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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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PRESIDENT BUSH

APRIL 21st

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	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	XX AM			MR. C. BOYDEN GRAY OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 764	TLKD-OK
INC	3:52 PM	4:05			
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XX AM			MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EMERY OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 780	TLKD-OK
INC	5:41 PM	5:42			
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XX AM			SECRETARY NICHOLAS F. BRADY (b)(6)	TLKD-OK WITH MS. PATRICIA A. PRESOCK
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

Camp David, Maryland
LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 21 April 1991

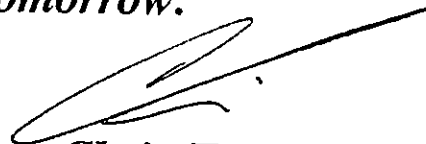
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1640	Residence
1641	Doctor's Office
1736	Residence
1812	South Grounds
1820	Residence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1991

Mr. President:

*Patty called to say Secretary
Brady phoned for you. He
will be at home this evening
if you wish to talk to him
otherwise he will see you
tomorrow.*



*Chris Emery
Ushers Office
7:15 p.m.*

*called 4-22
6 45 AM
woke him up
no substance*

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our
Jules



CAMP DAVID

Today is a wonderful day in the life of Camp David. I see so many good friends here. Members of the Congress, welcome.

My respects to the outstanding leaders of faith who have joined us. And supporters of the Camp David Chapel Fund.

John Berg - Lt Fries - chapelman who had a car on
There is something very special about building a place of worship. After all, as our country was settled, one of the very first things the settlers ~~did~~ *(as they established new communities)* was build a place to worship God.

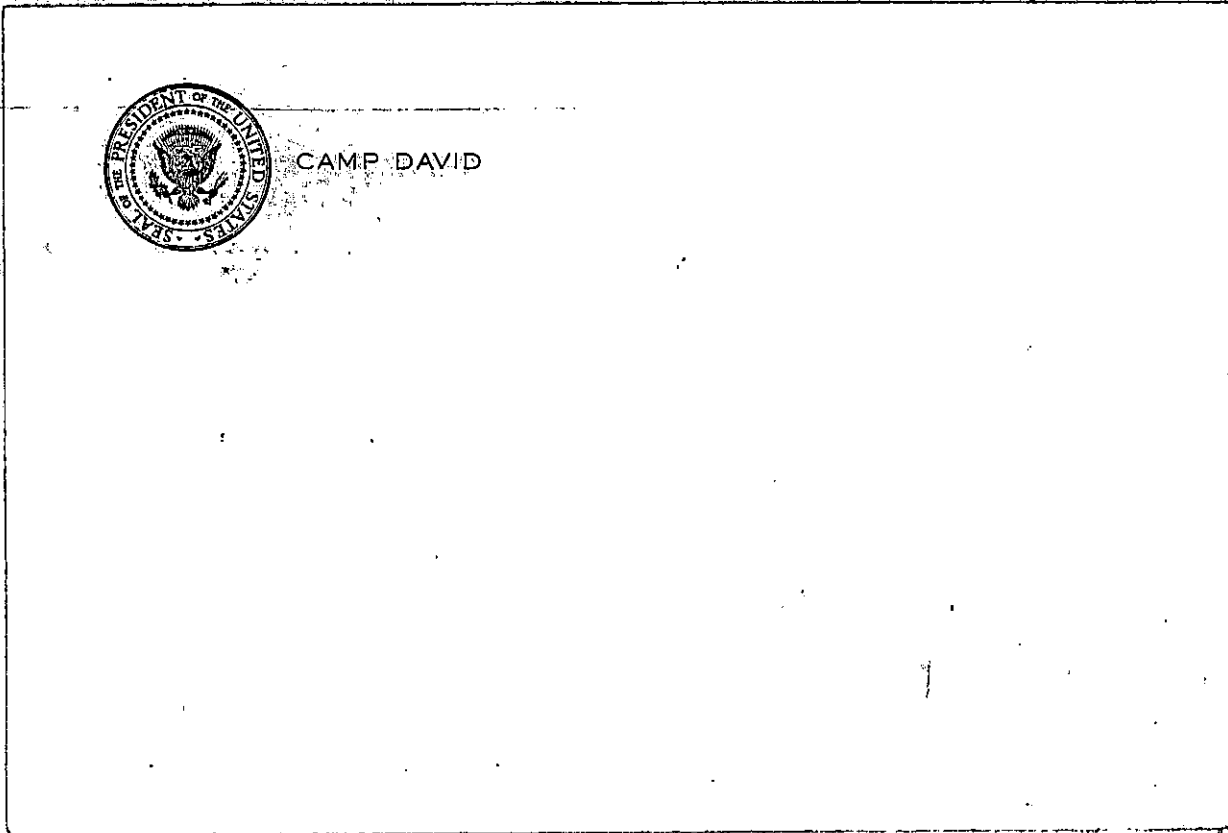
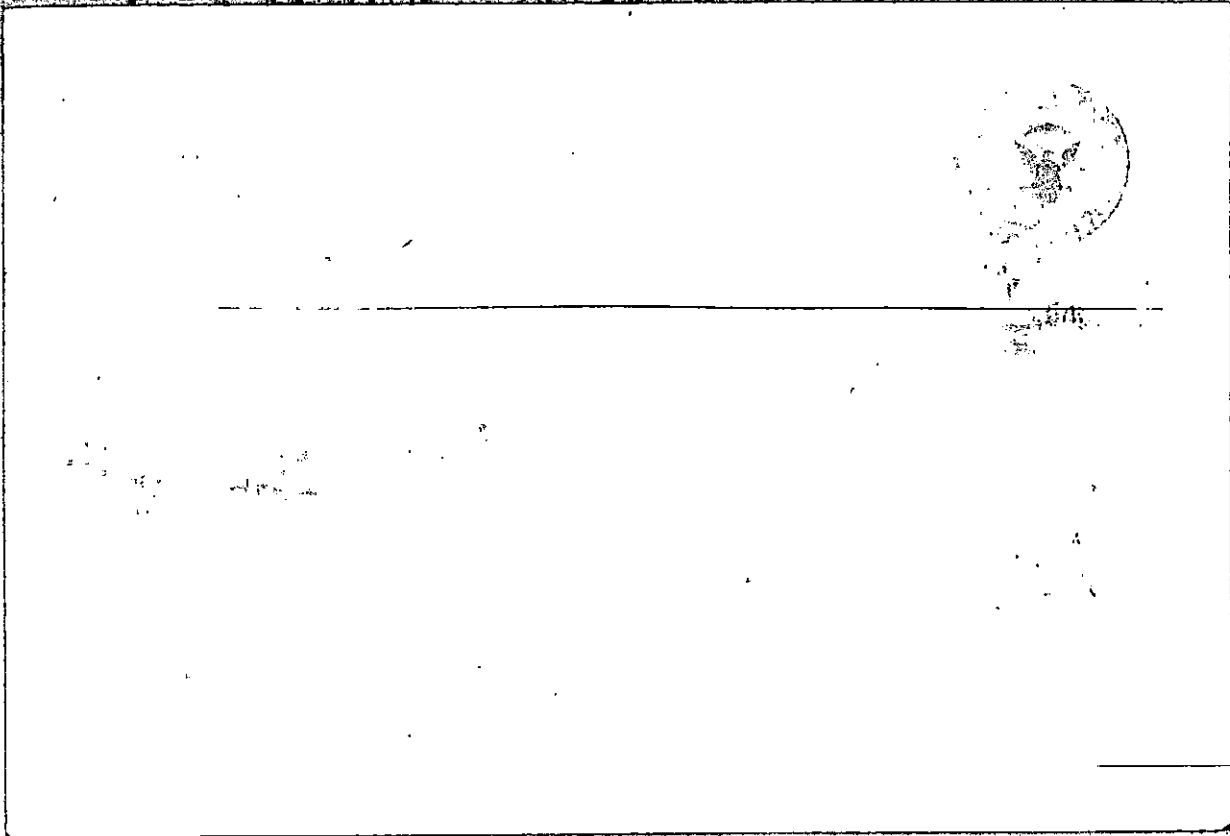
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loved
Barbara and I have ~~enjoyed~~ the regular worship services at Camp David -- over at Hickory -- since I first became President. And during the trying days of the war, we got great comfort, and strength too, from our simple chapel services *led by Lt Fries* every Sunday - 9 o'clock, ~~let~~

