

# THE WAY OF HOLINESS

## NEWSLETTER

*A Christian Newsletter Encouraging Women to be Strengthened Through Holiness  
Isaiah 35: 8, 9*

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### Is the United States Dealing Treacherously with God ?



### Are We Guilty of Piercing God's Heart?

- by Jacqueline Thorpe

A Study from the Book of Hosea



“But they (*Ephraim and Judah, i.e., Israel*) like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they **dealt treacherously** (*unfaithfully*) against me,” (Hosea 6:7).

*"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame. Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace," (Is 30:1-3).*

As it was with Israel for seeking the help of Assyria and Egypt, so may it be with the United States for seeking the help of ungodly nations rather than depending solely upon God's help. "While fair and peaceable interrelations between nations were the norm (*in the Old Testament*), God had prohibited any interaction, trade, aid or

treaties to be conducted with ungodly nations.”  
<http://www.giveshare.org/BibleLaw/lawhandbook/11.html>

God has commanded in the New Testament :

*"Be ye not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for*



*what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Cor 6:14-15).*

If we choose disobedience there will be a price to pay.  
Alliances and covenants (treaties) with pagan nations were  
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forbidden in the Old Testament. See: *Exod. 23:32; Exod. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:2-4; Judges 2:2-3; Ezra 9:12; Psa. 106:34-6.*

We acknowledge that the above mentioned covenants are technically made binding upon Israel alone. However, it seems appropriate to suggest that a nation like ours, founded on Judeo-Christian principals, should seek to apply the same OT principles to our modern international affairs.

Yet, despite the warnings found in the Book of Hosea, the United States of America, today, is in league with anti-Christ Communist/Socialist countries. Our country has yoked itself, through trade, financial indebtedness, and other agreements, with numerous ungodly partners. It has made covenants with these ungodly nations rather than trusting in God to provide and to protect.

When Northern Israel and Judah sought help from Assyria and Egypt, God vowed He would punish them. He considered this to be spiritual adultery committed against Him. He saw His people as having defiled themselves and becoming as a harlot. *“Though thou, Israel, play the harlot... (Hosea 4:15). “I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled. They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a moth devour them with their portions,” (Hosea 5:1-3, 7).* They had mixed with strangers and foreigners which God forbade for He considered Himself Israel’s husband and provider. God’s righteous jealousy needs satisfaction through punishment.

The United States, known from its inception as a godly, Christian nation, has crawled into bed with China and other ungodly nations for money. How revolting this must be to God who offers us the “cattle on a thousand hills” (Psalm 50:10) if we would only be true to Him. Instead, we have put out our hand to ungodly foreigners to the tune of \$4.5 TRIL-LION dollars as of this writing! Be sure we will be made to dance for it. “As of May 2011, the largest single holder of U.S. government debt was Communist China,

with 26 percent of all foreign-held U.S. Treasury securities, 1.6 trillion (8% of total US public debt).” (Wikipedia).

Other US ungodly covenantal partners are:  
 Hong Kong: \$121.9 billion (0.9 percent)  
 Caribbean banking centers: \$148.3 billion (1 percent)  
 Taiwan: \$153.4 billion (1.1 percent)  
 Brazil: \$211.4 billion (1.5 percent)  
 Japan: \$912.4 billion (6.4 percent)

Here we see that America owes foreigners about \$4.5 trillion in debts. America owes America \$9.8 trillion out of a \$14.3 trillion total governmental debt. ([Business Insider](#)) Should our President continue to ask Congress to increase our dependency on these ungodly nations?

Covenants with pagan or ungodly nations lead to idolatry and adoption of pagan ways. *Exod. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:2-4.* God warns, “Do not to follow the ways of other nations.” *Deut. 12:29-30.* Alliances made with wicked nations will not be fruitful. *2 Chron. 20:35-37.* <http://www.giveshare.org/BibleLaw/lawhandbook/11.html>

The US is being forced to take a whore’s stance of being mild-mannered out of fear of antagonizing and perhaps losing her providers. “Thirty years after the two major powers established diplomatic relations, the bilateral balance is now shifting in China’s favor. When Obama visits Beijing the Chinese will expect him to behave far more modestly than his predecessor. Judging by what his advisors have indicated in recent weeks, Obama will not inundate the Chinese with demands. The vision of a nuclear weapons-free world will have to wait. The calls for binding climate protection goals will only be mentioned quietly, if they are mentioned at all. Rarely has the superpower been this mild-mannered.” [U.S. Grows More Dependent On China, by Gabor Steingart and Wieland Wagner Nov. 12, 2009.](#) “Any abrupt shift on the part of Beijing would threaten the stability of the US currency. Cheap imported Chinese goods help to push

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up the American standard of living and minimize the risks of inflation.” Our way of life is being changed—almost dictated. We are being forced to follow the ways of other nations.

