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THE COST OF BIBLICAL CONVICTION

The assassination of conservative Christian Charlie Kirk has revealed a lot about the times in which we live. On 9/11, 24 years ago, the media showed the celebrations in Muslim countries over the falling of the Twin Towers and the deaths of 3,000 Americans. But after the murder of Charlie Kirk, the celebrations of some hate-filled Americans became even more disturbing.



Charlie was a 31-year-old husband and father of two young children. He was a tremendous advocate for free speech, going to college campuses and inviting young people to debate such topics as transgenderism, abortion, and left-wing ideologies. But first and foremost, he was a Christian, and for his religious beliefs that guided his rhetoric and social platform, he was martyred in a most horrific and public execution. His stance on Biblical morality, backed up by Scripture, was labeled "hate speech."

In speaking of end times in Matthew 10:22, Jesus said, "You will be hated by everyone because of me." Yes, things have changed dramatically. A noble saying that used to be somewhat of an overriding principle for debates of all kinds was, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it." But today there are more soldiers of the dark among us whose mantra is, "If I disagree with what you say, I have the right to silence you even if it means your death."

To this Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." – Matthew 10:28. And in Matthew 5:44 Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."



DAN WILLIAMS
Associate Pastor

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Don Roberts	9 Norma Murrah	16 Nina Smith	24 Sherman Lane
1 Cheryl Deichmann	9 Denis Wilkerson	16 Curt Carlson	24 Judy Arant
1 Margaret Roberts	9 Leigha Fulmer	17 Jerry Keene	24 Wendy Talbert
2 Charles Johnson	10 Chris Vaughan	17 Patty Shealey	25 Patsy Kiser
2 Marie Crosby	10 Jerry Brock	18 Linda Adams	25 Tracy Lucas
2 Lynne Mizzell	10 Mike Spradlin	19 Otis Stewart	26 Dan Gardner
2 Pamela McKenzie	10 Steve Hatchell	19 Debbie Smoak	26 Lana McCurry
3 Naomi Cothran	11 Buzz Lewis	19 Pam Steele	26 Bobby Howard
3 Terri Wright	11 Frank Johnson	19 Glenn Martin	27 Barbara Loper
4 Ruth Boggs	11 Ted Niedbalec	19 Lori DuBose	28 Dave Rogers
4 Jimmy Sharpe	11 Wayne Sharpe	19 Keith Phillips	29 Harold Riggs
4 Robert Shealey	11 Glenda Brazell	20 John Jacobs	29 Carol Smith
5 Blaine Kollar	12 Helen Johnson	20 Felicia Hudson	30 Dianne Fraylick
5 Hilda Suggs	12 Judi Valentine	20 Terri Asbil	31 Ellie Grubbs
5 Paulette Latta	12 Keith Stokeld	21 Jeff Derrick	
5 Leona Criswell	13 George Esslinger	22 Pam Middlebrooks	
6 Archie Muckenfuss	13 Linda Senn	22 Al Beard	
6 Greg Smith	14 Paul Scott	23 Don McIver	
8 Mike Brazell	14 Rosemarie Cravey	23 Nettie Mendenhall	
8 Steve Corley	15 Gene Rabon	24 Linda Priest	

If you do not wish for your birthday to appear in "The Encourager," please notify the Senior Adult Office at 803.996.8843 or dsmith@lexingtonbaptist.org

Save the Date

- Oct. 1** Midweek Prayer Night with Pastor Bill Elliff
- Oct. 2** Cornerstone Lunch, 11am
- Oct. 10** Man Morning, 6:30am
- Oct. 11** Oil Change for single moms & widows, 8am, Christian Bros. Auto
- Oct. 17** LexWomen: The Panel Live!
- Oct. 20-23** Fall Mountain Retreat
- Oct. 26** Annual Conference, 6pm
- Oct. 30** Light Up the Night
- Nov. 6** Cornerstone Lunch, 11am
- Nov. 9** Memorial Service, 4pm
- Nov. 14** Man Morning, 6:30am
- Nov. 16** OCC Shoebox Collection
- Nov. 19** Thanksgiving Meal, 5 & 6:30pm



