



Thank you for the opportunity to attend Watchmen on the Wall in Washington, D.C. This National Briefing for pastors is sponsored each May by Tony Perkins and the Family Research Council. This was my second briefing. We get up-to-date information on present-day and future issues, but we are reminded of the Christian, Biblical Heritage of our nation and forefathers in the past.

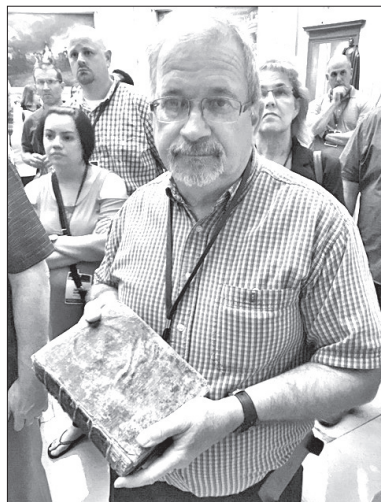
A highlight of the meeting is an after-hours tour of the Capitol with David Barton (Founder, Wallbuilders) and Kenyn Cureton (FRC) on Wednesday night. We are reminded by these experts on our Christian Heritage how “revisionists” have rewritten our American History to exclude anything Biblical or Christian concerning our founding fathers.

Too many Baptists have drunk the “Kool-Aid” that revisionists have sold them at their sidewalk “lemonade”

stand. The Heritage of our nation is a Christian, Biblical Heritage. Too many Baptists have become cynical about our nation’s future, because they were not skeptical about the so-called history of our nation in our text books, our public schools, and especially the propaganda of most of our institutions of “higher” learning.

There are huge paintings hanging in the rotunda of our Capitol. One shows the baptism of Pocahontas (renamed Rebekah after she got saved - Genesis 25). Another painting shows a Bible study and prayer meeting of the Pilgrims. The open Bible in the painting is the Geneva Bible used in the early days by the Pilgrims and the settlers at Jamestown. Kenyn Cureton, our guide, allowed me to

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hold a Geneva Bible (English translation) printed in 1590, under the Geneva Bible in the painting. A third painting has Hernando Desoto planting a cross in 1541 on the bank of the newly discovered Missis-

sippi River. Apparently, our forefathers and the decorators of our Capitol did not have a “proper” view of “separation of church and state” (LOL).

We then moved to the old House Chamber, that is now Statuary Hall. In November, 1800, a church met in this very chamber on Sundays. Thomas Jefferson attended that church and kept a journal of names of those who also attended. In 1867, after the Civil War, over 2,000 people attended church in the U.S. Capitol Building. Multiple churches (definitely not universal or invisible) met each Sunday in different rooms of the Capitol. My, my, have we been sold a bill of goods (or rather, lies). We left that “Church” building — your Capitol — on that Wednesday night singing in full voice

“God Bless America”. We walked out into the darkness of the night, knowing a “Son-rise” is coming.

We all need encouragement. I would encourage you to consider this meeting in Washington next May. Of the 300 participants, I was the only one from Mississippi. I think a Heritage Tour to Washington for our ministers and our people could encourage our churches. I would like to bring a sample of what encouraged me in Washington to Mississippi — maybe a Christian Heritage Conference led by Barton or Cureton. Contact us if you would be interested in any of the above ideas. We want to serve you — our middle name is still AVAILABLE.

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Biblical manhood spotlighted in LifeWay Films release

NASHVILLE (BP) — After a successful theatrical run, a documentary from LifeWay Films about biblical manhood is now available for churches and other groups who wish to present it.

Tony Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, partnered with LifeWay Films to develop the film, titled Kingdom Men Rising.

As an extension of his books, Kingdom Man, and No More Excuses, Evans said presenting the message through film “was an important event because it used a modern medium to change lives. The large-scale visuals on the screen were used to challenge men to be who they were created to be.”

More than 100,000 people attended nationwide showings in 732 theaters on April 29-30, according to LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, headquartered in Nashville.

The message has resonated with audiences, Evans noted. “The response has been positive and overwhelming. Many people are telling us that the message of the film is very timely and needed in today’s world.”

Bill Craig, an executive producer of the film and director of publishing at LifeWay, said, “It was the right time to have a nationwide Christian event for men and men’s groups — to respond to the cultural confusion about manhood and rally Christian men to join other men in challenging one another to be ‘Kingdom Men.’”

At a screening of the film in Hous-



HAVING AN IMPACT — Moviegoers gather and pray outside a theater in Edina, Mn., after seeing Kingdom Men Rising, a documentary film about biblical manhood now available for streaming by churches and other groups across the country. (BP photo courtesy of The Urban Alternative)

ton, Texas, attendees began to spontaneously gather, hold hands, and pray. “There must have been 75 people in a huge circle. We began to pray the Lord’s Prayer out loud,” said Rickie Bradshaw, director of prayer for KSB, a local Christian radio station.

“Many were in tears as they held hands to pray,” Bradshaw said. “The

scene was a great picture of the body of Christ from many walks of life and ethnicities gathering in one accord to express their desire to respond to the Kingdom Men Challenge from the film.”

Heather Hair, another executive producer for the film and director of ministry development at Tony Evans’

The Urban Alternative, said she will never forget groups of moviegoers gathered outside the theater talking for an hour after the film.

“It looked like church had just let out,” she said. “Men, women, and young adults spoke with enthusiasm about the empowering call to discipleship this film stirred in them.”

Justin Diel, a producer of Kingdom Men Rising and manager of LifeWay Films, said hundreds of positive responses have flowed in through e-mail and social media. “Many of them are asking how they can see the film again or show it to someone else.”

Because of this response, LifeWay Films will be offering digital streaming of Kingdom Men Rising through July 15.

“Showing this film to your church or group will bring them together as a community where they can learn and help each other move together in a common direction,” Evans said.

Streaming passes are available for purchase through July 15 and provide access to watch the film on-demand. The pass includes a public performance site license to show the film to a group of any size at one location for a limited time, and grants customers technical support for LifeWay’s Digital Pass streaming platform.

For more information and to purchase a streaming pass for churches or groups, visit KingdomMenRising-Movie.com.