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## “The Extent of Government Authority”

We are facing some of the most severe threats on the rights of individuals that this country has ever faced. Most people today have very little understanding of the role of government.

I hear comments from elected officials that clearly indicate that they either do not understand, or do not care, about government’s true role in society.

Perhaps the most important, and most misunderstood fact about the United States, is that we are NOT a democracy. We should be forever thankful to our founding fathers that we are not a democracy.

We are a constitutional republic, which means that the rights of the individual are protected from the will of the majority, as well as from an overreaching government.

Baptists believe in the biblical idea of free will. There are consequences to our choices, but we do not believe in forcing our will upon other people. There is also the biblical concept that we are not to be “respecters of persons.”

“These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.”  
Proverbs 24:23

It is not proper for me to force my will on others, nor is it acceptable for others to force their will upon me. It is not acceptable to have a system in which some citizens are not afforded the same rights as others.

It would be wrong to make someone a second-class citizen based on their race, or their gender.

Right now in the state of Oklahoma, as in other states, we are facing a serious dilemma. There is now division amongst the people.

We have grown accustomed to the ideas of racism and the damages that it causes. The newest division is the vaccinated versus the unvaccinated.

There has been a mandate issued by the Biden administration that forces employers of more than 100 workers to



mandate all employees be vaccinated or have weekly tests.

Let me be clear on this, my position is that government is not authorized to make such a decree.

Another issue we face is, are private businesses authorized to force vaccines as a condition for employment. My answer will probably upset some, but I will clearly state my view and why.

No business, public nor private, has the

God given right, nor the constitutional authority to force medical procedures on people. So my answer to the question is that private business should not be allowed to force such procedures on their employees.

The fourteenth amendment, section 1 requires state government to protect the rights of individuals.

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

TENTH AMENDMENT The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

I am forced again to mention such  
 (“Extent of Authority,” cont on pg 8)

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***“I am here to declare that all our rights are essential. If we allow government to over-reach during a crisis, then government will create a crisis in order to force unconstitutional laws upon us.”***

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# New Generations, Norman Kicks Off Spanish Ministry

We thank the Lord for a renewed vision for our Hispanic ministry. We have not pursued this ministry as much as we should have, but now we are going to try to rectify our shortcomings in this area. Our plans include a lot of door-to-door work.

We need your help in this work, especially if you are fluent in Spanish. We have been encouraged by others in this area who have agreed to help in this outreach. If you are willing to help also, please let me know.

We are planning a block party for Saturday, October 23 as an outreach into the community, working in conjunction with the door-to-door canvassing. Come and join us on that date as we fellowship with our neighbors.

We will be enjoying food, live music, a bounce house and an encouraging message about Jesus! Festivities start at 4:00pm.

Chris has been busy performing many of his Evangelism Explosion activities, including trips to Texas to coordinate that ministry there.

He will be directing an Evangelism Explosion, Share Your Faith Workshop at Moorewood Baptist Church in Leedy, OK on October 9.

If you are interested in attending that workshop contact Bro. Chris or Bro. Anthony. It will be held at Bro. Pennington's church.

Please join us in praying for Bro. Luis

Santos and his wife Melissa as they will be leading in the Hispanic Ministry here at the church.

If you would like Bro. Luis and Melissa to speak to your group/church, please let me know and I will see what I can arrange.

We praise God for His goodness.

If you know of any other people that you think might enjoy receiving our newsletter, please send me their email address and I'll try to include them in the future. As always, pray for revival.

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## GHC Reaching Out Thru Community Groups

September was a very exciting and busy month for us at Grace Harbor as we began a new year of Grace Harbor Community Groups! It is hard to think that just three years ago, we were a church of about 15 folks that made up one Community Group, and now we have five community groups with nearly 50 people who are faithful and active in this ministry.

It is through these CG's that we desire to see the primary discipleship happening in our church.

Four out of seven nights of the week, we have a group of folks somewhere around our city meeting in a community group, studying scripture together, praying, fellowshiping. This excites us very much, and we believe it to be one strategic way we can share Christ's love and reach our city, and grow with one another as a church.

This time of year is always a favorite of ours as we seek how to serve our community through the holidays. Pray with us that we will be able to bless families in a big way this Thanksgiving.

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# "I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

## Everything I Ever Needed to Know About Trusting God, I Learned From My Grandchildren! Part 1

*This was written 21 years ago. Reading it brought back such sweet memories and the lessons God taught me are priceless.. Seth is now 23 yearsold and Caleb almost 22 and soon to be married.*

*My how time flies! Yet I can remember these times as if they were yesterday.*

*Thank you for walking down memory lane with me this month and next month.*

Two months ago, for almost two weeks, Jerry and I were blessed to care for our two grandchildren, Seth, 23 months, and Caleb, seven months. Our first two daughters were also 16 months apart, so our time with them brought back many sweet memories.

