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When we put things in the hands of God, it's amazing to watch Him at work. For 22 years now, we have put our schedule in His faithful hands. I don't call pastors and ask for meetings or inform them that I will be in their area. I simply trust the Lord to open the doors, and He does. As we approached the end of August, we only had two meetings scheduled for September, with three Sundays open. I wondered what the Lord had in mind.

Did he want us to sit still in September? Not exactly. On September 30, we were looking back on seven meetings in six states. He knows how to open doors! He also kept us busy in October, while giving us a few days to rest in "the old farmhouse" in Iowa. He is an amazing God.

A Real, Honest-To-Goodness Revival

Many "Revivals" are in name only. But it seems to me that we experienced a true Revival in the tiny town of Versailles, IL. The First Baptist Church has a pastor who believes in the power of prayer. He not only believes in prayer; he practices it and is leading his people to do the same.

Each night of the Revival, the men (and boys) met for prayer in the pastor's office at 6:00 (the services started at 7). The ladies met in the auditorium. After a few requests, we began to pray individually around the room. Little boys prayed their simple, sincere prayers. Young men prayed, older men prayed, some with tears. Finally, Pastor Hinton prayed.



All of this took about 35 minutes and we headed out of that prayer meeting ready for church! I know I was! Each night, I sensed the presence of God and it was easy to sing and preach. Each night, the altars were full (which is typical for that church) and some lingered at the altar. On the final night, I heard testimonies with tears. The dear Lord had done a work in hearts and homes. To God be the Glory!

Let me make one observation. What I saw and felt in that Revival is rare. I believe it is because true prayer meetings are rare. In my 22 years of evangelism, I cannot recall being in a pre-service prayer meeting that lasted 30 minutes. It took some sacrifice for some to come that early, and the dear Lord blesses sacrifice.

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Pastor Glen Yoder invited us to a Family Camp in Missouri. Most of the families there have been delivered from the bondage of the Amish religion, and they are happy about it. I was given the privilege of preaching with my dear friend and former pastor, Dr. Larry Brown. We fell in love with his preaching 25 years ago. We are pictured here with Bro. Yoder, who, by God's grace, has helped many Amish see the light of salvation. His son, Ivan, has written a tract to help these dear people who are trapped in a dead religion.



Looking ahead, we have a busy November and we are so thankful that we have a God who is willing to use us. He's a perfect God Who uses imperfect people. Praise His name!

*We are so Thankful for your love and care. The Lord is sure using you!*

Happy in the Lord,  
*Bro. Steve*  
Steve Epley

# **We Are At War**

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**“Fight the good fight of faith...” I Timothy 6:12**

**“...war a good warfare.”...I Timothy 1:18**

I am sitting in a hotel room in West Virginia, looking at a USA TODAY newspaper and realizing more than ever, we are at WAR. When I say “we” I mean those of us who love God and love His Word. Those of us who love America and long for her to be a Christian nation once again.

In this one issue of USA TODAY, dated Oct. 27, 2021, are three articles promoting the LGBTQ agenda. This ultra-liberal paper is a crusader for this perverted lifestyle.

## **“LGBTQ candidates for office set new mark”**

This article appears on page 3A and celebrates the news that “at least 410 LGBTQ candidates ran or are running for office in 2021, a 7% increase over the 2019 election year. I was amazed to read that “A record number of 1,006 LGBTQ candidates ran during the nationwide elections of 2020.”

This article pictures Annise Parker, former mayor of Houston, who is now the executive director of the LGBTQ Victory Fund, a political action committee. Here is her statement:

*“With LGBTQ lives increasingly used as a political weapon in school boards, city councils, and state legislatures across America, LGBTQ people are motivated and stepping up to run in historic numbers.”*

Notice the language in this one article: “weapon”... “motivated”... “stepping up”... “Victory Fund”... “action.”

My Christian friend, we are at war. “Victory” for their cause means the defeat of America. The Communists realized this very thing 100 years ago. One of their tactics to destroy America is to “Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as normal, natural, healthy.” This was one of many Communist goals to undermine the culture and morality of America.

A second article on page 7A should cause us to tremble for the children of America:

## **“When your son wants a princess costume”**

The author is Lisa Kenney, the CEO of Reimagine Gender. She says parents reach out to her, asking advice about a son or daughter who wants to dress up “outside of gender norms.” She tells these parents, “The first thing to understand is there’s nothing problematic about your son wanting to dress up like Elsa (a female character in the movie “Frozen”) or your daughter wanting to dress up...” as a male.

This poor, deluded woman tells parents, “It’s a moment to break free of limiting gender norms...” The true meaning of that statement is “break free” from God’s authority! Ignore your Creator and be what you want to be. How delighted the devil must be to see this kind of perverted propaganda being printed in a major newspaper. USA TODAY is offered free of charge to the guests in most of our major hotels.

The editors of this paper have a right to print this garbage. It's called Freedom of Speech, and they are using it to the fullest. Are we, God's people, speaking out as we should while we still have the freedom to do it? We either fight for Freedom or we lose it. Are you in the fight?

I close with a few suggestions:

- **Number one...know what you believe.** Know what the Word of God teaches about sodomy and gender. "...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." Both the Old and New Testaments sternly condemn sodomy. God calls it an abomination!
- **Be informed.** Find out what LGBTQ really means. America has become so wicked that we need a new vocabulary to describe our sins! You'll be astonished to find out what the "Q" really stands for.
- **Never Forget...**we are to hate the sin, but love the sinner. Jesus died for all. His precious blood can wash away any sin. As sickening as it is, sodomy is not the unpardonable sin. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, some of whom had been sodomites, he said, "...and such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified..." (I Cor. 6:11) How? By the power of the Blood!
- **Find Your Voice.** If God's children don't speak out for Bible Truth, who will? We are not to lash out with a condemning tone. (See II Tim. 2:24-26) Jesus only lashed out at the hypocrites. These people are not hypocrites. They are victims of a satanic lie. They are "captives." Only the TRUTH can set them free. And only the Truth can save America. And Truth must have a voice.

Let's stand up and speak out ... while we can!