And now today, with particular thanks to Ken Plummer whose inspiration has done so much to make this day a reality, *all of us in the Camp David family* we have our own chapel. I can't tell you how much joy Barbara and I have gotten from watching this chapel be built from scratch. *It is God's Blessing, and we are very lucky.*

(introduce Sandi Patti - who has blessed so many with her singing)

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April 19, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY *cc*
SUBJECT: CAMP DAVID CHAPEL

I. Event Info

- Dedication of Camp David Chapel
An inter-faith service
- Sunday, April 21
- 10:30 a.m.
- Approximately 90 attendees

II. Acknowledgements

- o Major donors and the Officers of the Camp David Chapel Fund, a non-profit organization.
 - Notably, Ken Plummer, Sr. of Pennsylvania -- the main inspiration and prime mover for the project. He will officially present the Chapel to the Government of the United States.
- o Personal guests of the Bushes (including family friends and Members of Congress).
- o Homily to be given by His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. of the Roman Catholic Church. Additional prayers and readings by leaders of diverse faiths.

The dedication service closing is symbolic of the special meaning of the Chapel: the Benediction will be given in unison by the leaders of four major faiths who are members of the Chapel Board -- Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church, Bishop James Mathews of the United Methodist Church and Rabbi A. James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee.

II. Camp David Chapel History

A. Religion at Camp David

- o This chapel is the first official house of worship on Camp David. In fact, until last Sunday (April 14), services were held at "Hickory", the recreation center.
- o President Carter was the only previous President to frequently worship at the Camp.

Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Nixon, and Reagan all frequented the Camp, though services were only occasionally held. Presidents Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, and Ford rarely spent time at the Camp.

B. Origins of the Chapel -- A Gift from the People

- o Ken Plummer, Sr. is a retired contractor from Camp David who was working there when President Kennedy was assassinated. At that time, he realized that the Camp lacked an official place of worship, particularly during a time of national crisis.

He acted on his idea in the mid-eighties and in early 1987 President Reagan approved the plan to build a chapel at the Camp. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in July 1988 and construction finally began in May 1990.

- o It is an inter-faith center of worship, with windows on both sides featuring symbols from the five major religious traditions of the world: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

Within this window area are the symbolic "Tree of Life" and the "Tree of Knowledge". Both have symbols of all faiths hanging from them.

- o A major factor in the establishment of the English colonies was the search for religious freedom -- the foundation upon which this great nation was built.

Two important characteristics of the English migrants to the New World were their religious diversity and the strength of their faith. The same observation could be made about America today -- and the new Camp David Chapel exemplifies this.

III. More and More Americans Turning to God

A recent survey conducted for "The Great American TV Poll" asked Americans what they felt is the most important thing in their lives. Forty percent of those surveyed, the highest grouping, named "Faith in God". ((See Attached.))

IV. The House of Worship

"Church is God between four walls."
-- Victor Hugo

"Church is God between four walls.
Sometimes, though, the walls aren't
necessary. All you need is God...
and you."
-- Anonymous

Evidence of religious suppression has been evident all around the globe. For citizens of Eastern bloc nations and the Soviet Union, practicing "underground religion" became a way of life. Prayer services and religious celebrations were held in basements, in fields, and in factories -- all testaments to the endurance of faith even without a physical house of worship.

Recent examples:

Albania

Although making the sign of the cross in public is punishable by three years imprisonment, Christians worship privately, fast for Lent and paint red Easter eggs in keeping with a tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church, to which their families once openly belonged.

The Soviet Union

The USSR officially resurrected Easter this year, the most important holiday of the Russian Orthodox Church. After a week in which believers hung religious banners on a street named for Lenin and bought religious decals, thousands worshipped in churches that had once been closed or converted into libraries, warehouses and factories.

Masses began as the stroke of midnight ushered in the first Easter Sunday since the Soviet legislature adopted a law last September which ended Bolshevik atheist policy. More than 3,000 worshipers gathered at St. Basil's Cathedral for Easter Services, many bearing the religious symbols that they were once forced to hide.

