You Can’t Legislate Morality?

You probably have heard the cliché that you can’t legislate morality. Perhaps many of you have said it. Well, that’s got to be one of the most foolish statements anyone could ever make. If you can’t legislate morality, pray tell, what should you legislate? Perhaps the antithesis — immorality?

We have some in our country today who would like to do that, and they have made their attempts. Congress continues to wrestle with this ... as do the courts. But historically speaking, you can’t and shouldn’t legislate immorality; and we have not, historically speaking, legislated anything but that which is moral. In every nation, law is built upon morality and ethics; and ethics flow out of religion. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., pointed out that at the very least, the law could be used to prevent immorality: “While the law cannot change the heart, it can certainly restrain the heartless.”

The late Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer said, “Show me the laws of any nation, and I will tell you its religion.” It’s just that simple. If you want a classic example of this, go to Lebanon. If you commit a crime in Lebanon, which is partially Christian and partially Muslim, they will ask you, “Do you want a Christian trial or a Muslim trial?” — because they know there is a vast difference between the two. And there would probably be, depending on the crime, a vast difference in the outcome.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.”

— Proverbs 14:34

All legislation is based upon ethics and morality; and all morality stems from religion. What has happened in this country during the last half of the twentieth century is that the religion of secular humanism has been pushing aside the religion of Christianity ... upon which this nation was based; from which its ethics arose; and upon which its legislation was framed. So today, we have a dual foundation ... and our legislators don’t know whether they are voting for laws based upon humanism or based upon this nation’s Christian foundation.

The humanists have done an amazing job in bringing this to pass. They have succeeded in passing into law many of their particular religious tenets and documents; such as abortion, gambling, no fault divorce, the freedom to have sex with any consenting person (no longer consenting adult), and many such things as that. You see, it is always some morality that is being legislated into law; and you will find that the person who is screaming the loudest, “You can’t legislate morality” is ... on the other hand ... busily engaged in promoting the legislation of his own morality into law behind your back. That is what has been happening in America these days. The people who have been most active in legislating humanist morality into law have also been the most vocal in screaming that you (as a Christian) can’t legislate morality. Do you begin to get some idea that a bit of a con game has been going on in our nation?

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Greetings to all members and friends of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. The warm weather we have been waiting for is just around the corner! After a long winter it is always refreshing to enjoy the outdoors and the upcoming pleasant temperatures.

In February, at the Foundation’s annual meeting, we had some new officers elected to leadership positions. I would like to recognize them at this time.

Barbara Sommerville was elected to the Board of Directors as Secretary. Barbara also volunteered to chair the Fellowship Committee, replacing Travis Beard who successfully chaired this committee for several years. In addition to other numerous volunteer duties at the Chapel, Barbara also coordinates the “Puddle Jumpers” outings, which have become so popular.

Carolyn Stromvall was elected to the Board of Directors, to fill the vacancy left by Ted Stam. This past year Carolyn served as an Advisory Ex-Officio member of the Board.

Karen Ayers, Sherry Skarsten and Johnnie Johnson were appointed for a one year term to the Board of Directors in the capacity of Advisory Ex-Officio members. As an Advisory Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors you may be appointed to serve on committees as full members, have input on all topics of discussion at the Board of Directors meetings, but do not have voting rights. The Advisory Ex-Officio position is an excellent place to acquire exposure and experience on the business side of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation, to see if you would interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation leadership team, I would like to welcome and congratulate the following people on their new positions: Barbara Sommerville, Board of Directors; Carolyn Stromvall Board of Directors; Karen Ayers, Sherry Skarsten and Johnnie Johnson, Advisory Ex-Officio members to the Board.

By the time you receive this edition of The Snelling Spirit it will just about be the end of April ... which is our designated “Volunteer Month.” Please don’t think that with the coming of May you missed out on the opportunity to volunteer your time and talents to the Chapel. The Foundation has several committees in which to serve on as well as numerous other options. Please take the time and talk to one of the officers or Board members about the many volunteer positions available.