“Obama’s economic team has been deeply impressed by the success of China’s stimulus policy.” Is the US leadership becoming so impressed with China as to be becoming idolatrous? Will our nation one day become totally subservient to Communist China because we have played the whore in God’s sight? [U.S. Grows More Dependent On China](#)

God begged Israel and Judah to repent of their unfaithfulness and idolatry, that they might avoid His anger. *“Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually. He (Assyria, or for us China) is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. And Ephraim (or the US) said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.” (Hosea 12:6-8).*

*“Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly (for not repenting sincerely): therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his LORD return unto him,” (Hosea 12:14). “Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me,” (Hosea 7:13.)*

So may it be with the United States if it does not repent and change its ways. Ephraim (Northern Israel) and Judah (Southern Israel) were eventually turned over for destruction to the very nations that they had looked to for help and protection. The people were scattered, famine was sent, exile was demanded by God, and every conceivable evil came upon the nation of Israel. Her bedfellows no longer had any use for her. God brought Israel to utter shame.

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VP Biden and PR of-China Vice President Xi Jinping at a at USCBC co-hosted roundtable

Shame has come upon the US since the S&P downgrade of US credit rating. China now belittles us and scolds us, demanding that we confront our "addiction to debts". To be helpful, China suggests that we slash our “gigantic military expenditure and bloated social welfare costs and accept international supervision over U.S. dollar issues.” Right! How very Communistic of them!

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/china-demands-us-cure-its-addiction-to-debts/>

Do we deserve any less of God’s anger than Israel has and will receive? Shame, destruction, pestilence, poverty, famine, etc., could come upon the USA for its sins, even before the Rapture or Tribulation, as may be being foreshadowed by our declining economy.

To this day, Israel has never repented of these and other sins against her faithful God. During the Tribulation, God will pour out His utter and final wrath upon Israel until she repents and accepts Jesus as her Savior. Then as a faithful husband, God will welcome her home to what will be His Glorious Millennium Kingdom and then Eternity.

We see a similar warning in the book of Hosea for the people and leaders of the United States to repent; to turn away from foreign alliances and to turn back to God.

God is sounding the trumpet of warning to all who will listen. He is calling Israel to national repentance. He is calling Christians of the United States to personally repent on behalf of their



country. Seek God to see how you might have personal involvement in local, state and national government (voting, writing/calling Congressmen, Senators, etc.) with the goal of encouraging leaders to implement more godly policies. Our goal should never be to implement a theocracy (as do those Christians of the Dominion Theology persuasion), but to encourage godly leadership. If and when the US should choose to end its treachery (unfaithfulness), God, her faithful Provider (like Hosea), will shower her with forgiveness and blessings. []



## THE WATCHMAN by J. Thorpe

We are all called to be watchman (guarders) in God's vineyard, the local church. The Bible commands all Christians to "watch and pray" that they be not deceived by false teachers who may infiltrate their "love feasts" bringing damnable heresies. All Christians are called to watch for and then rebuke Biblical error. II Peter 2:1.