One evening, Jerry walked in and met with the following scenario: There I sat with Caleb in my lap, pulling my hair, and Seth running a small train in and out around my feet, chattering.

A tape player boomed out children's Bible songs...for the 25th time that day.

My hair stood in every direction in a new carefree fashion. Dried baby cereal served as setting gel in sections of my latest hair style. It had been lovingly placed there by my new stylist, Caleb, who applied it as I fed him.

Dishes were still on the table complete with remnants of lunch petrifying in them. Splotches of baby burp were strategically placed on various spots of my shirt, not to mention my cheeks being rouged lightly with strained carrots.

The trash was piled high with diapers that had done their duty (pardon the pun).

Military boot camps of America would envy the obstacle course of toys from the front door to the dining room where I sat.

Enter Jerry.

He paused and surveyed the scene, then gingerly stepped through the toy jungle to me. He gave me one of his biggest smiles and said, "Did you get those calls made for me today."

I looked him square in the eye and said, "Flash back, 23 years ago and think, did I get that done?"

He stood there speechless for a moment, pondering my words. It was obvious he was reaching into his fatherly vault of memories.

I guess he retrieved the proper reminiscence because a solemn look crossed his face, and he replied, "Oh." With that he turned and walked into the living room to pick up Seth.

Don't get me wrong, the hard work and chaos was insignificant compared to the joy and blessings we experienced those two weeks.

It seems no matter what age children are, I always learn from them. I find a multitude of lessons in their simplicity,

sincere love, enthusiasm, honesty and most of all, their child like faith in those who care for them.

God wants us to have that same kind faith in Him. Everyone that is truly saved has that innocent faith at the moment of salvation. Yet afterwards, it seems not many maintain the same unquestioning trust in God.

Those two weeks with my grandbabies gave me a refresher course and some new insights on the nitty gritty of how completely

my Heavenly Father cares for us.



### **Lesson 1** **Don't worry** **about your basics needs.** **They will be taken care of.**

Not once did I see my grandsons worry about their meals, or if there was enough for them to eat. They never doubted at bedtime (which they vigorously avoided) that there would be a warm bed for them to sleep in.

There was no need in their life that concerned them. They enjoyed each moment without one twinge of anxiety. There was one exception, Seth was desperately concerned with his candy quota....but then again, he only thought that was a need!

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians. 4:19

God promises to supply all our needs.

(*"Trusting God,"* cont on pg 7)

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***"When you find yourself in one of life's predicaments,  
cry out to God, seeking Him diligently!  
No matter how big a muddle you're in,  
He can clean it up!"***

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# ***CBC Boasts High Enrollment/ Nationally Ranked Recognition***

## **Central Baptist College Reports Highest Traditional Incoming Class for Fall 2021**

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 in higher education, Central Baptist College (CBC) saw one of its highest numbers of incoming traditional students.

The institution reported a 13.5% increase in new traditional student population. This includes first-time entering students (freshman, transfer students, re-admitted students and transient students).

“Over the last 10 years, we’ve only seen this kind of increase a few times,” reports Ryan Johnson, Vice President for Enrollment Management.

“Our Admissions team has worked very hard along with the entire campus to recruit and retain our students. We are very pleased we surpassed a previous, pre-pandemic year, new student record high from 2018.”

With the traditional student increase, CBC also saw an increase in housing. This year CBC saw a 23% increase in students living on campus.

“Normally we see a small increase in housing each year, but this year our numbers surpassed our expectations,” says Chris Mitchell, Dean of Students.

When asked about the increase in housing, Terry Kimbrow, President of CBC said, “Seeing more students living on campus is exactly what we love to see. Research has shown that residential living is vital to student’s success. We hope that adding this piece to their college experience will indeed help them succeed at CBC.”

The CBC Admissions team is already working towards 2022. Our personal admissions officers are already attending

recruiting events and hosting in-person tours.

Our first Stampede Preview Day of 2021 is scheduled for October 20. Prospective students can register for any of our four upcoming Stampede Preview Days at [cbc.edu/visit](http://cbc.edu/visit).

The college is also accepting applications for our adult education program.

With eight different enrollment periods, the PACE program is designed to fit any schedule. Students can begin the admission process for both programs by visiting [cbc.edu/apply](http://cbc.edu/apply).