V. Quotes

"Grant us a common faith that man shall know bread and peace -- that he shall know justice and righteousness, freedom and security, and equal opportunity and an equal chance to do his best not only in our lands, but throughout the world. And in that faith let us march toward the clean world our hands can make."

-- Stephen Vincent Benet

-- President Franklin Roosevelt used it as well.
Note that FDR originated Camp David (originally named "Shangri La").

"God sends no churches from the skies.
Out of our hearts they must arise."

-- Anonymous

-- May be used in reference to the inter-faith generosity from which the Camp chapel became possible.

"God is to be worshipped by faith, hope, and love."

-- St. Augustine: On Faith, Hope, and Charity

Faith in God, health more important than riches to Americans

■ Findings of a recent poll suggest greed and ambition aren't as significant as popular culture depicts.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Age of the Yuppie is dying. Faith in God is the most important part of Americans' lives, followed by good health and a happy marriage, say a poll.

Forty percent of respondents said they value their relationship with God above all else, while only 2 percent said a job that pays well is the most important thing in their life.

"That's an astounding set of figures, it seems to me. It suggests a re-orientation, a cultural shift," Wade Clark Roof, a professor of religion and society at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said yesterday.

The responses are part of a growing body of survey data that deflates the notion built up in popular culture in the '70s and '80s that

many Americans are mainly motivated by greed and personal ambition, sociologists said.

"The people who are shocked are those who believe this country is more secular than it really is," said William McKinney, dean of Hartford Seminary. "We're in some ways an incurably religious culture."

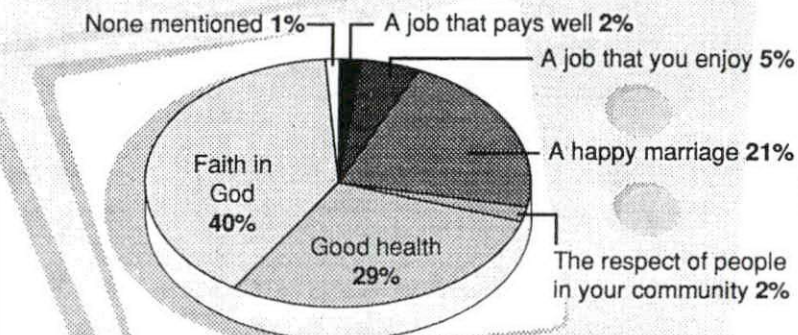
The telephone survey of 600 adults was conducted Jan. 17-20 for the Lifetime television show *The Great American TV Poll*. The survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Diane Colasanto, who oversaw the survey, said it is difficult to compare it to other polls because the question was asked in a new way. The question compared faith in importance with other concerns rather than solely addressing the importance of religion. But she said the results are consistent with other surveys showing the importance of religion.

"My guess is that this is not a new phenomenon. It's something we've never looked at in this particu-

What matters to Americans

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Telephone survey of 600 adults (300 men and 300 women) conducted by Princeton Research, Jan. 17-20. Survey has margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Source: Lifetime Press

Dispatch/AP graphic

lar way," she said.

Fifty-eight percent of the respondents to a 1990 Associated Press poll said religion is very important in their lives, and 86 percent said it is either very important or fairly important.

Professional goals ranked at the bottom of the things Americans said are most important, says the poll.

In addition to the 40 percent who said faith in God was what they value most, 29 percent cited good health and 21 percent said a happy marriage is most important.

Only 5 percent said a job that

they enjoy was most important, while 2 percent said the money they make counted most. Two percent said the respect of people in their community is most important, and 1 percent said none of the values mentioned are most important.

Roof, who is working on a book on the "Baby Boom" generation of Americans in their 30s and 40s, said the survey results suggest the Baby Boomers are maturing.

"I see it as a kind of a shift from a me-generation, me-first, to a more balanced set of concerns about self and others," he said. "Something going on that's encouraging."

ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CAMP DAVID CHAPEL DEDICATION
Sunday, April 12, 1991

Directors and Supporters of the Chapel

Arthur and Connie Peterson
Sen. Glenn and Nancy Beall, Jr.
Bishop James and Eunice Mathews
Rabbi James and Marcia Rudin
Rev. William Keeler
Rev. Theodore and Sarah Eastman
Alexander and Xanthi Karloutsos
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Alec and Louise Courtelis
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John and Nancy Hull
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His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey
Kenneth and June Plummer, Sr.
Wayne and Dorothy Smithey
William Lori
Thomas and Evelyn Murray
Bishop and Mrs. Felton May
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Paul and Kelley Athens
John Weyand
Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher and niece Dr. Sunnie Kenowsky
Milton Murray
Robert Osborn
M. Russell Ballard
Beverly Campbell
George and Suzanne Wills
Peter Kourides
Admiral Alvin and Emelie Koeneman

OTHERS

Sen. and Mrs. John C. Danforth	Grace Holden
Rev. and Mrs. Richard Halverson	Tim McBride
Mrs. Ted Stevens and daughter	Thad Garrett
Bernie and Patty Presock	Rev. and Mrs. James Ford
Mr. and Mrs. Kyo H. Chu	Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coe
Jennifer Fitzgerald	
Cong. and Mrs. Charles Stenholm	
Cong. and Mrs. Howell Heflin	
Lucy and Michael Carney	

REGRETS FOR THE CAMP DAVID CHAPEL DEDICATION
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Andrew Athens

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E. Elton Trueblood

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donley

Gen. and Mrs. P.X. Kelley

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Rev. and Mrs. John Harper

Mrs. John McShain and Sister Pauline McShain

Oveta Clip Hobby

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Firestone

Pres. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter

Pres. and Mrs. Ronald Reagan

Sonny Montgomery

Sen. Ted Stevens

Pres. and Mrs. Richard Nixon

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Emerson

THOSE WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO INVITATION AS OF 4:30pm 4-18-91
President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford

From the desk of
George Bush

P
read 4-21-91
finished -
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LETTER FROM RICHARD NIXON
4/19/91

Sir

I gave the General a

copy (& made you 1 extra--
attached)

Patty

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Jack Bessudo
Dallas 85
Mexico City, Mexico 03810



THE PRESIDENT

April 22, 1991

Dear Mr. Bessudo,

Sharon forwarded your kind letter. Words of support mean a lot, and I am grateful for yours. You are thoughtful to write.