Watchmen are called to stand on the walls of the church as sentinels, to shout a warning to the local church if a spiritual enemy is approaching or infiltrating. True Christianity has many enemies and unsuspected new ones are always threatening. Deception invariably comes as truth mixed with lies, therefore, discernment is often difficult. The Way of Holiness Newsletter as a watcher, attempts to cut through the enemy's intentional, woven web of deception and alert Christian women to the unholy heresies and occult dangers that abound. *J.A.T.*

**“Watchman definition:** woch'-man (tsopheh, shomer, metsappeh, notser): Used to designate a sentinel on the city walls (2 Sam 18:25; 2 Ki 9:18; Ps 127:1; Isa 62:6) or on the hilltops (Jer 31:6). Song 3:3; 5:7 introduces another class, "the watchmen that go about the city," and thus, it would seem, points to some system of municipal police. The distinction in meaning between the various words is clear, tsopheh having the idea of "outlooker" and notser that of "careful watcher" (being applied even to besiegers from outside: Jer 4:16, "watchers"), while shomer also embraces the idea of "defending" or "guarding." In Isa 21:6 metsappeh is to be taken generally in the sense of "watch." In Sirach 37:14 skopos, means simply "looker."

W. M. Christie <http://www.bible-history.com/isbe/W/WATCHMAN/> Orr, James, M.A., D.D. General Editor. "Definition for 'WATCHMAN'". "International Standard Bible Encyclopedia". [bible-history.com - ISBE](http://www.bible-history.com - ISBE); 1915.

Often the "watcher" can be judged to be overly critical of the theology of others and unloving. However, church unity can never be achieved by turning a deaf ear or a blind eye to apostasy. A church divided against itself cannot stand. "You will know them by their fruits," is the Watchman's motto.

The following are excerpts are from **The Watchman** by Scottish pastor, **Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)**

Source: [Lighthouse Trails Research](http://www.lighthouse-trails.com)

"...if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; .... I have made you a watchman for the seen danger

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pressing on, he must not hesitate to make it known. (Ezekiel 33:6-7). He must speak his message of forewarning and rebuke, sparing no arrows, and neither smoothing down nor hiding any form of sin...and, therefore, he lifts up his voice like a trumpet."

"Satan has many snares which need to be detected; the world has many spells and lures which must be disenchanted; religion has many guises which must be unmasked, many devious paths of inconsistency which must be pointed out, many cherished errors which must be condemned, many carnal taints which must be abhorred and shunned. All these he must protest against without fear or favour."

"Some one, then, must undertake the ungracious task of probing and laying bare the evils of the age; for men must not be allowed to congratulate themselves that all is well. If others will not, he (the Watchman) will. If others shrink from the obloquy of such a work, he will not.... He loves his fellowmen too well."

"He the (watchman) would rather take up the glad tidings of peace, and tell men of Him who came the first time for shame and death, and of He who is coming the second time for glory and dominion; but feels as one who has a special and personal message to deliver, which cannot be postponed. He must remember that he is a watchman; and having seen danger, pressing on... he must not hesitate to shout the warning." [lighthouse-research.com](http://www.lighthouse-research.com) []



## WATCHMAN'S REPORT by J. Thorpe



*Looking out across the entire Christian landscape, a very dangerous enemy is seen approaching. This enemy may be dangerous to Biblical Christians as well as to our Government and Constitution.*

Amazingly, this enemy itself is Christian. Its theology is considered politically threatening by leftist America and the Press. As it grows politically it could bring persecution upon true Christians. Even those Christians who oppose this movement may be deemed enemies of the state through supposed association.

This Movement is huge and led by high profile Christian ministries and leaders like Pat Robertson, Stephen Strang publisher of Charisma Magazine, Rick Warren, Jack Hayford, Chuck Colson, and pastors of the Emergent Movement to name a few. It appears that National and international government officials are being enlisted possibly including: Sarah Palin, Rick Perry, Michele Bachmann, Gov. Sam Brownback of Kansas, President and First Lady Museveni of Uganda, Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona of Hawaii and numerous other political and military leaders. Some sympathizers with this Movement may not be aware of the ultimate purpose of those that are courting them.

*"Thousands of ministries across the country are now in the relational (interconnected) networks. This includes not just churches, but ministries of all types, non-profits, and charitable organizations. Their political agenda is camouflaged with high quality media and sophisticated campaigns about faith-based "transformation" of society." Quoted from leftist: <http://www.talk2action.org/story/2011/8/11/1448/56498>, Similar from Christian site: [http://www.cephasministry.com/apostles\\_wagner\\_australia.html](http://www.cephasministry.com/apostles_wagner_australia.html)*