For all the people who have volunteered and served over the past several years a big “thank you” from the entire Foundation membership; for you have made the Foundation what it is today ... and that is something we can certainly all be proud of.

Mark your calendar for our Memorial Day Remembrance Worship service on 30 May.

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Remember with me, Abraham Lincoln. Why did he emancipate the slaves? Was that a political move? If it was, it was a very foolish one. He didn't need to do that when he did. He simply would have no doubt solidified the opposition to him. He said that he made a solemn vow to God that if the Lord gave the union troops victory in a certain battle, he would liberate the slaves. On just such an occasion, he picked up his hat and pulled out a battered piece of paper that contained on it The Emancipation Proclamation. “I made a solemn vow to God,” he said. That is a Christian statesman.

Christian statesmen recognize a truth that is not popular; but is true nonetheless. It is very important to know that humanists (and all nontheistic concepts of religion) have always endeavored to declare that man is basically good. This is true of communism, socialism, humanism, and all nontheistic concepts of the state.

Far from religious views being foreign and irrelevant to government and the state, Abraham Kuyper a theologian and statesman, declared, "...no political scheme has ever become dominant which was not founded in a specific religious or anti-religious conception."

The United States was clearly based upon a religious, specifically the Christian concept; whereas, for example, nazism and communism are very clearly based upon an anti-religious concept of materialistic humanism and anti-Christian and anti-God sentiments. All of these nontheistic views say that man is basically good. What did Karl Marx say? Essentially that once the workers achieve their revolution and set up a "workers' paradise," the government will wither away because government will be proven unnecessary. Try telling a Cuban today (or a Russian twenty years ago) that he is living in "paradise." Marx got it wrong at the foundation of his theory, because he had a false view of anthropology.

Here is the key issue: Are we perfectible (in our own strength), or are we corrupt? This is a theological concept, and it is vitally important in the out-working of one's view of politics. It should impact how we legislate.

Dr. Gordon Clark, a philosopher, in discussing the fact that all humanist views of government declare that man is good, states that socialists of all stripes are very inconsistent at this point. Psychologically they declare that man is good, but when they pass from psychology to politics, it turns out that only poor men are good, and somehow the rich have become evil. Then, if this is not inconsistent enough, in their demands for more and more governmental regulation, they clearly imply that not merely are poor people good, but politicians are even better. Since they apparently are immune from all temptation and evil and the profit motive, they can be trusted to regulate all of our daily affairs. This is an obvious contradiction.

It is vitally important to understand that in all humanistic and socialist concepts of government, it seems that wealth corrupts, but power does not. Remember that, my friends. All of history would rise up with one voice to proclaim that thought to be a lie. It is clear in history, as Lord Acton (1834-1902) pointed out, that “power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Notice how often you will be faced with a decision that deals with this very question — the humanistic concept that wealth corrupts, but power does not.

The founders of America, because of their clear understanding of the teachings of Christ, knew that man basically is evil; therefore, they designed the form of government that took into consideration their religious understanding of the nature of man as being evil.

Jesus said, “If you then, who are evil ...,“ (Matthew 7:11).

The Bible says:
- "None is righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)
- "... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

So, the founders of this government gave us a limited government, which is a basic, biblical, Calvinistic principle of government. They gave to the federal government certain specified powers and clearly stated that all of the rest were to be reserved to the states. Why did they do that? Because of the biblical doctrine that man is sinful. Furthermore, they even took the federal government and divided it into three parts to avoid the collection of power in too few hands. So we have the judicial, the legislative, and the executive branches of government. But today we find

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Memorial Day

Walking through a cemetery I am reminded that each headstone bears the name of someone who was loved and left a void forever in someone's heart.

Over time we go about our lives and create a sort of mental book. We take this book out and recall the loving memories and then place it gently back on the shelf. It is good to reflect, but it is also good to remember that our lives must go on.

Special events draw us to the cemetery where we leave flowers, decorate a grave and remember how that person touched our lives. Then life goes on, because I am a Christian and I know I will see my loved ones one day... and I look forward to that reunion.