## **Central Baptist College Ranked Nationally One of Safest College Campuses**

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According to Niche, a college data and review site, Central Baptist College was ranked one of the Safest College Campuses in the US.

At #24 on the list, CBC’s campus received a ranking that offered a safe and healthy environment.

According to Chris Mitchell, Director of Campus Safety and Security, “Being included in this ranking means our campus has very little to no campus crime, alcohol or substance abuse usage.”

Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow believes that the staff and personal helped determine the ranking.

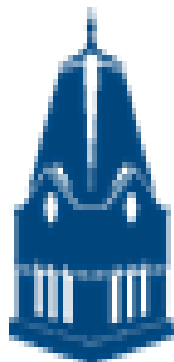
“CBC is very proud to employ a former police officer as head of our safety and security. Being selected as one of the safest college campuses is truly an honor.”

Niche is a nationally known company that analyzes data, reviews, and surveys to determine each ranking. According to Niche, the Safest College Campuses ranking is based on key statistics and student reviews using data from the U.S. Department of Education.

Many factors go into determining these rankings. Some of these include Campus Crime Statistics, Local Crime Grade, Student Surveys on Safety, Residence Hall Dating Violence Rate, Residence Hall Sexual Assault Rate, Alcohol-Related Arrests, and Drug-Related Arrests.

Chris Mitchell, Director of Campus Safety and Security: “It is a great honor for Central Baptist College to be named in the top 25 of the safest colleges.

We take pride in assuring our students, staff, employees, and visitors are safe as possible while on our campus.”



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# CBC Slates Fall Events

This year's theme is Hymns of Charles Wesley. The service will be held in the Toland Chapel inside Cooper Complex.

## October Stampede Days

Wednesday, October 20, Central Baptist College will hold our first Stampede Preview Day of the year. Preview Days are designed for prospective students, and their guests, to see what makes Central Baptist College unique.

During the day you will have multiple opportunities to meet with faculty and staff. Information will be shared throughout the day about financial aid opportunities and expectations, weekly chapel services and spiritual life programming, and academic departments.

Upon request, Athletic and Music tryouts can also be arranged in advance with the specific coach or Music Director. Attendees will be able to meet CBC President Terry Kimbrow, as well as other administrators, and lunch will be provided.

The event begins at 10:00am and wraps up around 2:00pm. Save the Date for our next Preview Day, scheduled for November 10.

To sign up or learn more about Stampede Preview Days, and all our campus visit options, go to [cbc.edu/visit](http://cbc.edu/visit). Contact Admissions at [admissions@cbc.edu](mailto:admissions@cbc.edu) or 501.329.6873 with any questions.

## New Website

You may have noticed that our website looks a little different. If you have not noticed, then you need to visit [cbc.edu](http://cbc.edu).

A website is one of the most important tools for any organization or business and it's no less important for colleges. Our goal with the redesign was to provide a user-friendly experience. It was built with prospective and current students in mind.

The following are some of the features you will notice along with a more intuitive

layout:

New student portal, a one-stop-shop, for everything a current student needs to access.

A collapsible menu and a quick links box that allows you to maintain your spot on the current page but still direct you to a specific page.

An enhanced site search feature in the header to find items that are not as obvious to locate.

Main navigation buttons on each page for easy location of main items.

Better use of pictures and videos to tell of the values and mission of the college.

We hope you find our new design easy to use and informative. If you know of a prospective student, please share the new [cbc.edu](http://cbc.edu) with them today!

## CBC Fine Arts Planning for a Busy Fall

This summer, Central Baptist College (CBC) Fine Arts welcomed Danielle Hodges as the Director of Instrumental Music and Fine Arts Department Chair.

Since arriving at CBC, she and her department have been busy planning events for the students, staff and community.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for some of these events.

Tuesday, October 19: The annual hymn service has been set for Tuesday, October 19, at 1:40pm and 7:00pm.

The hymn services are participatory worship services led by the worship choir and accompanied by piano, organ, and various student instrumentalists.



Thursday, November 4: CBC will be hosting the 72nd Annual Baptist Missionary Association Meeting of Arkansas meeting. The CBC Singers will be entertaining guests on Thursday evening. The meeting is set to begin at 6:30 pm in the Burgess Auditorium inside Cooper Complex.

Thursday, November 30: This year's Christmas Concert is titled "Seasons of Gratitude" featuring all vocal and instrumental groups. The festival of music will include the band, jazz band, worship and chamber choir, singers and hand bells.

The event will begin at 7:00 pm in the Burgess Auditorium inside Cooper Complex.