Most unbiblical movements have a label—such as "The Ecumenical Movement," or "Word of Faith Movement." Having no obvious label, this approaching enemy is extremely difficult to identify. Adherents show themselves by the books they read, the music they sing, the conferences they attend, the buzz words they use, peer associations, etc. Many of their churches are labeled non-denominational. This movement is not a denomination. It is made up of interrelated ecumenical beliefs. It crosses all religio/political lines (Cont)

and has infiltrated all denominations including Fundamental Baptist Churches. The Trojan horse that is being used to infiltrate or recruit is "restoring morality to the United States and the world." However, the real mission is to bring about a worldwide **Theocracy!!**

A Theocracy is a form of government in which God or a god, is recognized as the supreme civil ruler. Theocracy is religion based government whereas democracy is majority based government. This Movement believes they must Christianized the entire world so that Jesus may return. In so doing they must institute Bible Law through spiritual/militant means and do away with the US Constitution.

The theology underlying this Movement is called

### **Dominion Theology.**

All unbiblical movements are based on erroneous interpretations of chosen foundational scriptures and eschatology. In this case, Dominionists, to fit their agenda, pervert the meaning of Genesis 1:26: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth," (KJV).

Biblical Christians rightly interpret this passage to mean that God gave man responsibility over the earth as a steward. Dominion Theologists insist that this scripture is a mandate for Christian domination of government, civil affairs, education, and the arts, etc. Is it hard to believe that men who have read their Bibles all their lives could believe this? Yes. Satan's seducing spirits can cloud anyone's mind, but especially those seeking power.

Dominionists insist that morality should be legislated and punished as in the O.T. In fact, what they are doing is building another wing of the One World Religion. In doing so, they align themselves with a variety of doctrinal errors. They wrongly believe that the "church" has replaced Israel. And they wrongly promote Calvinism. (Continued on page 6)

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Further, they wrongly promote erroneous end-times theories including: a post-Tribulation Rapture, pre-Millennial Rapture, Amillennialism (denial of the Millennium and Rapture) and other unscriptural end time theories.

A few of the names used to describe associated groups include: Theonomy, Christian Reconstruction, New Apostolic Reformation, Replacement Theology, Kingdom Now, Reclaiming the Seven Mountains of Culture, the Coalition on Renewal and Dominionism. As improbable as their agenda may seem, it must be taken seriously. Each month The Way of Holiness Newsletter will reveal more aspects and details of Dominion Theology, its leaders, its groups and its increasing effects on society.

The adherents of Dominion Theology are deceived Christians who sincerely believe in what they are doing. May we each examine our own theologies and eschatological (end times) beliefs, checking them against scripture for errors or misunderstandings. A grounded understanding of end time events, especially the placement of the Rapture prior to the Tribulation Period, is crucial to avoid heresies. *"... and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ,"*

(I Peter 3:15-16). □

## Occult Alert: Reiki Healing by J. Thorpe

This is the strange symbol of Reiki healing. Occultists put great stock in their symbols. They believe that symbols can increase their powers. Today, though Reiki healing falls into the category of Alternative Medicine, it is being used by hospitals and cancer treatment centers worldwide.



Twenty-five years ago, it was considered "a black art" or totally ridiculous. However, now that the practices of New Agers and Occultists have become mainstream, more and more people are subjecting themselves to this "healing" not knowing that it is demonic.

*"Reiki has become a sought-after healing art.... Pamela Miles has been instrumental in the integration of Reiki into conventional medicine and has written an intelligent, sensitive guidebook to this remarkable healing practice... Mehmet Oz, M.D."*

(Beware of Dr. Oz who has partnered with Rick Warren in offering supposed health plans for Christians. Dr. Oz is a Sufi Muslim who combines alternative eastern medicine with conventional western medicine. He is a New Age guru, and practitioner of Transcendental Meditation as well as other occult healing techniques. [islamicaweb.com](http://islamicaweb.com), [pbs.org](http://pbs.org) ).

You may have a friend who has taken a three day course in Reiki and is urging you to let her lay her hands on you for healing. This practice is designed to promote a "transference of spirits," which involves seeking to transfer a spirit guide (demon) from one person to another. (Continued above)

She may refer to her source of power as the "universal force." This is an example of the spiritism and sorcery which God forbids, (Acts 13:6-12).