I look at headstones that have a name, a rank and a branch of service etched on them and I wonder if they will ever know how much I care that they sacrificed their youth and some their life for me. Then I wonder what our country would be like if it were not for those people that I only know their name as I read them etched in stone.

I realize freedom is so very precious and I pray my children and grandchildren will understand someday just how much a stranger etched in stone played a part in shaping their lives.

Dearest Lord, thank you for all those people who were a part of my life. I never want to forget how precious they were to me. I thank you for those etched in stone that I never personally knew. They were willing to answer the call of our country. Lord continue to bless this nation. I pray it will always be a nation whose motto is “In God we Trust,” Amen.

—I Kay Schoen

Memorial Day Prayer Vigil —

The greatest gift you can give someone is the gift of prayer.

The Foundation offers you the opportunity, once again, as we sponsor our 4th Annual Prayer Vigil on Saturday, 29 May to begin at 8:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 a.m. Sunday 30 May.

There will be security on site during those hours. We sincerely hope you can experience God's presence in the peaceful hours at the chapel.

Prayer is the one weapon the enemy cannot duplicate or counterfeit!

—I Kay Schoen
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that the division between the
powers of the state is being
obliterated, the distinctions
between the three branches of
the federal government are being
obliterated, and more and more
power is being collected into
fewer and fewer hands. Were the
Founding Fathers of our country
right? Or are men basically
good? Does this really matter
politically?

Not only did our Founders
separate the branches of govern-
ment, but they ensured that the
powers of government are to be
divided between the federal and
the states — and even some
reserved unto — "We the people
...

And more than that, the powers
of the federal government are to be
definitely limited and specifically
enumerated.

And if that wasn't enough:
There are to be other checks and
balances, such as the veto, and
the power of the Congress to
override a veto, and the power of
the courts to declare the acts of
Congress unconstitutional.

These and many other things are
all part of the American Constitu-
tion and system of government ...because man is evil.

James Madison, a man often
called the chief architect of the
Constitution, said that government
was instituted among men
because we are not angels (we
are not basically good); and,
furthermore, we need to protect
the people from the government.
This is what he wrote in The
Federalist: "But what is govern-
ment but the greatest of all
reflections on human nature? If
men were angels, no government
would be necessary. If angels
were to govern men, neither
external or internal controls on
government would be neces-
sary. In framing a government
which is to be administered by
men over men, the great
difficulty lies in this: you must
first enable the government to
to control the governed; and in the
next place oblige it to control
itself."

In short, the Founders of
America recognized what the
Bible, all of history, and today's
newspapers attest to: the
sinfulness of man.

We've seen that there are
ramifications of this sin nature
and the denial of it. A govern-
ment like ours, which acknowl-
edges man's selfishness and
sinfulness, provides a system
of government that allows for
the greatest freedom and the
greatest protection of our fellow
human beings. But those who
do not acknowledge the sinful-
ness of man, invariably, such
as in the French Revolution, in
which they said that man was
good, ended up with a bloody
horror and the terror of the
guillotine. This is true also of
the Russian Revolution, which
led to the gulag (labor camps);
or consider the Nazi terrors of
the Holocaust. In all these
systems, all of these people
believed man to be basically
good, and they produced a hell
right here on earth.

As I mentioned earlier, Karl
Marx assumed that though
man was basically good, he was
corrupted by capitalism and
capitalism's class structures.
He argued in The Communist
Manifesto that once the
proletariat (the workers) seized
power and controlled the state,
they would establish a social
order that had no classes, and
eventually no need for political
power. So the state would wither
away. He wrote: "When, in the
course of development, class
distinctions have disappeared,
and all production has been
concentrated in the hands of
the vast association of the whole
nation, the public power will lose
its political character ... In place
of the old bourgeois society,
with its classes and class
antagonisms, we shall have an
association, in which the free
development of each is the
condition for the free development
of all."