My warm regards.

Sincerely,

*Neil & Sharon treasure
your friendship*

George Bush

bcc:

Sharon Bush

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

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ISAAC BESSUDO PEREZ

March 15, 1991.

MR. GEORGE BUSH
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

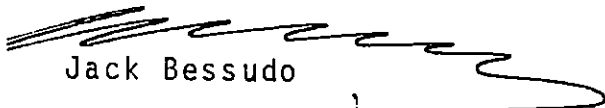
Dear Mr. President:

I hope you will remember me, your son Neal and Sharon are my dearest friends. On the month of June, I was invited to the party of the birthday of your granddaughter Lauren at the swimming pool of the White House, and I had the big honor of meeting you.

The main reason of this letter is to tell you how proud my family and I feel about you.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING MR. PRESIDENT.

Dad,
This man is a very good friend of ours. We will probably use his house this summer when we have to move out of ours. I'm sure he'd love a note from you.
Thank-you + love,
Sharon (et. al.)


Jack Bessudo

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Jon Peterson
Auditor
91 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓



4-21-91

Dear Tom,

I saw you Dad today
at the Christmas & our Camp
David Chapel, an event to
which he made a wonderful
contribution.

He told me of all your
hard work for our Party -
Good luck -

Cy Bus



To Jon Petersen April 21, 1991
with sincere appreciation for
your support -
Clyde Brunel

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Camp
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Chapel

SERVICE OF DEDICATION



Camp David Chapel

*A Gift to the United States
from the People of the Nation
as a House of Prayer for All Peoples*

The Presidential Retreat

Camp David, Maryland

April 21, 1991
10:30 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE RITE

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Wayne H. Smithey

At the entrance to the chapel, with the doors closed.

Mr. Smithey:

The grace and peace of God be with you.

All respond:

And also with you.

Mr. Smithey:

Through the ages in all religious traditions
people of faith have been moved to build houses for prayer and the praise
of Almighty God.

With gratitude for the completion of Camp David Chapel,
we are now gathered to dedicate this building in God's Name.

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Psalm 84:1-2

THE CHAPEL WINDOWS

The chapel windows have been designed, executed, and given by Dr. Rudolph and Helen Sandon of the Sandon Studios in Little Valley, New York.

All symbols have been selected and designed to be open to various understandings by persons of differing faith traditions. For example, the mountains may be seen as the land God created or Mount Sinai or Mount Moriah or Mount Calvary, and so on. Thus the windows will speak to each worshipper in unique ways.

The window to the left (facing forward) represents the "Tree of Life." Beginning at the left end, medallions represent:

"The Sea and Anchor" (water of life, anchor of hope . . .)

"The Mountain" (land of creation, human faith . . .)

"Abstract of God" (holiness of God, divine love, goodness beauty . . .)

"The Globe" (the whole inhabited earth, signified by the Greek word *oikoumene*—the ecumenical fellowship of all faithful people . . .)

"The Book" (religious teaching, the book of life . . .)

The window to the right represents the "Tree of Knowledge." From the left, the medallions are:

"Sheaf of Wheat" (bounty of the earth, bread of life . . .)

"Seven Flames" (seven gifts of wisdom from God, fire as a sign of God's presence, light and energy . . .)

"Presidential Seal" (the words "We the People" remind us of the centrality of the people both in the American republic and in the gift of this chapel.)

"The Dove" (animal life within creation, universal symbol of peace . . .)

"Lamp with Flame" (knowledge and God's enlightenment of humanity, zeal and watchfulness . . .)

Also participating in today's liturgy are two ex officio members of the Camp David Fund Board:

Father William E. Lori, Secretary to the Archbishop of Washington.

Reverend Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey, Hugh Latimer Elderdice Professor of Preaching and Worship, Wesley Theological Seminary.

Other Directors of the Fund are:

Mr. Edward J. Donley, business executive from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Father Alex Karloutsos, Executive Director of Communications for The Greek Orthodox Church, North and South America, ex officio.

General Paul X. Kelley, USMC (Ret.).

Reverend Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Pastor Emeritus of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor at Rutgers University.

Reverend Dr. Douglas G. Trout, President of World College West, Petaluma, California.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, author, theologian of The Society of Friends, and professor emeritus at Earlham College.

Deceased Directors: Dr. Thomas E. Broce, Mr. Buckley M. Byers, and Bishop John Thomas Walker.

Honorary Directors of the Chapel Fund are:

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
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Major donors to the Camp David Chapel are:

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Dr. Rudolph and Helen Sandon

PRAYER AT THE DOORS

Archbishop Iakovos

Gracious Lord, you have made all things new by your saving love.

You taught us to set apart places for the worship of your holy Name.

By invoking the grace of your Spirit,

we dedicate portions of the earth and sacred buildings

where your kingdom may be revealed in power and your presence may be recognized by those who sit in darkness and in the region of the shadow of death.

Loving Master, celebrating with joy the newness of life in you and preparing to enter to

dedicate this new sanctuary, erected to the glory of your Name, we cry aloud with the Psalmist:

All read the responses in italics:

Lift up your heads, O gates,

Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates,

and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Psalm 24:7-10

The Archbishop continues:

Master and Lord our God, accept us as we now enter into this sanctuary.

Send down your grace to sanctify us and to bless the works of our hands.

Set aright our thoughts and purify our intentions.

Surround us with your holy angels. Grant that they may enter with us,
that together we may serve and glorify your goodness.

All respond:

Amen.

OPENING OF THE DOORS

Chaplain Alvin B. Koeneman

Chaplain Koeneman:

Let the doors be opened.

The doors are opened and the Chaplain says:

Peace to this house and all who enter here.

MUSIC AT THE ENTRY OF THE CONGREGATION

At the direction of the ushers, the clergy and congregation quietly enter the chapel during the music.

