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Where Are We Headed?

Polls have recently reported what Americans think about the “direction” our country is going.

The Rasmussen Report for May 8 said 64% of Americans believe we are headed in the wrong direction. In a survey conducted by CBS News and the *New York Times* this spring, 7 of 10 Americans said things are on the wrong track. (CNN Politics 4/22/11) That 70% figure is up 6 points from March, and up 12 points from February. Part of the reason for these numbers lies with soaring gas prices, partisan battles over budget, and the massive national debt build up. But, what do you think, and why?

Think about it for a minute. Where is our nation headed? I am no expert, but if I had to identify the direction we are going, I would list three things:

- **We are headed toward a serious financial crisis.**

On May 14, 2011, the *Dallas Morning News* reported that the Medicare Hospital Insurance Fund for seniors will run out of money in 2024 (13 years). Also, the Social Security trust funds are projected to be drained in 2036 (25 years). Senate Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said, “There can no longer be any doubt or denial: Our nation’s Medicare and Social Security programs are unsustainable, and will run out of money sooner than expected.”

- **We are headed toward a major Religious Liberty confrontation.**

The DADT (Don’t Ask Don’t Tell) policy for the military has been rescinded. The pressure upon military chaplains to perform gay marriages, against their religious beliefs, is real and growing. If this becomes “law” in the military, the churches will soon face the same legal pressure. To be required by law to violate one’s religious convictions is not just a moral or social issue. It’s a religious liberty issue.

- **We are headed toward a Redefinition of Marriage.**

The President instructed the US Attorney General not to defend DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), and called it unconstitutional. Recently, the Obama Administration stopped the deportation order for a gay immigrant because the Justice Department feels that the man could be considered a spouse of another man under US immigration laws. (Chuck Colson 5/12/2011)

Henry W. Longfellow once wrote: “America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of Divine Providence on behalf of the human race.”

If Longfellow was right, then we need to change our direction!

Praying for Revival!

Kent Pate

Executive Director



**A word from our
Director of Hispanic Ministries**

What ever happened to the Holy Spirit and church planting?

The Holy Spirit - He leads each step of the way.

From the beginning to the end of the church planting process. He leads. Paul knew such intimate leadership. We read of the general direction of the Holy Spirit in Acts 13:4

"Having been sent by the Holy Spirit, Barnabas and Saul went..."

Then we see the leading of the Holy Spirit in the detailed steps. Acts 16:6-8,

"They traveled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit..."

So they traveled right on through Mysia and went to Troas".

(Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Eunuch)

The Holy Spirit - Godly power is related to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8; 4:8; 4:20

"Peter, full of the Holy Spirit answered them..." Acts 4:8

Power to plant, power to germinate, power to birth, power to grow is not in our strength. It is in HIS.

The reason for the question, "What ever happened to the Holy Spirit and church planting?"

We are having a conference with Missionary David Alexander on July 8-9 and 15-16, 2011 (Fridays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturdays 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon). This will be at New Beginnings Baptist Fellowship in Sulphur Springs conference room. This conference is in Spanish.

Someone stated this - It is true:

If you want to help people spiritually, plant churches.

If you want to help people economically, plant churches.

If you want to help people socially, plant churches.

If you want to help people morally, plant churches.

If you want to help people politically, plant churches.

May God push his love upon our hearts through His Spirit to obey the "Great Commission" that our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to do - "it is not about re-inventing the ministry but listening to the Holy Spirit"!

Eloy Gonzalez

July RBA Gathering

Thursday, July 21, 2011

at Clearwater Baptist Church

Meal at 6 p.m.

Meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

June 2011

6 ~ Church/Denomination Dev. Team Mtg.

2 p.m. @ RBA Office

8 ~ Community Min. Dev. Team Mtg.

11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

9 ~ Church Dev. Team Mtg.

10 a.m. @ RBA Office

19 ~ Father 's Day

July 2011

4 ~ Independence Day - RBA Office Closed

12 ~ Spiritual Dev. Team Mtg.

11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

14 ~ Team Leader Mtg.

2 p.m. @ RBA Office

19 ~ Admin. Dev. Team Mtg.

2 p.m. @ RBA Office

21 ~ RBA Gathering @ Clearwater Baptist Church

Meal @ 6 p.m. ~ Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.

25 ~ Missions Dev. Team Mtg.

7 p.m. @ RBA Office

26 ~ Leadership Dev. Team Mtg.

11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

2011 Fishing Tournament



22 Teams

1 Profession of Faith

Guest Speakers:
Billy & Winkie Foote

Coordinator - Gary Hancock



2011 Hispanic Marriage Retreat

June 3-4 at Lake Lavon Encampment
Princeton, TX

The 2011 Hispanic Marriage Retreat had 21 couples in attendance. The retreat was coordinated by Eloy & Lupita Gonzalez.

Retreat was led by:
Wilton & Christy McMorris
Ruben & Delia Villanueva
Mauricio & Ruth Cadena



Pastor's Luncheon

June 30, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
at New Beginnings Fellowship
Sulphur Springs

Special Guest:
Jon Moore

Topic: Spiritual Awakening Conferences

Please RSVP to RBA Office @ 903-885-2868

There is no cost for the luncheon.



2011 Annual Meeting
June 14-15
at

Phoenix Convention Center (North Building)
100 North 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ

Can't come to Phoenix?
Watch the event LIVE over the internet.

For information: www.sbcannualmeeting.net

Monday, July 4th
RBA Office Closed

Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email info@rehobothonline.org or call the office, 903-885-2868. The Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



Please be in prayer for our:
Pastorless Churches

Enloe
FBC, Como
FBC, Cumby
Journey Baptist
Ridgeway Baptist Church

VBS 2011

Attn: All Churches that conducted VBS

Please email or call in your VBS reports to the RBA Office. We want to hear and report the results of all your hard work!

Your response is greatly appreciated!!

Items Available 2011 Vacation Bible School

Great for VBS!

RBA has the following items available for church use:

Snow-Cone Machine,

Video and Overhead Projectors.

We also have the VBS Blow-up & Cardboard Stand-up.



County Line Baptist Church ~ June 6-10

First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs ~ June 13-17

Tabernacle Baptist Church ~ June 20-24

First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon ~ June 20-24

Greenwood Baptist Church ~ June 27

Cornerstone Baptist Church ~ June 27-30

First Baptist Church, Yantis ~ August 1-4

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Friday 8:30AM - 2:30PM