Tens of millions of people have
been murdered in the past
century because of this view of
man's nature. Marxism did
produce a new communist man —
a man so cruel that he could
commit the most barbaric crimes
against his fellow human beings...
without the slightest qualms of
conscience, and go home and
sleep at night. When we become
aware of what took place in the
ghastly labor camps, we can
understand the nature of the new
communist man, perhaps the
cruellest man the world has ever
seen.

The system Marx helped create
gives a false picture of man's true
nature. This false paradigm has
probably caused more evil than
any system known to man.

Recently a former communist who
became a convert to Catholicism
summarized that all communism
really has had to show for its time
in power is dead bodies. Eugene
Genovese, who along with his
wife Elizabeth Fox-Genovese
used to publish Marxist
Perspectives magazine, said this
about the former Soviet Union in
a recent interview: "When it all

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Getting to Know You ... Patricia Boyd

I was born in Rockford, Illinois, one of four children. My father was a Rockford Police officer; my mother always worked outside the home. It is one of the reasons I loved to learn to cook and experiment with recipes in the kitchen. My father always told people I was responsible for the starting Dutch Elm disease. I was told by my parents to stop wasting money by experimenting with food; but of course, one day when they were gone I decided to try something new, and it didn’t turn out. I didn’t want to get into trouble so I grabbed a shovel and buried “the remains” under the big elm tree behind our house ... not knowing my grandmother was watching. Soon the tree died, and my dad told everyone that’s how Dutch Elm started. My father died about 18 years ago, and my dear mother and younger sister died last year.

I did not like school, and always wanted to join the military. One of the greatest regrets of my life is that I didn’t, but married instead at 18. I had six children: three boys and three girls. Andrea is married to Mike, a 1LT in the Army National Guard, residing in Bloomington. Andrea is in the human resource field. Leah lives in St. Paul with granddaughter, Juliet. Leah is a SSG and Army Medic in MN Army National Guard. Matthew lives in New Orleans; he is a gifted artist. Mark lives in Rockford, Illinois and is an event planner. Luke lives in St. Paul and works at Champps. Diane lives in Rice Lake and is an RN. I now have six grandchildren. Although I was home raising my kids while they were young, I was never bored and found many projects to do. During that time I also received a Culinary Arts degree.

Early in the 70’s after Roe v Wade was decided legalizing abortion, and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was in hot debate, especially in Illinois (one of the States never to ratify it.) Illinois was also the home of Phyllis Schlafly, the woman who organized the nationwide fight against its ratification. Because of her efforts the ERA never became the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. (Please note: The ERA never had anything to do with equal pay for equal work.)

I soon realized that I must do something about both and founded the Rockford, Illinois chapter of Eagle Forum, the organization Phyllis Schlafly founded.

The experience of becoming the president of Eagle Forum in the early 70’s made me the strong person I am today. I learned not to be afraid of anyone, no matter what their title. I studied the facts, researched the Founding Fathers, and debated anyone who was for abortion or the ERA. I will debate anyone on the meaning of the First Amendment.

I’ve debated lawyers, militant feminists, and ministers. I’ve spoken to many groups, and have been a guest on many talk shows ... both on radio and TV. I’ve also had a couple of radio talk shows of my own. I still do debate liberal ministers when I get the chance. It was even more fun back when the "religious right" was just emerging. Liberal ministers hated, and still do, the "religious right" ... even though their own denominations are steeped in political activity. At the time, the United Methodist Church housed the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights in their building in Washington DC. I love to debate these apostates because they are such hypocrites, and they fall under the pressure of a debate.

I learned to fight and to pray for strategies against the "enemy" and I always won. I give the praise to God for this, because in every situation I was put in, God gave the words, the temperament and the answers to do what I had to do. He would wake me at night with warnings and plans for attack. You see, way back in the 70’s I came to realize that the humanistic forces were beginning to gnaw away at the foundations (Continued ... on page eight)
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collapsed, the question was: After seventy years, what do we have
to show for it? Especially when it became clear that, even on a
basic level, the system didn't deliver the goods, the one thing it
was supposed to do. So what we had to show for it was tens of
millions of corpses."

