your commitment as the printing presses gear up for this project. Register today using the enclosed form and go online to stay connected with GO250 Gospel Outreach. Let's reach America!

Pictured Above: Pastor Rafael with National Guard class. <table-cell-rows> Pictured Left: Pastor June sent a message showing how he is studying using some of The Voice resources to teach on the preservation of the Scriptures. Pictured right: A group of young people from Pastor June's church.

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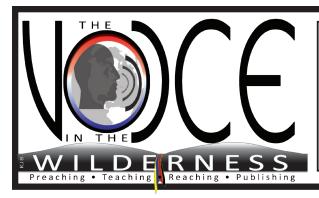
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# NEWS BITS

### FROM HERE AND THERE

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Raising Babies—Have you noticed that there are increasingly more who claim to be adults but act like a 5-year-old? Think about Dad's wisdom: "Son, it's not what you said, but how you said it." Or this one: "That would try the patience of Job's turkey." One preacher said that our words are like bullets...once they leave your mouth you can never get them back. Words are the way that we communicate with our co-workers, those we serve, our family and the list could go on. However, those of you who work with the general public know that there are emotionally immature people out there. Experts in communication have identified 12 phrases that those who are "emotionally immature" use. They are: It's not my fault; If you hadn't done that, it wouldn't have happened; I don't need to explain myself to you; You're overreacting; Yeah, whatever; What are you talking about? I never said that!; It's your problem, not mine; You're making such a big deal out of nothing!; You're talking about the past; I was just joking!; You always/You never; and But everyone does it! I think I've heard many of those before. People who use these phrases are blaming others for their faults and failures. Emotionally insecure....they haven't grown up yet, but they have had a rude awakening in the workforce when their excuses are not accepted. Working for a financial institution, I repeatedly hear or read: "I don't deserve..." Have we forgotten what we really do deserve? Not one thing. Work generally yields something of value. Jamestown is the quintessential example. John Smith said in 1608, "He who does not work, will not eat." He also said, "The attitude, and the mind, is where it all starts." In other words, "Grow up....work hard...set your mind to it and you will achieve great things." No more mamby-pamby emotionally challenged adults, but men and women who are giving their best everyday. Our words will be reflected in our lives. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Documentation Required—Two ways to get people's attention—touch their children or touch their money. And whatever you do, document everything....it will save you a lot of grief in the future. This is sage advice, I believe. Well, DOGE is touching the money and they have the documentation. Elon Musk has a total of 130 days to find the fraudulent, might I say criminal, misuse of the people's money by the many different federal bureaucracies. DOGE posted on X the following: "Schools have spent nearly \$200B of COVID-Relief funds with little oversight or impact on students, \$393K to rent out a Major League Baseball stadium, \$86K in Caesars Palace hotel rooms, \$60k in swimming pool passes, and even an ice cream truck. All of this money was drawn with zero documentation. There is \$4B left and the new @usedgov is setting a simple new rule - all grantees must provide receipts for every purchase BEFORE funding is released." What a concept....documentation prior to spending the money. The bloated government is going on a diet. Oversite has arrived. Did you know that for more than 20 years, Northwestern University received a total of \$3 million from the National Institute of Health to research hamster fights (www.rd.com)

In 2023, the Department of Treasury spent \$659B on interest payments. That same year, the Congressional Budget Office stated, "We borrow over \$200 million every hour, we borrow \$3 million every minute, and we borrow \$60,000 every second." All during that time there was limited oversight. Boosting tourism for other countries; DHS employees being trained to be their "authentic and best selves"; \$38 million given to people who were known to be dead in 2023; a lobster tank worth about \$9,000 (purchased by the Department of Defense); graphic novels combating "disinformation" and promoting COVID vaccines; \$200 million given by the Small Business Administration to the "small business owners" in entertainment (Post Malone, Lil Wayne, Chris Brown, and the Smashing Pumpkins received \$10 million each) (www.fee.org) DOGE is uncovering it all—and the left is cringing at restraint. The inspection is on...Inspect what you expect. Who knows, maybe Social Security will be there when it comes time for retirement.

What is a woman—What is a woman? It seems elementary dear Watson, but nonetheless, in our effort to jump off the cliff with DEI perversions, the world has fallen all over themselves to define what "Woman" means. From the beginning of time man has known the definition of "Woman." And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man (Gen. 2:23). And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living (Gen. 3:20). He knew her, she was distinctly different. The LGBTQ+ crowd has hijacked the rainbow and waved it

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in utter defiance of authority in the face of the Almighty Creator of male and female. William and Mary College, within the cobblestones of the greats like Patrick Henry who said, "Give me Liberty or Give me Death," now prides themselves in being at the top of the university list favoring the trans-community....but there will come a day! The Olympics was hijacked by some perverted table of Satanists on display for the world at the opening ceremonies....but there will come a day! The boy scouts, bless their hearts, have to share the boy stuff with girls now as they embrace their new name "Scouting America," and those graceful heritage-holding ladies of the DAR are admitting men as DAUGHTERS of the Revolution....but there will come a day!