Know a student interested in auditioning for the Fine Arts Department? Auditions will take place the first Tuesday of each month.

Dates include October 5, November 2, December 7, February 8, March 1 and April 15. To register for a time, contact Danielle Hodges at [dhodges@cbc.edu](mailto:dhodges@cbc.edu).

Calling all those with a love for CBC: if you enjoy singing, we have a neat event you will be interested in. Continuing with our chapel theme of Know Truth, we're planning to host a virtual worship project.

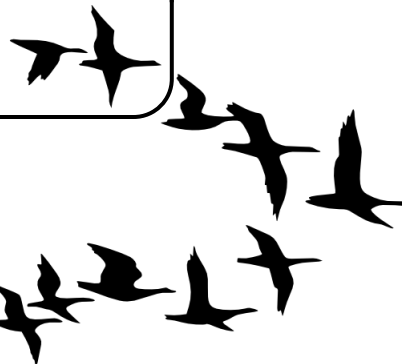
Details to sign up and record will be announced in the coming weeks. Watch social media and our website for more details.

For more information on our Fine Arts Department, including details on the department and upcoming events, check out [cbc.edu/music](http://cbc.edu/music).

# "That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

## "The Goose Story"



As one man put it, some stories are too good not to pass on. I've heard the Goose Story several times in the past, but I want to share it with you.

Again, I'm unable to give credit to the originator, because the copy I have indicates "Source Unknown." But whoever came up with it is to be commended.

Next Fall, when you see geese heading south for the winter...flying in V formation...consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are travelling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone...and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way we are.

"When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies the point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we honk from behind?

Finally, and this is important, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two

other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies. And only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we had the sense of a goose, we would stand by each other like that.

In considering this writing, it seems almost too obvious in the ways it applies to the Christian and other relationships. It almost seems that someone must have "made this up."

However, I have little reason to doubt the validity of the report, because God's classroom of instruction is all around us. He gives us illustration after illustration to keep us on track, if we

have enough sense to make the application.

God wants His children to work together and His appointed place is in a local New Testament Church.

Ephesians 3:21, "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without

end. Amen!" He wants us to worship together.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. He wants us to help each other during difficulties.

Galatians 6:1-2 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Each of these Scriptures are illustrated by the Goose Story.



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**2021 NATIONAL  
SENIOR ADULT**

November 15-17, 2021

**CHATEAU ON THE LAKE**

415 N State Hwy 265  
Branson, MO

The 2021 National Senior Adult Conference will be a great conference you won't want to miss. Pastor Kirk Shelton from Fayetteville, AR will be the conference pastor for the week. Pastor Kirk is an incredible Bible teacher, that we are sure you'll enjoy.

Travis Sellers will be leading worship for the week. Travis is the worship pastor at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway AR. Donny Parrish from Lifeward Media Ministries will be the conference emcee.

Lauren Talley and Brian Free and Assurance will be in conference as well as dinner and a show on the Branson Belle Showboat.

# “Trusting God,” continued from pg 3

The key word here is NEEDS. God did not promise to supply our wants although He may choose to.

Could it be that it is not our needs that burden us but more often our wants? How can we have the faith of a child when we take it upon ourselves to decide what is best for us?

Has God ever spoken to you through His provision, and said, “Child, this is the car, home, food, wages, or job that is best for you now,” only to have you protest. “No! Not this clunker, not this dump, not these scanty meals! I refuse to work here! I deserve better; I want, I

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## Oklahoma Baptist Subscriptions

Hey BMA of Oklahoma. Just a word as to our subscribers to our state paper. Over the past few years, the transition from mailing the state paper to emailing it has been an interesting change, but it is far more cost effective and efficient. Not only are we saving money on paper and postage, we can send you the paper, as well as other urgent announcements, at a much higher rate of speed.

Again, I apologize for any confusion over the past two years, but I believe the bugs have been worked out and all subscribers are receiving the paper each month. As you know we email a copy of the paper each month to one email address of someone of your choosing in your church. After they receive it you may then re-submit it to your church membership as you see fit. Some make paper copies available, while others are forwarding it on electronically to members. Most are doing both.

All news should be sent to me at

**Michael.mobly@yahoo.com.**

All subscription payments should be sent to Bro. Carl Barnes who has graciously agreed to handle the financial side.

During the past year, in the midst of the adjustment to new methods, the pandemic has effected our churches in several ways. The least of which is payments to the Oklahoma Baptist may have fallen to the wayside. This is very understandable. The cost of the paper is \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 for the year. Please make a note to make payments to Bro. Barnes. Thank for supporting your state newsletter.

want,...