Paul Johnson, a historian and author of Modern Times, writes
that the twentieth-century state "proved itself the great killer of all
time." The communists bear the largest share of responsibility for
that fact. Some 60 million people have been killed by communism.

It is interesting to notice the propaganda that Moscow and
their allies put out years ago. For example, they used to trumpet the
line that Fidel Castro was the George Washington of Cuba and
Mao Tse-tung was simply an agrarian reformer. Of course
(they claimed), neither of them was a communist. Their fellow
travelers in our media told us that communism had mellowed
and that the Viet Cong and the Cambodian Khmer Rouge were
actually very gentlemanly folk.

We saw one headline after another about their morality and
their gentleness and friendliness and how things were much better
under their rule — how life in Indochina without the American
presence was much better, for example. No word about the link
between America pulling out of Vietnam and the millions who
were slaughtered in the killing fields of Cambodia as a result.

In John Lennon’s song “Imagine" he longs for the day when religion
will have no more influence on society and where humankind will
finally be free to make up its own rules instead. About the time of
his song in the early 1970s, there

was a nation on earth where a
group of atheists seized power
and remade society — totally
free of religious superstition,
totally free of God's rules about
anything. The nation was
Cambodia, and they ended up
killing hundreds of thousands (at
least one-fifth of the population)
in an experiment of societal
makeover. An experiment that
failed, as communism always
fails, because it doesn't conform
to human nature. Lennon may
argue, "Wait a minute. I envision
a world of peace and love, free
from the shackles of religion and
thoughts of heaven." But given
human nature as it is, such a
world doesn't exist. In trying to
get away from heaven in the
next life, they created hell on

earth.

The Word of God says, "for all
have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
Thus the biblical teaching about
the nature of man is vital to our
understanding of the state.
Christians should not be naive
about the danger of the all-
powerful state. All we need to
remember is how believers have
been treated in all-powerful
states and the role they played
there: Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia,
pagan Rome, nazi Germany,
fascist Italy, communist Russia,
China, and Vietnam.

Someone once asked, "Do you
think as a Christian one should
be involved in politics? After all,
that's dirty business." I'd be
tempted to facetiously say in
response, "Of course not. You
should leave it to the atheists;
otherwise you wouldn't have
anything to complain about."

Well, we certainly have plenty
of complaints about today —
because that is exactly what
we've done.

Jesus Christ must not only be
Lord of our lives, but Lord over
politics. He is Lord over the
White House, the House of
Representatives and the Senate,
and even the Supreme Court ...
although sometimes these
institutions go against what God
has clearly revealed.

My friends, it is time for us to
recognize the rightful place of
Christ as Lord of our lives;
and — yes, even in the political
realm.

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Chapel. A DVD of this message is
available to order ... along with almost
two-hundred other messages available
for purchase.

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There will be a special tribute to
the veterans who have sacrificed
their lives in the line of duty.

In closing, I would like to wish
everyone a safe and enjoyable
summer. Let us all remember to
keep our thoughts and prayers
for our servicemen and women
everywhere, especially those
who will not have the opportunity
to spend the summer with their
family and loved ones.

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of the United States and true Christianity. I also realized one of the reasons they were becoming so successful was because of the silence of the church. The church was silent when prayer was taken out of schools, and they were silent again when Roe v Wade was decided ... legalizing abortion even in the ninth month.

I was one of half the delegates who represented Illinois at the tax-funded International Women's Year Convention in Houston, Texas. The speakers were the leaders of the feminist movement as well as the wives and daughters of the President and former Presidents of the United States. I saw leaders of witches covens and explicit lesbian sex (way back then), and I knew in my heart this was the beginning of a long battle ... and wondering if the Body of Christ would wake up in time. I'm sorry to say they didn't; most still haven't, and we better prepare for the worst, and look for Christ coming in the clouds.