Cornerstone

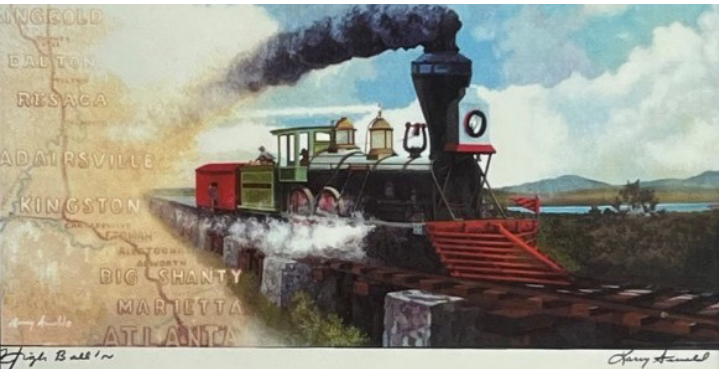
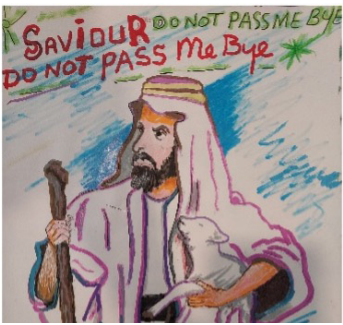
We are excited to welcome Bill Elliff, founding pastor of The Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, as our special guest for Cornerstone on October 2 at 11am. Many will remember Bill from our past prayer conferences, and we look forward to hearing from him again. The menu will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes, June peas, rolls, and dessert.

Reservations are due by September 29 and can be made by calling Debbie in the Senior Adult Office at 803-996-8843 or by emailing dsmith@lexingtonbaptist.org



Man Morning

Our next Man Morning will be Friday, October 10 at 6:30am. With no school for Lexington One students, it's the perfect opportunity for sons to join dads for the morning. The cost for breakfast is just \$3, and we'll finish by 7:15am.



Larry Arnold

This is one of our LBC VIPs who lives at Lakeside Place. He is the surviving son of LBC past-pillars of the church, Bob and Edith Arnold. Larry was a career artist whose paintings became famous throughout the South. He is still drawing on a sketch pad at Lakeside and his drawing of Jesus touched my heart.

40 Days for Life: Prayer Walking at Planned Parenthood of Columbia:

Our day is Friday, October 31st. Go to www.40daysforlife.com to sign up for a time slot when you can come.



Light Up the Night

On Thursday, October 30, our campus will welcome more than 4,000 neighbors for Light Up the Night, the largest outreach event of our year. This is a unique opportunity to create a safe, welcoming space for families and to show our community the love and generosity of the Father. Many of our guests may never step foot into our building for a worship service, but they will come to this outdoor event, and we want them to catch a glimpse of Jesus through our kindness and hospitality.

Here's how you can be part of this event:

Candy: Our goal is to collect 1,000 bags of candy. Would you consider donating a few bags? Bins are located around the church for easy drop-off.

Pray: Pray that all who come feel loved, encounter Jesus, and see His light in our church family.



Oakwood Baptist Church

13 NOVEMBER

10:30-1:00

Cost is \$15 per person - paid at the event

Please Register online at mylba.org/events

Make You Smile

When you've already started eating and somebody says, "Let's Pray."



Fit 4 His Wings

By Russ D. Rhodes

Psalm 91
In the shadow of His wings
There my soul abides
There my heart with joy can sing
For I know God will provide

In the shadow of His wings
There I safely rest
There my soul His peace He brings
For God always does what's best

In the shadow of His wings
There His comfort sure
There I know God orders things
For by His grace I can endure