From the Jewish tradition: *The Yigdal* (Leoni)

From the Orthodox tradition: *God the Omnipotent*—Alexis F. Lvov

From the Roman Catholic tradition: *Thee We Adore* (*Adoro Te*—plainsong)

From the Protestant tradition: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*—J. S. Bach

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

SENTENCES

Chaplain Koeneman

Blessed be the Name of God for ever and ever. God be praised in his holy habitation.

HYMN, *the congregation standing.*

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| 1. Eternal God and sovereign Lord,
by earth and heavenly hosts adored,
bless thou this house that it may be
a place most meet to learn of thee. | 3. Hence send them forth as servants kind
with flaming heart and stalwart mind,
to honor truth nor fear the crowd,
but dare to trust thee, Living God. |
| 2. Be pleased to guide, each lengthening year,
all people, God, who gather here;
make known to them thy saving grace,
and secret of thy heavenly peace. | 4. When time in lowly dust has laid
these walls our hands have humbly made,
in larger worlds more fully prove
the wonders of redeeming love. Amen. |

Text: Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 1957.

Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Directors of the Fund participating in today's service are:

Honorable J. Glenn Beall, Jr., past member of The United States Senate from Maryland, and an active layman in The Episcopal Church.

Right Reverend A. Theodore Eastman, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland of The Episcopal Church.

His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop of Washington of the Roman Catholic Church.

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church, North and South America.

Bishop James K. Mathews, Bishop of the Albany Area of The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Felton E. May, Bishop of the Harrisburg Area of The United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Thomas J. (Evelyn) Murray, active Roman Catholic laywoman of Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Arthur L. Peterson, Director of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College and former President of Lebanon Valley College; treasurer of the Chapel Fund Board.

Mr. Kenneth H. Plummer, Sr. retired contractor of Chambersburg, Pa.; active United Methodist layman; Founder and President of the Board of the Camp David Chapel Fund, Inc.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, National Interreligious Affairs Director for The American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Wayne H. Smithey, retired executive of Ford Motor Company; active United Methodist layman; Vice-President and Secretary of the Chapel Fund Board.

Emeritus of Vocal Music at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. The prayer response was arranged by Dr. J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986), composer and arranger of Black American church music.

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THE STORY OF CAMP DAVID CHAPEL

On the day of President Kennedy's death, Mr. Kenneth H. Plummer, Sr. was supervising work being done at Camp David; he longed for a place of prayer and spiritual solace, but knew that none existed in the Camp. That began his dream of providing on this site a house of worship for persons of all faiths. After his retirement in 1982 Ken Plummer shared his vision with others over the years, recruiting a core of interested clergy and laity. A concerted effort began in 1987 after the Navy had agreed to accept the gift of a Chapel. Then information about the project and encouragement of participation was disseminated broadly to leaders of Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, and other religious groups represented in the United States. From those that responded, a Board of Directors was formed for the Camp David Chapel Fund, Inc.

The building was designed by Noelker and Hull Associates Inc., Architects, with construction completed by the spring of 1991 by local construction companies.

All costs for construction and furnishing of the Chapel have been met by the voluntary contributions of the American people, on whose behalf the building is presented to the United States, debt-free, on the occasion of this dedication service.

PRAYER, *the congregation seated.*

Archbishop Iakovos

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: Have mercy upon us.
You are beyond our ability to comprehend, and past our power to honor.
Highest heaven cannot contain you, nor yet these walls which we have built.
Forgive the imperfection of our effort but honor the intention of our heart,
that this chapel may be dedicated to your glory.
Grant to all who worship here
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,
that this may be a house of reconciliation,
a place of hope to your everlasting praise,
Most Holy One, our peace and our salvation.

All respond:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

DEDICATION OF THE PULPIT

Bishop James K. Mathews

The pulpit is the focus for the reading of the sacred writings and their exposition
by those who have studied them and their meaning for our time.
Before its first use, therefore,
it is fitting that we dedicate this pulpit to its appointed ministry,
and intercede for all who shall stand in it as lectors and preachers,
and for those who shall listen to their words.

Let us pray.
 O God, the Word of Life to all who believe,
 out of the treasures of the ages you speak to us afresh in our own time.
 Therefore we dedicate this pulpit, that your word may go forth and bear fruit.
 To all who stand in this place, grant integrity, that there be here no Amaziah,
 who spoke only what the monarch wished to hear,
 but only Amos, who declared the truth in season and out.
 And to all who listen, grant open ears and hearts both to receive
 and to do your gracious will to the benefit of your whole creation.
 For these graces, O God ever-living, blessed be your Name for ever.

All respond:

Amen.

FIRST READING—I Kings 8:22-30

The beginning of Solomon's Prayer at the Dedication of the Temple.

Rabbi A. James Rudin

PSALM 84

The following response is sung once by the cantor.

Then the congregation sings together with the cantor.

Dr. Arthur L. Peterson

SUNG

RESPONSE:



*Text: Psalms 84:2a; 16:11b
 Music: Gary Alan Smith, 1989*

Flowers are presented by The Camp David Chapel Fund Board in thanksgiving for the vision and labor of Mr. Kenneth H. Plummer, Sr.

Leading our singing is the Camp David Chapel Choir. Barbara Panico serves as cantor.

The soloist, a special guest of the President, is Sandi Patti. She has received many awards as a recording artist and serves on the President's Drug Advisory Board.

Organist is Dr. Ronald F. Ellis, President of M. P. Moller, Inc. of Hagerstown, Maryland, builder of the two manual, 12 rank Camp David Chapel pipe organ. The organ has 30 speaking stops, comprising 827 pipes.

Representing the United States Navy Chaplains Corps is Admiral Alvin B. Koeneman, USN, Chief of Chaplains. Working closely with the Board in the planning of the Chapel and of this service have been Commander Michael Berry, USN and Chaplain Jonathan Frusti, USN.

Reverend Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey, Professor of Preaching and Worship at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., wrote the dedication liturgy in collaboration with the Chapel Fund Board, and acts as liturgical director today.

The prayer for the dedication of the pulpit, the introduction to the dedication rite, the acts of presentation and acceptance, and the call to prayer were written specifically for this service. Other prayers and acts of worship have been adapted from a variety of biblical and ecumenical resources characteristic of all of the traditions represented in today's service.