During the many years of what I call "confrontational" politics, I was able to experience God's faithfulness and comfort. I picketed churches when I had to ... these were mostly under the guise of "missions." These churches were putting forth a radical feminist, lesbian agenda with church money. I was almost arrested at the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Stevens Point, Wisconsin for putting up a pro-life table with three other women. It turned out to be the best table of the Conference. Many conservative pastors came to our defense and helped with the onslaught by the militant feminist pastors.

I watched as my little granddaughter born at 1lb, 7oz. lived, and is now a healthy 9 year old ... giving me even more of a passion for the unborn and meeting hundreds of people locally and nationally with the same passion. I became the Minnesota Executive Director of the Christian Coalition. I've debated many liberal pastors on the subject of the rights of the religious right, and the First Amendment. While in Washington DC, I sat at the same table with Barry Lynn, the national director of People United for the Separation of Church & State. Mr. Lynn is a minister; but false religious teacher. He is a very evil man with a nice demeanor. I gave him my card and asked him if he would debate me ... if he came to Minnesota. I never did hear from him.

There were many memorable times of organizing, and I did receive one of the national Eagle Awards from Mrs. Schiffly in St. Louis, Missouri. (You see me reminiscing with her in the picture.) We were laughing about the time I asked a Methodist minister if he would wear a gorilla costume the next time we went to lobby against the ERA in Springfield, Illinois. He agreed and we passed out bananas that had labels saying, "don't monkey with the constitution." It made an AP national picture — Phyllis and the gorilla. Unfortunately, the minister was reprimanded by his church for doing that since the UMC was pro-ERA. We also carried in an empty casket to the rotunda that had a sign saying — "Bury the ERA." Another great photo op.

I was the Executive Director of the Highland Business Assn, for three years; this was before 9/11. I was hired in one of the first groups for the TSA as a screener at MSP. Because of arthritis, I quit, and started my own daycare business.

As I've gotten older, my Christian faith has become so important to me for comfort and guidance through a divorce, and the loss of my mom and sister.

After 9/11, and I will not apologize for saying this: I believe it was one of God's judgments on the United States for our collective sin of turning our backs on God and His Word. He is the Author of all freedom and the foundation the United States was founded upon. The results of the last election was another. The Bible warns us so many times that in the last days, we must guard against being deceived and deluded.

We are fast losing our freedoms because the church never fought for them. Those who call themselves Christians and think they can vote for people that are enemies of the gospel and not answer for that are very deluded. What also is very disturbing to me is no matter how much we honor the fallen, and the veterans who have put their lives on the line for our freedoms, by being apathetic as believers, we ourselves do nothing to preserve the republic, or honor the Constitution and our freedoms for which so many have died. I found this quote by Eleanor Roosevelt on the internet, which I think best sums it up: "Least I keep my complacent way, I must remember somewhere out there a person died for me today. As long as there must be war, I ask and I must answer, was I worth dying for?"
It's hard to understand why Christians are so intimidated by the world. If we can't handle verbal persecution, how will we be able to handle worse? No one I know and worked with on all these issues was ever shot before a firing squad or beheaded. We were just called names, like right wing extremists, etc.

One of my favorite Bible verses is what I call the Wizard of Oz verse, 2 Timothy 1:7. God promises to give us power, love and a sound mind ... exactly what the characters of Oz were looking for: a heart, a brain, and courage. My other favorite verse is John 1:1-5 combined with Revelation 19:11-16. It clearly shows us the beginning and the end.

After 9/11, I felt I must become more fervent in honoring those who stood up to the terrorists that day, and those who stood against our enemies in all the previous wars. I started visiting Fort Snelling Cemetery weekly to visit Tom Burnett's gravesite. It was there I started visiting all those recently fallen and meeting their families and going to Arlington National Cemetery in 2008. I'm planning to go to Fort Rosecrans in San Diego this year. During the time of visiting Fort Snelling Cemetery I read an article about Wreaths Across America and contacted Richard Geis about helping. We've been working together ever since. The Minnesota Fallen Heroes Remembered calendar also came from that meeting.