Reiki was "discovered" in 1922 by Dr. Mikao Usui "during a mystical experience on Mt. Kurama, Japan." This Buddhist seeker soon began to explore the mystery of "mental harmony" and mind-body connection. Months later "he founded the 'Usui Reiki Healing Society'". Reiki -- specifically the second syllable *ki* (or *chi*) -- refers to "Universal Life Energy."

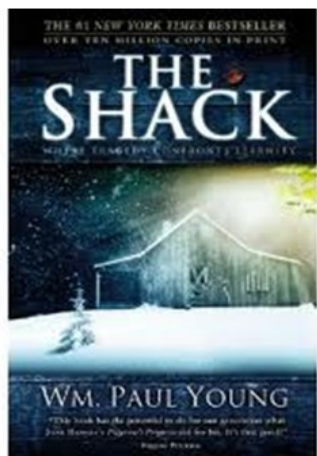
"Reiki is a form of spiritual healing using **"universal life energy" channeled through the practitioner** to the recipient.... In the western world many practitioners use the standard hand positions.... The energy flows wherever it is required (spiritually guided) and can normally be felt as a **warm sensation** or **tingling** in the body..." [Reiki--http://www.crossroad.to/articles2/011/reiki-polarity](http://www.crossroad.to/articles2/011/reiki-polarity)

Though most Reiki healers want only to do good, they can do much physical and spiritual harm to a person. If you wish to know more about this subject go to: [Reiki "Power" and Rick Warren's Health Plan by Berit Kjos -3/9/11 at above link.](#)

Rev 22:14 tells us that those who engage in sorcery shall not enter the gates of Heaven. Surely a righteous person must resist the temptation of dabbling in the occult arts. Praise God that any believer who has fallen into these practices may simply repent and forsake their involvement, knowing that the blood of Christ covers all sin. □

## THE SHACK - *Christianity in Need of Repair*

by Pastor Hammond



This year marks the fifth anniversary of the publication of Paul Young's, "The Shack"—the hugely popular fictional account of a father's struggle to deal with the apparent murder of his youngest daughter. The Book follows the story of Mackenzie Allen Phillips, who receives a

note from God inviting him to visit the shack where his daughter was killed.

According to the publisher, *The Shack* has sold more than 14 Million copies. And it seems that the Christian world's love for this book isn't abating. In January, I received a call from the "New England Prayer Center" asking me to promote one of Paul Young's speaking engagements at a local Christian School. I politely declined --explaining that *The Shack* is not a good fit for our church. And, indeed, it has no place in our church.

The authors of *The Shack* seem bent on remodeling a Biblical Christianity that, in their eyes, is an old broken-down faith that needs updating and repair. Wayne Jacobsen, one of the author's collaborators, has written an article addressing the accusation that *The Shack* teaches heresy. "We knew *The Shack* was edgy enough to promote some significant backlash," says Jacobsen. "(That's) why so many publishing companies didn't want to take it on at the beginning.

I don't consider a book that arguably attacks both the nature of God and the sufficiency of Scripture as merely "edgy." I view that as heresy. And that's exactly what *The Shack* offers in place of Biblical Christianity.

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*The Shack* introduces a modern-day letter from God to question the sufficiency of the Bible as God's total revelation to mankind. David Clouds observes this quote from the book, in which Mack laments that "God's voice had been reduced to paper."

*"In seminary he [the book's main figure, Mack] had been taught that God had completely stopped any overt communication with moderns, preferring to have them only listen to and follow sacred Scripture, properly interpreted, of course. God's voice had been reduced to paper, and even that paper had to be moderated and deciphered by the proper authorities and intellects. ... Nobody wanted God in a box, just in a book. Especially an expensive one bound in leather with gilt edges, or was that guilt edges?"*

Young is questioning the sufficiency of the Bible. However, in Paul's second letter to Timothy, we are taught that, in Scripture, we have been "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," (2 Tim 3:17b). According to the Bible, we simply don't need any additional special revelation from God.

The second significant problem with *The Shack* is that Young challenges God's attributes as revealed in Scripture. In an apparent effort to challenge readers to reconsider the nature of God, the book "depicts the triune God as Sarayu, a young Asian woman. "Sarayu" is from the Hindu scriptures and represents a mythical river in India on the shores of which the Hindu god Rama was born. Young also depicts God the Father as an older black woman named "Elousia."