Music has been selected to celebrate the work of American poets and composers. All three hymn texts were originally written for the dedication of places of worship in this country, and for this service have been set to familiar hymn tunes.

The Psalm response was written by The Reverend Mr. Gary Alan Smith, who serves as music editor of Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee. The anthem was composed by Dr. Euell Porter, Professor

DISMISSAL RITE

HYMN, *the congregation standing.*

1. Thou, whose unmeasured temple stands,
built over land and sea,
accept the walls that human hands
have raised, O God, to thee.
2. And let the comforter and friend,
thy holy Spirit, meet
with those who here in worship bend
before thy mercy seat.
3. May those who err be guided here
to find the better way;
and they who mourn, and they who fear
be strengthened as they pray.
4. May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,
and pure devotion rise,
while round these hallowed walls the storm
of earth-born passion dies. Amen.

Text: William Cullen Bryant, 1835

Tune: ST. ANNE, John B. Dykes, 1866

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING, *the congregation standing.*

Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop Iakovos,
Bishop Mathews, and Rabbi Rudin

The clergy say together:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord's countenance be lifted upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

All respond:

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY, *the congregation seated.*

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles Marie Widor

All read the responses in italics:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

*My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God, at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.

All sing the response above. Then the Psalm continues:

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

*As they go through the valley of tears, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

*O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of your anointed.*

All sing the response above. Then the Psalm continues:

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

For the Lord God is a sun and shield and bestows favor and honor.

*For no good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you!*

All sing the response above at the close of the Psalm.

SECOND READING—The Revelation 21:1-2a, 5, 22-26

Barbara Bush

*The vision of the heavenly city, the new creation, in which there is no need for a temple;
for God is the temple, and there all peoples come to worship.*

All read the responses in italics:

Blessed is God who lives for ever!

And blessed is God's kingdom!

I exalt my God.

My soul exalts the heavenly monarch and rejoices in majesty divine.

Let all speak and give God thanks in Jerusalem.

How blessed are those who love you! They will rejoice in your peace.

For Jerusalem will be built with sapphires and emeralds,

her walls with precious stones, and her towers and battlements with pure gold.

The streets of Jerusalem will be paved with beryl and ruby and stones of Ophir;

all her lanes will cry, "Hallelujah," and will give praise, saying,

"Blessed be God who has exalted you for ever."

GOSPEL READING and HOMILY: John 4:19-24

James Cardinal Hickey

Concerning the place where God is to be worshipped.

THE DEDICATION RITE

INTRODUCTION

Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr.

The completion of the Camp David Chapel fulfills a dream

long cherished and supported by a multitude of persons

of generosity and concern for the spiritual life

of the leaders of our nation and of the world who confer in this place.

In gratitude to God for the vision, the gifts, and the labor

which have made this building possible,

we present this chapel, together with its furnishings,

to be dedicated to the glory of God alone.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE NATION AND THE WORLD

Bishop Felton E. May

Grant us peace, your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace,

and give us the will to proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth.

Bless our country, that it may always be a stronghold of peace,

and its advocate among the nations.

May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes.

Strengthen the bonds of friendship among the inhabitants of all lands.

And may the love of your Name hallow every home and every heart.

Blessed is the Eternal God, the Source of peace.

All respond:

Amen.

Choir and congregation together sing "Remember Me" once, as above.

PRAYER, *said by all.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Bishop A. Theodore Eastman

All read the responses in italics.

For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the religious leaders here present, and for all clergy and laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the President, all public servants, for the government and all who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the work of our hands, and our assembled brother and sisters, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Choir and congregation together sing "Remember Me" once, as above.

HYMN OF DEDICATION, *the congregation standing.*

1. All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and hence with grateful hearts today, thine own before thy feet we lay.
2. Thy will was in the builder's thought. Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought.
Through mortal motive, dream, and plan, thy wise eternal purpose ran.
3. O Father, deign these walls to bless; fill with thy love their emptiness,
and let their door a gateway be to lead us from ourselves to thee. Amen.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Tune: OLD 100th, attributed to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

ASCRPTION, *the congregation standing.*

Reverend Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey

All read the responses in italics.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom.

And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

I Chronicles 29:11

ANTHEM

Camp David Chapel Choir

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come into his presence with singing. Know the Lord is God.

It is he that hath made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever and his faithfulness extends to all ages.

Text: Psalm 100

Music: Euell Porter

P R E S E N T A T I O N A N D A C C E P T A N C E

ACT OF PRESENTATION

Mr. Kenneth H. Plummer, Sr.

As a gift from the people of the nation,
dedicated now to the glory of God alone,
we present the Camp David Chapel to the government of the United States
for use by Presidents, their guests, and all who advise and attend them.
This is a house of prayer for peoples of every faith,
where petitions and praise are offered, where divine guidance is sought,
and where strength and wisdom from above are gratefully received
for the benefit of all, in accord with God's will.

ACT OF ACCEPTANCE

President George Bush

On behalf of the government of the United States of America
and of the office of the President,
I accept with joy and gratitude this magnificent gift.
On behalf of those who shall use this chapel,
I extend profound thanks to God
and to all whose generosity and labor have made this occasion possible.
May the hopes of those who envisioned this building
as a house of prayer for all peoples be fully realized.

SOLOS

Sandi Patti

Love in Any Language—Jon Mohr and John Mays
For All the World—Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell

M I N I S T R Y O F I N T E R C E S S I O N

CALL TO PRAYER

Mrs. Thomas Murray

It is fitting that as our first act of worship in this newly dedicated chapel,
we join in prayer for those who shall use this building, and for the people they serve.
Therefore let us pray unto the Lord.

SUNG PRAYER

*This prayer is sung once by the choir.
Then the congregation sings the prayer together with the choir.*



*Traditional Black American text and tune
Harmonized by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981.*



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SUGGESTIONS AND QUERIES

Regarding the Entrance and Exit of the Presidential Party

ENTRANCE

Normal ecclesiastical protocol for a church dedication provides that the officiating clergy enter first, followed by the congregation.