I am so thankful for my health, my daycare business, my friends and family. I am especially thankful for finding the Fort Snelling Chapel. Because of the experiences I have mentioned above, I can tell you that Chaplain Ken Beale is a rare gem. He has the courage not found in many pastors locally or nationally to speak the truth about what is going on in the world today. He gets it! It's not about what any of us think or feel, it's about what God says in His Word. We need to pray for his protection. Because of Chaplain Beale's boldness in this politically correct society the doors to the Chapel could be closed someday.

I am looking forward to having my daycare for another year or two. I'm also running for a spot as a delegate to the Republican State Convention. When I attended my precinct caucus last week, I wrote a resolution asking the Republican Party to address the present "Rules of Engagement." I asked that they be changed. These "Rules of Engagement" are the reason many of our soldiers are being KIA (killed in action). I think it would be great to get a Band of Mothers Minnesota chapter going, for the same reason. I also plan on having a lot more food gatherings; it's a great way of getting to know people. I might even have a Tea Party event!

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**WHEN BLUE STARS TURN TO GOLD**

A banner with blue star on white with crimson border unfolds. A soldier bravely gives his life. A blue star turns to gold. A battlefield across the sea. Blood mixed with sand turns cold. A mother's pillow drenched in tears. A blue star turns to gold. Alone, she tries to sleep in bed. With shattered dreams she's told she'll never feel his warmth...his touch. A blue star turns to gold. Eagerly they long to hear him telling his stories of old. "Is Daddy coming home?" they ask in vain. A blue star turns to gold. When sons and daughters arm to fight for freedoms that we hold, Their legacy continues on when blue stars turn to gold. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines have stories always told of those who fought to keep us free; of blue stars turned to gold. For our soldiers, this we pray, they be courageous and bold. Protect them, Father, by Thy might. May our blue stars not turn gold.

— Theophilus Lightwalker
Over 200 Titles of Chaplain Ken's Messages are available on DVD (among them)...

AMERICA, ONE NATION UNDER GOD ♦ WHAT ARE WE TO REMEMBER? (MEMORIAL SUNDAY) ♦ SAME SEX MARRIAGE: PUTTING EVERY HOUSEHOLD AT RISK ♦ SEXUAL PREFERENCE IS NOT A CIVIL RIGHT ♦ ON WHICH SIDE OF THE CULTURAL BATTLE WILL YOU ENGAGE? ♦ YOU CAN'T LEGISLATE MORALITY ♦ RAISING THE STANDARD ♦ GOOD OR BAD RELIGION: HOW DO YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE ♦ NAZI POW # 2458 AND JAPANESE POW # 591 (POW/MIA SUNDAY) ♦ LIVING WITH A SENSE OF DUTY (VETERANS DAY SUNDAY) ♦ COMMITTED TO THE BIBLE (NATIONAL BIBLE SUNDAY) ♦ THANKSGIVING: THREE WAYS TO LOOK AT IT (THANKSGIVING) ♦ MAKING WORTHY RESOLUTIONS (NEW YEARS) ♦ DO YOU HAVE A DREAM? (MLK JR REMEMBRANCE) ♦ TODAY'S HOLOCAUST (SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY) ♦ WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN A CHRISTIAN? (PRESIDENTS DAY) ♦ WHO DO YOU RELATE TO AT THE CROSS? (GOOD FRIDAY) ♦ WHEN JESUS CALLS YOUR NAME (EASTER SUNDAY) ♦ BLESSED ARE THE MOTHERS (MOTHER'S DAY) ♦ PLUGGING INTO THE POWER SOURCE ♦ REMEMBERING (MEMORIAL SUNDAY) ♦ IS TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE ALL THAT IMPORTANT? ♦ MY DAD IS THE GREATEST! (FATHER'S DAY) ♦ WHICH WAY, AMERICA? (INDEPENDENCE DAY) ♦ BECOMING A PERSON OF INTEGRITY ♦ LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY ♦ A WORD TO THE CHURCH'S CYNICS ♦ LOST ... FOUND ... RESTORED (POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE) ♦ THE CHRISTIAN VOTER ♦ A GOOD SOLDIER (VETERANS DAY) ♦ BENEFITS OF LISTENING ATTENTIVELY TO GOD'S WORD ♦ A DAY OF THANKSGIVING ... AND WHAT? (THANKSGIVING) ♦ BREAK THE CURSE (SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY) ♦ THE HEART OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS (FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY) ♦ WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS (PRESIDENTS DAY) ♦ THE WOUNDED WARRIOR ♦ UNVEILING GOD'S HEART (GOOD FRIDAY) ♦ DEAD MAN WALKING (EASTER SUNDAY) ♦ MOTHERHOOD: A WORTHY OCCUPATION (MOTHER'S DAY) ♦ THE PRICE OF FREEDOM (MEMORIAL DAY) ♦ DAD: WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY? (FATHER'S DAY) ♦ AMERICA UNDER ATTACK (INDEPENDENCE DAY) ♦ ALLAH IS NOT OUR GOD (9/11 REMEMBRANCE) ♦ POW MIKE'S FLAG (POW/MIA SUNDAY) ♦ GOD'S PLAN FOR NATIONAL HEALTH ♦ CHRISTOPHER (CRIST-BEARER) COLUMBUS ♦ HOW WOULD JESUS VOTE? (ELECTION DAY) ♦ NO MEDAL FOR JOE (VETERANS DAY) ♦ THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (THANKSGIVING) ♦ NOW IS THE HOUR (NEW YEARS) ♦ THE STATE OF THE UNION ♦ LIFE IS SACRED (SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY) ♦ FROM leprosy to LIFE ♦ HE WENT A LITTLE FURTHER
Benevolent Giving …