Get the picture?

We cannot have complete trust and faith in Him if we do not accept what he deems best for us. He knows exactly what we need.

### Lesson 2

**When you make a mess of things, cry out to Him.**

**He will clean it up, No matter how bad it is.**

Seth and Caleb were very consistent in seeking me when any type of mess occurred, be it a dirty diaper (#1 on the list) or a spilled treat. They knew I was the one for the job! The never looked to Papa to take care of the mess.

We all make mistakes. The messes we create in our lives are a by-product

of allowing self to be our decision maker and guide.

We impulsively jump in without including God. Major decisions are made, and conclusions met without prayer or Divine direction.

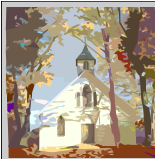
When you find yourself in one of life's predicaments, cry out to God, seeking Him diligently! No matter how big a muddle you're in, He can clean it up!

He is never so repulsed by the mess we make of our life that He won't help us get out of it. He loves us no matter how big of a mess we won't help us get out of it. He loves us no matter how big of a mess we make.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 32:5.

... **To Be Continued.** .



## Church News

### Greetings from Missionary Baptist Church,

GOD filled our hearts with many tremendous blessings over the past month. We held our first baptismal service on Sunday, September 12. Praising GOD for Ashley Cantu making her public declaration of faith in JESUS CHRIST and being obedient to the Lord's command. Although, she is a teenager, she is on fire for GOD.

We were doubly blessed as we hosted Fil and Lisa Kakilala, missionaries to the Philippines. They shared a presentation of their work there and Fil brought a tremendous message. Please contact Fil at (501) 442-1813 and invite him to your church to share. He cannot return to the Philippines until after the end of the year, due to a commitment for jury duty.

It was great to see him and visit with him again. We were in seminary at the Baptist Missionary Theological Seminary, located in Jacksonville, TX.

We have been blessed with great services, the attendance could improve, but we are rejoicing in the blessings that GOD keeps sending to us. We have had some who have been experiencing health issues. Hope to see many at the state association meeting October 1-2 in McAlester.

In Christ's Service,

**Thomas Dickerson, Pastor**

**Missionary Baptist Church, Lindsay, Oklahoma**

## ***“The Extent of Government Authority” cont from pg 1***

things, because if we allow such intrusions, we will have our rights continually taken from us.

Some companies are charging a penalty for the unvaccinated by inflating their insurance premiums. If we allow them to have authority over medical procedures, what will stop them.

They could demand birth control to prevent having to pay for medical costs associated with having children. Perhaps a lady will become pregnant, and the company doesn't want to pay for time off and demands the employee terminate the pregnancy.

As we saw in the fourteenth amendment the state is required to protect individual rights. Some are born male; some are born female. There are black people, white people, brown people, and others, all from different ethnic backgrounds. We cannot and should not discriminate against them.

One thing we all have in common is that we were all born non-vaccinated. We should never sanction discrimination against any person because of how God created them.

### **Declaration of Independence**

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

Our country was founded on the principles of individual liberty. Telling someone they can no longer work and provide for their family because of their medical choice is completely unethical and immoral.

Our elected state leaders need to be held accountable and forced to uphold their oaths to the constitution. It is in violation of the constitution, which is the highest law of the land, to force these mandates on others.

In Oklahoma, churches are now considered essential and cannot be closed down as they were during the early stages of Covid.

I am here to declare that all our rights are essential. If we allow government to over-reach during a crisis, then government will create a crisis in order to force unconstitutional laws upon us.

Now they want to have access to your financial records, so they can monitor where you spend your money. This is going to lead to a cashless society, and they will be able to control if and when you can receive or spend your money.

If they make a decision, you must follow, or you will not be able to engage in commerce until you comply. No job, no job. If the church you belong to violates secular reasoning, then no money for you.

We may think this is farfetched, but how many would have thought a year ago we would be facing a vaccine crisis. If we do not take a stand now, our children and our grandchildren will not have the America we know.

We are quickly losing our identity as a

free people. If we are no longer free, then we become slaves to those in authority over us.

I serve a king; he is my risen savior. I wish to remain free to proclaim the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ. To remain free we must hold politicians accountable and demand the constitution is upheld.

What will your answer be when your children and grandchildren ask you Why? Why didn't you do something when you could?

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Central District  
WMA  
Meeting  
October 23  
Unity, Wayne**

**Daylight Savings Time  
Ends  
November 7**

**BMA of America  
Senior Adult Conference  
November 15-17  
Chateau on the Lake  
Branson, MO  
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