



Grace Bible Chapel

Lord's Day, January 17, 2021

Pastor Ken's Biblical Nuggets

The Biblical State Of The Union - 1

Sir. Winston Churchill

“You can always count on Americans to do the right thing – after they've tried everything else. Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery. A nation that forgets its past has no future. Appeasement is feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last.”

Sober Spiritual Remembrances

Remember:

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.” - Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember that the Lord Jesus of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel.” - 2 Timothy 2:8

“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” - Revelation 2:5

Remember: (John Harvard (1607 - 1638))

It took only 18 years from the time the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock until the Puritans, who were among the most educated people of their day. Why? God led them to founded the first and perhaps most famous ivy league school today – **Harvard**. **John Harvard** served as assistant pastor of the First Church of Charlestown. He had inherited considerable property in England. He died of tuberculosis a little less than a year after arriving in Charlestown. In his will he directed that half his money, along with his large collection of classical and theological books and literature, be given to a school named Cambridge. The school had been founded in 1639, and **John Harvard's** gift assured its continued operation. In 1639 the Massachusetts General Court decreed that the school be renamed **Harvard College** in gratitude to its first large benefactor.

Remember: (The Founders)

Harvard College's first presidents and tutors insisted that there could be no true knowledge or wisdom without Jesus Christ. Friends, but for their passionate fervent Christian convictions, there would be no Harvard University today. In 1828 the Harvard alumni erected a monument to **John Harvard's** memory, of studying the Bible in America.

The Downfall Of Harvard Parallels The Downfall Of America

Remember: (Harvard's First Covenant – 1646)

“Everyone shall consider the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ Who is eternal life. Seeing the Lord giveth wisdom, every one shall seriously by prayer seek it of Him. Everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that they be ready to give an account of their proficiency therein, both in theoretical observations of languages and logic, and in practical and spiritual truths.” (Prov. 2:3)

–“Thou Has Left Thy First Love”

Harvard: (1970) The First Gay Chaplain At Harvard

Peter John Gomes (1942 – 2011) was a professor at Harvard University's Divinity School. He served as Harvard's official interreligious chaplain of Harvard's Memorial Church since 1970. Gomes was the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pussey Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard University. He prayed at President Ronald Reagan's second inaugural. As a life-long Republican, he preached at the inauguration of President George H. W. Bush. In 1979, Time magazine called him “one of the 7 most distinguished preachers in America.” CNN stated: “He may not have been “America's Pastor” that title belongs to Billy Graham – but he was “Harvard's Pastor” for more than three and a half decades. Mr. Gomes died of complications from a stroke.

Evangelical Fuller Seminary: (2013) “Yes” To LGBTQs

Fuller Theological Seminary was founded in 1947 by Charles E. Fuller, (1887 - 1968) a radio gospel evangelist known for his Old Fashioned Revival Hour Program. He most certainly would not recognize the school today. His son Daniel took it in the opposite direction. Nick Palacios struggled to get his conservative parents to accept him as a gay evangelical Christian for nearly a decade before his family found common ground through faith. Now, as an openly gay seminarian, the 29-year old hopes to carve out a similar acceptance for other gays in the broader evangelical world through his role as **president of the nation's first LGBT student club sanctioned by a major evangelical seminary.**

Morehouse College: (2020) “Transgender Men Welcome”

The country's only all-male historically black college will begin admitting transgender men in 2020 (last year), marking a major shift for the school at a time when higher education institutions around the nation are adopting more welcoming policies toward LGBT students. Morehouse becomes the first standalone all-male college in the country to adopt a transgender policy. Nationwide, there are only two other all-male colleges, Wabash College in Indiana and Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

Pope Francis: (2020) “They're Children Of God”

Pope Francis has given his blessing on same sex civil union laws, though not yet on gay marriage. “Who am I to judge, ... they're children of God and have a right to a family.”