If this can be followed:

1. First will enter Cardinal Hickey and Archbishop Iakovos, followed by the Bishops and other officiating clergy.
2. Then the Presidential party will enter, with the President and Mrs. Bush sitting in the first pew on the right (facing forward).
3. Next the members of the Camp David Fund Chapel Board, together with clergy spouses and other special guests, will enter and fill the first three pews on the left side.
4. Then the Camp David Choir will enter.

Acting as Liturgical Director, I will arrange the above in proper order for entering.

5. Thereafter the chapel will be filled by other guests in no particular order of seating, unless White House protocol specifies otherwise, in which case ushers from Camp David personnel should arrange those persons in the proper order for entering.

EXIT

Following the organ voluntary at the close of the service:

1. The President and Mrs. Bush will leave.
2. Then the officiating clergy leave.
3. Then the Camp David Chapel Fund Board members and their special guests leave.
4. Finally, all others leave.

The above may be over-ridden due to concerns of security or White House protocol. But it would be very helpful for me to know in advance what changes are necessary. I will arrive in Thurmont late on Saturday afternoon, and will be staying at the Cozy Inn. I am scheduled to enter Camp David at 8:30 on Sunday morning.

Sandi Patti

FACT SHEET

BORN: July 12, 1956
EDUCATION: BA 1979 Anderson University, Anderson, IN
HOMETOWN: Anderson, Indiana
FAMILY: Husband/Manager John L. Helvering (b 10-13-54)
Daughter Anna (Ah-na) Elizabeth Helvering (b 5-22-84)
twins Jennifer Lynn & John Leonard "Jonathan" Helvering III
(b 11-30-87); daughter Erin Michelle (b 1-11-90)
STYLE: Adult Contemporary
CONCERT SCHEDULE: Approximately 100 Concerts Per Year
NORMAL VENUE: Major Auditoriums/Arenas (6,000-18,000 seats)
AUDIENCE: All Ages
CURRENT RELEASE: *Another Time . . . Another Place* (Sept. 1990)
Grammy Award Winner – "Best Pop Gospel Album"
DISTRIBUTED BY: Word Records, Dallas, TX and CBS/Epic Records, New York, New York.
DISCOGRAPHY: 1989 *The Finest Moments*
1989 *Sandi Patti and the Friendship Company*
1988 *Make His Praise Glorious*
Certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America;
recipient of the Dove Award (Gospel Music Association).
1986 *Morning Like This*
Certified Gold; winner of the Grammy Award and the Dove Award.
1985 *Hymns Just For You*
Certified Platinum; nominated for the Grammy Award and the Dove
Award.
1984 *Songs From The Heart*
Certified Gold; Grammy-nominated winner of two Dove Awards.
1983 *The Gift Goes On*
Certified Gold; Grammy-nominated Christmas album.
1983 *Sandi Patti Live: More Than Wonderful*
Certified Platinum; Grammy Award winner and recipient of two Dove
Awards.
1982 *Lift Up The Lord*
Grammy-nominated winner of two Dove Awards
1981 *Love Overflowing*
1979 *Sandi's Song*

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TELEVISION APPEARANCES: The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson (3), ABC World News Tonight, Entertainment Tonight, 1987 Grammy Awards Show, NBC special "Christmas in Washington," CBS special "We The People," "Night of 100 Stars III," CBS Nightwatch (2), "Walt Disney World's 4th of July Spectacular" (3), Will Shriner Show, Live with Regis and Kathie Lee, The Home Show, Children's Miracle Network Telethon (3), Pan American Games Opening Ceremonies, Indianapolis 500 Opening Ceremonies, 700 Club, The Hour of Power, Billy Graham Crusades, "The Doctor Is In"
Also premiered new recording of *The Star Spangled Banner* on ABC's 1986 special "Liberty Weekend."

POLITICAL APPEARANCES: 1988 National Republican Convention, 1988 Hometown Nomination Celebration for Dan Quayle, 1989 Presidential Inaugural Celebration, 1989 National Prayer Breakfast
Currently serving on the Presidential Drug Advisory Council

CONCERT HISTORY: Her travels have taken her throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, Germany, The Netherlands, Israel, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, The Philippines, Jamaica and The Cayman Islands.

- 1984 Gospel Artist of the Year
Female Vocalist of the Year
Inspirational Album of the Year: Artist for MORE THAN WONDERFUL
Inspirational Album of the Year: Co-Producer for MORE THAN WONDERFUL
- 1983 Female Vocalist of the Year
Inspirational Album of the Year for LIFT UP THE LORD
- 1982 Gospel Artist of the Year
Female Vocalist of the Year

PLATINUM RECORDS

- 1990 MORE THAN WONDERFUL
1989 HYMNS JUST FOR YOU

GOLD RECORDS

- 1989 MAKE HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS
1988 THE GIFT GOES ON
1987 SONGS FROM THE HEART
1986 MORNING LIKE THIS

GOLD VIDEOS

- 1989 LET THERE BE PRAISE! THE CONCERT VIDEO

SPECIAL HONORS

Billboard Magazine's "Inspirational Artist of the Year" – 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989

Sandi Patti

AWARDS AND HONORS

GRAMMY AWARDS

- 1991 Best Pop Gospel Album for ANOTHER TIME . . . ANOTHER PLACE
- 1987 Best Gospel Performance – Female for MORNING LIKE THIS (album)
Best Gospel Performance – Duo or Group for “They Say” (song), with Deniece Williams
- 1986 Best Gospel Performance – Duo or Group for “I’ve Just Seen Jesus” (song), with Larnelle Harris
- 1984 Best Gospel Performance – Duo or Group for “More Than Wonderful” (song), with Larnelle Harris

GRAMMY NOMINATIONS

- 1990 Best Gospel Performance – Female for “Forever Friends” (song)
- 1989 Best Gospel Performance – Female for “Almighty God” (song)
- 1986 Best Gospel Performance – Female for HYMNS JUST FOR YOU (album)
- 1985 Best Gospel Performance – Female for SONGS FROM THE HEART (album)
- 1984 Best Gospel Performance – Female for THE GIFT GOES ON (album)
- 1983 Best Gospel Performance – Contemporary for LIFT UP THE LORD (album)