However, the Bible consistently presents the LORD as male. This truth in no way means that the LORD values women less than men! Rather, it simply reflects the true nature of God. God's word consistently presents God as male. Angels are also consistently described as male. Jesus came as a male. We should also bear in mind

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that, as a consequence of The Fall, God has chosen to institute a patriarchal system of authority. Yet, despite this, ladies have an equal and supremely important part to play in God's plan!

David Cloud observes a third major problem with book. Cloud observes that Young "presents traditional Bible-believing Christianity as hypocritical and hurtful." There's no doubt that Christians and their churches can, at times, be guilty of these charges. But, Young seems to challenge the very idea that Christians are called to live according to Biblical standards. Brother Cloud responds this way:

"Rules and obligations under God's grace are not wrong. They are an integral part of Bible Christianity. We are saved by grace without works, but we are saved "unto good works" (Ephesians 2:8-10). The New Testament epistles are filled with rules and obligations that believers are expected to keep and filled with warnings about disobedience. The true grace of God does not let us live as we please. It teaches us, rather, "that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12). That is a very strict standard of Christian living."

Finally, Christians should be aware that Paul Young is a man who has rejected God's model for worship and service during the present church age; Young has rejected church membership and has chosen instead to serve outside any church.

We should not be surprised by the continued attractiveness of *The Shack* and its popular attempt to remodel Biblical doctrine. Apostate Christianity refuses to be satisfied with the God of Scripture. Ironically, *The Shack* does exactly what it aims to fix: it harms Biblical Christianity. "... therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

(2 Peter 3:17).                      □

## Who is Paul Young, the Author of *The Shack?* by Jackie Thorpe

Who is this man that has so influenced Christians with his ungodly book *The Shack*? The book was written primarily for his six children to tell them how he coped with tragedy. Since he had no thought of ever publishing it, he marvels now at the fact that as of 2009, 7.2 million copies had been sold. For a year it was a *New York Times* bestseller, putting \$4 million into Young's pocket. Today the numbers have doubled.

William Paul Young was born in 1955, in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Until age 10, he lived with his missionary parents in the highlands of Netherlands New Guinea (West Papua), among the Dani, a technologically stone age tribal people. "These became my family and I was the first white child and outsider who ever spoke their language."

The Dani tribe worshipped spirits and indulged in ritualistic cannibalism. Young claims, "they also provided a deep sense of identity that remains an indelible element of my character and person."

Completing an undergraduate degree in Religion, he graduated summa cum laude from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon. He tells us, however, that he spent most of his work life outside the church. "I owned businesses and worked for others in diverse industries, from insurance to construction, venture capital companies to telecom, contract work to food processing; whatever was needed to help feed and house my growing family. I have always been a writer, whether songs, poetry, short stories or newsletters; never for public consumption but for friends and family. I have extensively written for business, creating web content, business plans, white papers, etc."

Upon reading his website (Windrumors.com) bio, you find him to be a man haunted by regrets of past sins and a man who has had much spiritual and emotional hurt through siblings' deaths and sexual abuse. He claims to have turned to Jesus for forgiveness and reconciliation, though his theology is far from scriptural. He and his wife no longer attend a church.

Christians, will we never be Bereans regarding what we read? By the Biblical standards of KJV, Young's book is blasphemous! Source: <http://windrumors.com/bio/>      □

## A TOUCHING EXPRESSION OF THANKS



Corporal Jeffery Durkin and the ladies of LHBC

In January, Pastor Bob and his wife, Chris, and the ladies of Long Hill Baptist Church were presented with a touching letter and gift of thanks by Corporal Jeffrey Durkin Jr. of the U.S. Marine Corps.

