



**W**hat a blessing to participate in the 15th anniversary of Watchmen on the Wall (May 23-25) in Washington, D.C. Their annual pastors' briefing is sponsored by the Family Research Council led by Tony Perkins. The three days of encouragement and equipping were filled with great speakers such as Rep. Jody Hice (Ga.), Rep. Tim Walberg (Mich.), Rep. Mark Walker (N.C.), Rep. Mark Meadows (N.C.), and Sen. James Langford (Ok.).

The opening session was led by Josh McDowell, who called for repentance from the problem of pornography throughout our society. Pastor Carter Conlon — Time Square Church, New York City — called us to prayer and fasting.

Former Governor of Kansas, Sam Brownback, now serves as United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. He told of persecution of Christians around the globe and reminded us of how blessed we are with freedom of religion. Lt. General (retired) William Boykin (Executive Vice President, Family Research Council, Former Commander, Delta Force) commissioned all of us to go forth and give freely, defend the

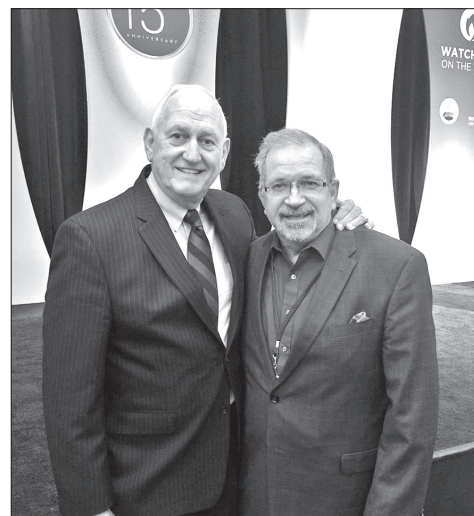
faith, free the oppressed, and serve.

The icing on the cake was a surprise visit by our Vice President, Mike Pence. He talked of a record number of pro-life and pro-family justices appointed to the Federal Bench in 2017. He highlighted the U. S. Embassy being moved to Jerusalem. He and Tony Perkins talked of a window of opportunity for revival in our nation and the world.

I understand the ultimate solution is the Second Coming of Jesus and Heaven, but how good to hear fellow believers celebrating the goodness of God.

We sometimes become cynical and join Elijah under his juniper tree (I Kings 19:4). We too often buy in to "us 44 and no more — the pure and the few." But God told Elijah on Horeb that He had 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. Some of us need to get up and move from our juniper tree to Horeb. The key to Elijah's transition was rest and refreshment. We must rest in the Lord and find our nourishment in

## Cheer Up!



Lt. General William Boykin and Kenny Digby

the Word. Our World View on social, moral, and ethical issues must be Bible-based and theologically tested.

With Elijah, we must "Arise and eat" (I Kings 19:5) if we are to disciple the next Elisha.

On Wednesday night we toured the Capitol after hours and heard David Barton (President of Wall Builders) tell story after story on the Christian Heritage of our nation. We visited a prayer room just off the rotunda. We visited the old Senate chamber where a "church" regularly met. Revisionists have rewritten our history, and many Christians have believed it.

A trip to the Bible Museum was part of our meeting. I'm glad the Bible has a place of prominence in our national capitol. Biblical truth must be the foundation for any ethical principles.

We are on the winning side. We will lose some battles, but we win the war.

Someone said "Cheer up, it could be worse. So, I cheered up and it got worse." I say, "Cheer up, regardless." "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4 KJV).

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## Revivals & Homecomings



**CALVARY CHURCH, SUMMIT,** celebrated homecoming June 3 with the return of the Calvary Singers, who grew up at Calvary. Jon, Jeremy, and Gregory Greer were joined by Chad Rayborn with Anita Alexander on the piano. Jeremy Greer, speaker; Ellie Busby, homecoming chairperson; Mike Burns, pastor.

► **Singleton Church, Louisville:** Revival, June 17 – 20; Sun., 11 a.m. with lunch following and 6 p.m.; Mon. – Wed., 7 p.m.; Jim Porter, speaker; Patsy Moore, music; Lawrence Runnels, pastor.

► **Calvary Church, Louisville:** Homecoming, June 17; service, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish meal.  
► **Wheeler Grove Church, Corinth:** Revival, June 18 – 20, 7 p.m. nightly; Bob Pittman, speaker.