During the early 1980's, unemployment and homelessness was on the rise and there was a lack of homeless shelters in the Twin Cities. Some of the local churches opened their doors to the homeless. One of the churches was Our Savior's Lutheran Church (OSLC), located 2219 Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis.

In 1982, OSLC opened their basement to provide a warm place for the homeless to rest. This continued until 1995, when the church was destroyed by fire. A new church was built next to the destroyed church and they also purchased an empty medical center. They converted the medical center into a 40-bed homeless shelter. The legal responsibility and name was changed to Our Savior’s Outreach Ministries (OSOM); a 501(c)3 non profit organization which has a 13 member Board of Directors.

Today, OSOM provides classes in English, math. and citizenship to the guests of the 40-bed homeless shelter. The shelter includes transitional housing for 10 men, 6 woman and 3 families. They currently have over 1,400 volunteers that cook and provide the food for the residents twice a day.

OSOM’s expectations of the guests are very high. They expect sobriety, respect and an open mindedness to help themselves to find work and housing. They currently have seven full time and seven part time staff to help manage the homeless shelter 24 hours a day, seven days a week, provide security and case management to help the guests find work and shelter.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation (FSMCF) has supported OSOM since 2006. The Foundation Board has approved a benevolence request annually for the OSOM. Back in February 2010, I contacted Sandy Aslaksen, Executive Director of the OSOM to set a date for an interview and tour. Sandy shared with me great stories about the trials and tribulations OSOM faces to help the homeless. She shared that the shelter receives over a million dollars in donations from churches, business entities, private citizens and government grants. With the current down turn in the economy, donations have dropped off and the need for funding has increased sharply. If you would like to donate or volunteer please call 612-872-4193 or write to Our Savior's Outreach Ministries, 2219 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404 www.oshousing.org

I would like to say "thank you" to Sandy Aslaksen and all the staff and volunteers who work at making a difference in the lives of those who really need help.

— Pat Hoy, Chair
Benevolence Committee

This congregation tithe (10 %) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry … that is in keeping with our purpose … please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2010. Simply call the Foundation Office at 612/970-7986 … and provide a name and mailing address.
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This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.
The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

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