DOVE AWARDS

- 1990 Female Vocalist of the Year
Children’s Music Album of the Year for SANDI PATTI AND THE FRIENDSHIP COMPANY
- 1989 Female Vocalist of the Year
Inspirational Album of the Year for MAKE HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS
Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year for “In Heaven’s Eyes”
Instrumental Album of the Year for SYMPHONY OF PRAISE
- 1988 Gospel Artist of the Year
Female Vocalist of the Year
Song of the Year: Co-writer for “In The Name Of The Lord”
- 1987 Gospel Artist of the Year
Female Vocalist of the Year
Inspirational Album of the Year for MORNING LIKE THIS
- 1986 Female Vocalist of the Year
- 1985 Gospel Artist of the Year
Female Vocalist of the Year
Inspirational Album of the Year: Artist for SONGS FROM THE HEART
Inspirational Album of the Year: Co-Producer for SONGS FROM THE HEART

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Sandi Patti

BIOGRAPHY

A morning meeting of the President's Drug Advisory Council at The White House; a quick interview; rehearsal for an upcoming television awards show. By then it's midnight, time to board a familiar friend – the ever-popular "red-eye," an overnight flight back home to Anderson, Indiana. She arrives just in time to load the mini-van and stand with a gleeful, yet somewhat gloomy pack of mothers, witnessing their firstborn's first day of elementary school. Home to sleep? Not yet. A morning Bible study, grocery shopping, retrieving her twins from pre-school are still ahead on the day's agenda.

These are the ingredients of Sandi Patti's days.

PTA, fan mail, special friends, touring, recording an album . . . the list goes on.

Sandi Patti is a mother, wife, friend, church member, and an avid sports fan. She is, like many 1990's women, a working professional. Patti is a singer. Not just any singer. She is a top-notch, highly recognized gospel singer. This latter occupation ushered in international acclaim, heralding her as "the best singer in the world" and "the Voice" of contemporary Christian music. The occupation has parlayed her an impressive 12 best-selling record projects, six are now certified gold and two of those have attained platinum status; and garnered her five coveted Grammy Awards, 26 Dove Awards (the Gospel Grammy equivalent), a string of television appearances from "Christmas In Washington" to "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, and sold-out concerts coast-to-coast.

The singer's other "occupations" include raising four young children, Anna, Jonathan, Jennifer and Erin; co-laboring with her husband of 12 years, John Helvering, in a diversified business supporting an artist management, recording, music publishing, concert booking, and merchandising operation; as well as participating in a variety of local community and church related activities. These "occupations," according to Ms. Patti, "anchor me in reality. If I didn't have a husband I was committed to or children to get to school on time, it would be easy to get on my own selfish thing, and that is not reality. What I do (professionally) is not the real world. It's a lot of fun, and I love it, and it's real, but it's not the real world. The real world is my family and friends and relationships. Being committed to people's lives is reality. Some days it's like 'I don't want to do this,' but it's that constant pull back to who I really am that means the world to me."

Patti continues, "Not many people would believe my never-ending struggle with my 'calling.' The many nights I don't have the strength, on my own, to walk out on that stage. Not because the singing is hard – that's the part I enjoy. I love music. But because I want to know that all I say or sing is truly part of my walk with Christ."

Sandi Patti's career has been characterized by making tough choices and overcoming what to some might prove overwhelming obstacles. Her solo career began in 1979 with the release of SANDI'S SONG. A subsequent invitation from gospel legend Bill Gaither to join his performance troupe confirmed that full-time music ministry would become Sandi's occupation. The climb up success's proverbial ladder would deal the "lack of belief" many artists often experience. It would often be dotted with loneliness, isolation, and constantly seeking the Lord for His continued direction. It would tax her physical stamina, mandating the recording of three albums while pregnant. This career would ask her to exercise her vocal chords just two short weeks after delivering twins, and to cope with recording a pivotal career project, MAKE HIS PRAISE GLORIOUS, while her long-time producer, Greg Nelson, was battling the onset of blindness. A struggle for quality time and a life of normalcy for her children would ensue. A miscarriage, the death of one of her closest friends, and the life-threatening illness of her oldest daughter would also challenge her sense of security.

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Throughout adversity, Sandi persevered using her God-gifted voice to lift, inspire and heal millions. And although 1990 brought new challenges – a traumatic accident for her young son, the birth of a new daughter, and the demolishment of her Anderson-based office complex by an arson-set fire – 1990 also brought new hope, joy and many victories.

This new hope and joy is evidenced on Patti's recent WORD release, ANOTHER TIME . . . ANOTHER PLACE. The project, she explains, "was a fresh, healing and unusually fun piece of work." It's replete with songs that are not characteristically Sandi Patti. Many are pop-infused. Others provide the church new standards. Two team her with artists few would expect: Amy Grant and Wayne Watson. Patti continues, "There's a 'liveness' to the album. It's like it was coming from somewhere down deep inside of me that I really thought I had lost."

Although 1990 was theoretically "a year off" for rest and regrouping, achievements abounded. Patti co-hosted the TNN-telecast Dove Awards with Clifton Davis; was featured on ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT's gospel music report; performed on the NBC special NIGHT OF 100 STARS III and at Walt Disney World's 4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR; performed several concerts in the Orient; sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at Washington D.C.'s RIGHT TO LIFE pro-life rally; and taped her first concept video. The possibilities are limitless for the Anderson, Indiana singer. What does the future hold?: expansion of her 25,000 member "Friendship Company" kid's club; completion of a new office facility; work on several books designed for kids; a new multi-city tour; and a new sense of joy, hope and perseverance.

For Sandi Patti, obstacles have been turned to joy. "I know that real joy and real hope only come about through tough times. And when you walk with the Lord long enough you somehow know something good can come out of anything. I have to trust God and remember that He is in control of the good times and the bad. Jonathan came through surgery with God's permission. But the fire was also set with God's permission. We have to choose victory, although that doesn't come without frustration and tears. Those are human reactions. Living victoriously is a process, and it doesn't come automatically. I keep remembering the verse, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' God can and does enable us to go through these things. In fact, it is only through the tough times that we grow.

"I am learning to rejoice in the difficult times because they build perseverance. And perseverance produces character. And character produces hope."