In April 2011 the ladies assembled care packages for Corporal Durkin and his fellow officers and created handmade cards for each of the soldiers in his unit. Below is an excerpt from the letter written by Corporal Durkin on behalf of himself and his fellow Marines:

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Bob Hammond and Mrs. Chris Hammond as representatives of Long Hill Baptist Church and the Women's Fellowship for everyone's thoughts and prayers for me and my family while deployed to Afghanistan. My roommates and I would like to thank you for the "MANY" packages with hygiene supplies, snacks and treats you sent during that time. They were greatly appreciated, and did not go to waste. The homemade cards were also appreciated by the whole unit.*

*It is with heartfelt thanks that I present you with this flag as a token of appreciation for your kindness. This flag hung in my helicopter and flew with me on approximately six missions, for approximately thirty six hours in Afghanistan, 2011."* What a blessing to see how God uses little acts of kindness to encourage others. []

### ENCOURAGING OUR LEADERS

Seek God as to how you might have personal involvement in local, state and national government (voting, writing/calling Congressmen, Senators, etc.) with the goal of encouraging leaders to implement more godly policies. For all contact info, put into search: [conservativeusa.org](http://conservativeusa.org). This site information may be used regardless of political affiliation.

Offices no longer use email addresses so there is no way to send a message to multiple offices with one click. You can use the fax list with your modem or fax-or click to get officials site where a simple form can be used and sent. **THIS IS SO EASY TO DO. Why not vent your frustrations?**

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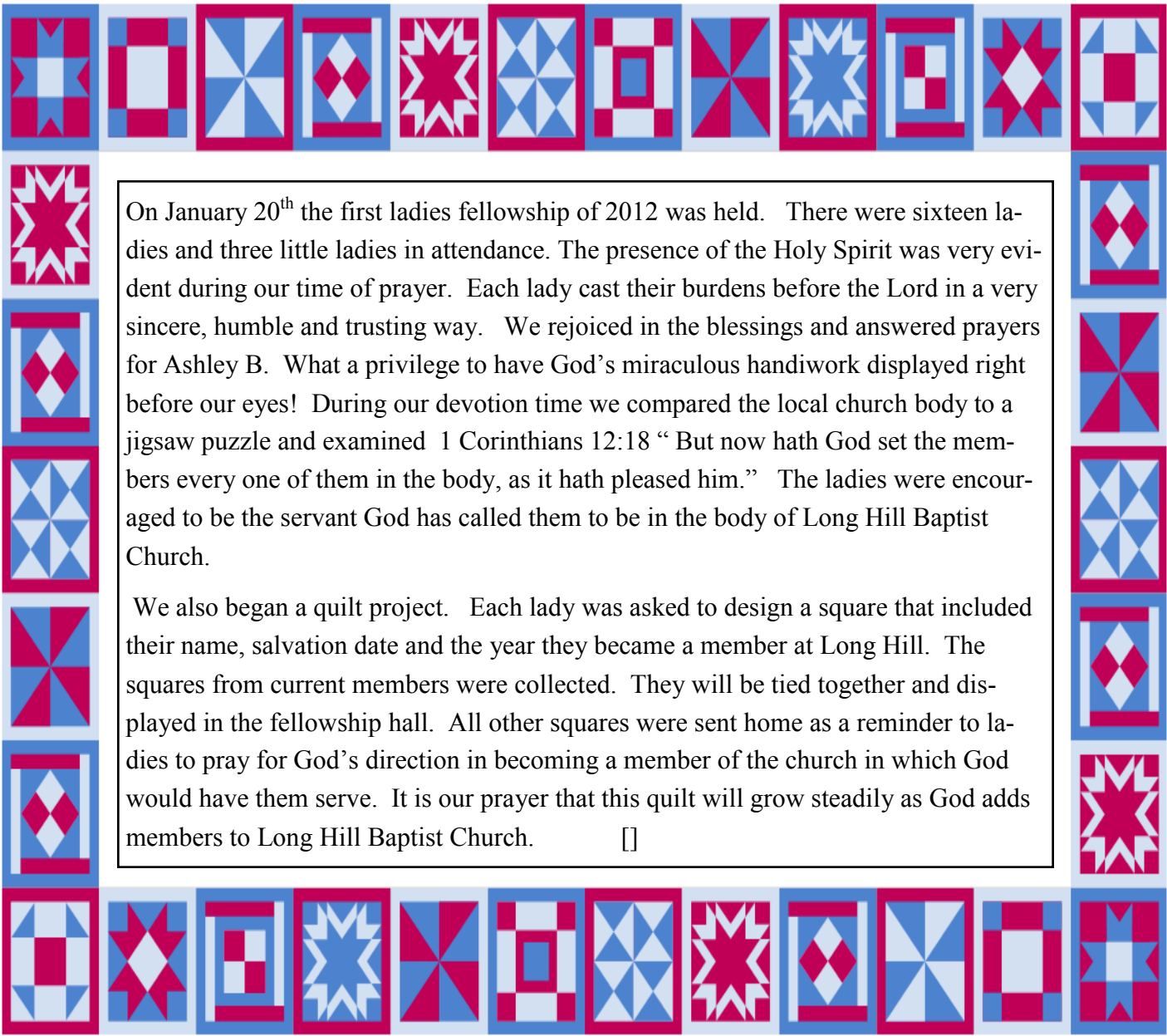
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## *Ladies January Fellowship Meeting Begins Quilt Project*



