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& Prayer Letter

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NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE

May 2 -3, 2011 King James Bible Expo – Celebrating 400 Years of Influence – Washington, DC - National Mall Bible Display, King James Bible Lectures and National Fine Arts Celebration, 35,000 Gospel of John & Romans Distribution, and a Rally at the Capitol Reflecting Pool May 3, 2011 @ 5:00 PM. For more information go to www.KingJames400.com

The Status of the Church – Dr. David Gibbs of CLA said “Previously, churches in America were not taxed because the government believed they provided a valuable resource for society by their very existence. The church civilized its members and made them good citizens. The church cared for the poor and distressed. Governments wanted to make sure churches had as much revenue as possible to carry out these important non-governmental functions.

Today the government has taken over many of the charitable and civilizing functions of churches and ministries; and now looks to them only to provide additional funds for government tasks.... Government now looks at churches, not as cultural partners and service providers, but as sources of additional revenue. Some in the federal government have even suggested that donations to churches and nonprofit groups should no longer be tax exempt. “

What can we do to keep the government from reaching into church pockets? First, churches and Christians must monitor their local governments and make sure your community elects legislators and chooses regulators who are friendly to churches and ministries. Second, churches must continue to “earn”

their favored status as the best citizens in any local community, for example: do projects to serve their communities – like picking up trash on streets, parks, neighborhood, assisting low income families to fix and maintain their homes and properties, provide food banks, soup kitchens, thrift shops, and addiction programs within their communities. All of this, done well, can help the church make friends of their neighbors. Third, churches should make sure government officials know they are appreciated and prayed for. Let them know you are there to support and help by praying for them and their families, sending them letters, perhaps having a special day of recognition for them , take refreshments periodically to legislative meetings to bless local officials and be sure to do this at a time when the church does not have an ultimate motive of seeking a favor. Fourth, Pastors and leaders must be careful to maintain their reputation and personal witness in the community. Pastors, staff, and members should be the best citizens in the community and the best examples of honorable men and women.

These suggestions are all Scriptural commands and expectations. Christians should do them no matter what the reward. But very often, the reward will be the regaining of respect for the church in America and more money kept in the church’s pocket for its own ministry.

Strong local churches not under the control or taxation of the government are necessary for our nation to return to its heritage and once again honor God in our land. Taken from CLA March 2011

Pray for us!

Prayer Notes:

- Travel safety and God’s blessing during April’s special meetings.
- The entire Voice team is preparing to work with *Bible Nation* during the May 2-3 King James Bible Expo in Washington D.C. - 35,000 Gospels of John and Romans will be given out during that time. Pray for this witness.
- Praying for others to join in helping us reach the \$6,000 goal to be able to purchase Pastor Niller a car.
- Interest continues with the King James celebration. Over 7,000 KJB pins have been shipped. Continue to pray for upcoming meetings and celebration events.

Come Join Us ...

- in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible
- sign The KJB Declaration on our website at www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org
- order your commemorative KJB 400th Anniversary lapel pin today.



Prayer

- Travel Safety
- Health
- Increased Support
- KJB Project
- Venezuela Church Planting Projects
- Car for Pastor Niller - San Felipe, Venezuela
- Foreign travel and Missions teaching and preaching
- Property Maintenance Equipment

Praise

- Special year-end offerings
- Over 3600 KJB Signatures
- New updates to website
- Good offerings
- Safe travels and good services
- \$500 given toward Pastor Niller’s Car

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