# FROM HERE AND THERE

What a mess. I've also shrank from the thought of sharing my DNA with some world-wide database out there in order to help preserve history. Just seems like a kind of invasion of some very personal and private information – your DNA. But that's where we are headed. A birth certificate is no longer good enough. Why, that's been hijacked by those states that allow altered birth certificates based on preferred gender identity. Preferred identity? That, almost in and of itself, seems exclusionary. Our identity was created to be in the image God. What a confusing mess we are making of all this. Just saying that my cousin was George Washington isn't going to be enough, the family Bible isn't going to cut it, and forget all those genealogy charts. Genetics, your DNA, is going to be the proof you need for what bathroom to choose. Those Dick and Jane look-say readers just led us right off the educated cliff. I hear that Norway and the Scandinavian countries have some pretty smart kids. Of course over here, we have figured out that we can all do asynchronous learning days – (you know what that is, right? - stay home, enjoy the snow day or flu day or whatever and still get in the required 180 days of school). Now that's pretty smart, whether you're a girl or a boy. But wait, under new management, the Department of Health and Human Services had to weigh in on the topic. On Feb 19, RFK Jr's department issued wordage reiterating Trump's stance that the government only recognizes two genders, male and female. They stated - "The sex of a human, male or female, is determined genetically at conception (fertilization) and is observable before birth." The department further declared, "A person's sex is unchangeable and determined by objective biology. The use of hormones or surgical interventions do not change a person's sex because such actions do not change the type of gamete that the person's reproductive system has the biological function to produce. Rare disorders of sexual development do not constitute a third sex because these disorders do not lead to the production of a third gamete."

Wow! There it is. Genetics and gender at conception made them male or female. Can I just say – life matters. All life matters. George Washington lay at his beloved Mount Vernon and died from lack of truth found right in His Word. Leviticus 17:11 - for the life of the flesh is in the blood. After centuries of science that has literally led us all over creation, we've come full circle to say what the old timers up here in the mountains echo, "Well, what about that!" God made them male and female. That is His perfect way, and it's only when one determines to mess it all up through a bunch of immoral, devilish thinking that you need a governmental department to define what a woman is. Voter ID, Citizen ID, Cedula (for my Spanish friends) – no, no, no, - look out - it's going to be the GGID coming to you soon -Genetic-Gender ID. Folks let's get back to the book. Male and Female, distinctively different, get rid of that cross-dressing that blurs the lines and let's have some masculine males and feminine females who do all things because they love the Lord and live every moment based on the TRUTH found in His Word.



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Trump, FDR and Pennies—I wonder what FDR would have thought of Trump? All the new government agencies that were born into America under his New Deal, no doubt would have been categorized just about as stiffly as the previous President Hoover described, "that's just criminal!" The leftist socialists in D.C. have always been for building a bigger and more controlling federal government. A big crisis suddenly appears, when really it was planned for all along. With crisis in hand, they then

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swoop in to rescue the unbeknowing American with more agencies, money and control – the perfect socialistic plan. FDR, with his calm tone over the fireside chats, sold the plan along with his fiat money to multitudes of homes in the depths of the depression days. FDR was elected to the presidency four times and Eleanor campaigned and bulldozed us right into the United Nations. More money was printed, gold was confiscated, promises were made and today we are \$36 trillion dollars in debt with the average citizen contributing \$14K/year to lower the debt. Then comes Trump and his two cents. The U.S. Mint report shows that we lost 85.3 million dollars in penny production. Of all the things...surely we don't need to lose money, making money. That seems as ridiculous as FDR forcing the farmers to dump their milk, bury their livestock, and sit on their seeds in order to artificially force prices to skyrocket. With inflation, employers amidst the depression were mandated to raise wages. All this, so that there would be more money in circulation - Do what? Thank goodness, we had a little respite along the way when Reagan reminded us all that when you hear the knock at your door and they say "It's the government and I'm hear to help you...." You should recognize that as the scariest statement ever and send those guys packing. The American government is to be a republic of the people to provide for our (meaning the country as a whole)...our general welfare. Beware! - A welfare state crumbling under money manipulation, ration lines, and corrupt leadership is nothing but heartache and socialism. Thank the Lord that He seems to have given us a space of grace and those capable of getting down and dirty in the nasty, nasty to get some of it cleaned up. And that's my two cents!