On January 20<sup>th</sup> the first ladies fellowship of 2012 was held. There were sixteen ladies and three little ladies in attendance. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very evident during our time of prayer. Each lady cast their burdens before the Lord in a very sincere, humble and trusting way. We rejoiced in the blessings and answered prayers for Ashley B. What a privilege to have God's miraculous handiwork displayed right before our eyes! During our devotion time we compared the local church body to a jigsaw puzzle and examined 1 Corinthians 12:18 "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." The ladies were encouraged to be the servant God has called them to be in the body of Long Hill Baptist Church.

We also began a quilt project. Each lady was asked to design a square that included their name, salvation date and the year they became a member at Long Hill. The squares from current members were collected. They will be tied together and displayed in the fellowship hall. All other squares were sent home as a reminder to ladies to pray for God's direction in becoming a member of the church in which God would have them serve. It is our prayer that this quilt will grow steadily as God adds members to Long Hill Baptist Church. []

### Bible Quilts and Their Role in History (Excerpts)

For more reading on this subject, please see:

[http://www.patternsfromhistory.com/bible\\_quilt/bible\\_quilts.htm](http://www.patternsfromhistory.com/bible_quilt/bible_quilts.htm)

"Bible Quilt blocks (website) is designed in remembrance of the women of our past who were sustained by the Bible and loved making these Biblical quilt blocks. The blocks chosen have a long history of being used by quilters. It's not surprising that so many quilt blocks are based on the Bible. Christian women have been meeting in church groups for prayer and to do God's work for almost two centuries. Quilting was sometimes a part of these gatherings. Women made quilts for those in need and for church fund raising. Bible Quilts of Biblical blocks have also been a way to study scripture. These women's group activities continue to this day."

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*Holiness Quotes*

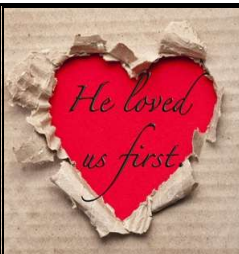
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“The Hebrew word for holiness is **kadesh** which means something which is cut off, separate or set apart. It describes that which is anti-secular (secular = of or relating to the worldly or temporal), in a category all its own. Kadesh describes something that is elevated out of the sphere of what is ordinary. The New Testament word **hagios** also means set apart, separate and so in a class by itself. It follows that for believers (saints or "holy ones") the call to be holy is a call to be separated from common use and set apart, or reserved, for special use. In both Old and New Testaments the term is applied to things, persons, and pre-eminently to God Himself.” May all of us Christian ladies aspire to walk in the “way of holiness.” *J.A.H.* ☐

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**Do You Love the Lord Jesus as Your Personal Savior?  
 By Pastor Bob Hammond**

**“We love Him because He first loved us,” 1 John 4:18**

**1. Why do I need a savior?**

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23). “As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one,” (Romans 3:10).

**2. Where did sin come from?**

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned,” (Romans 5:12).

**3. What are the consequences of sin?**

“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,” (Romans 5:8).

**4. Jesus paid the price for our sins.**

“But God commandeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,” (Romans 5:8).

**5. What do I need to do?**

Turn away from your sin and place your faith in Christ for forgiveness of your sins.

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” (Acts 3:19).

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved,” (Romans 10:9).

**6. God gave His Son**

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” (John 3:16).

*Please see Pastor Bob if you would like to learn more about how you can know for certain that your sins are forgiven.* ☐

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