"Things are tough, we are struggling, it is hard now, and we are far behind, we don't need prayer!"

## When I heard this staffers statement, my heart was sad, not angry; would you be angry if a blind man stepped on your foot?

This statement spoken to me by a 'congressional office staffer' grabbed my attention to a great need in our nation. Here is the rest of the story.

As a pastor, for decades, I ask people consistently, "Is there anything I can pray for in your life?" You can imagine, there is a broad spectrum of responses. The answer to this question helps me to minister to the responsive in a much more discerning way. All people need prayer and all people need the Lord!



NC Rep. Tim Moore & Dr. Brad Harbaugh

In January, our national team worked for weeks to facilitate giving every Congressional office serving North Carolina a beautifully engraved personalized Life Application Study Bible the week of the National Prayer Breakfast. [See pictures.] We asked for meetings with all but were thrilled that 6 out of the 16 NC Congressional leaders scheduled meetings.

I am grateful for the opportunity Capitol Commission has with congressional representatives and senators. It is growing. Right now, we are touching with personal prayer and personal ministry 54 congressional leaders, which is 10% of congress. Each one needs our fervent prayers!

During the week of the National Prayer Breakfast, I delivered these Bibles to sixteen offices. That may sound simple, but my activity app on my phone registered 5.5 miles of walking in one

day. Personal cards of encouragement were placed within each of these Bibles and I prayed over the 'congressional staffer' or with the congressional leader that received them, and, in some offices, I prayed over the entire staff!

These young staff members are dedicated to their work, and some of these staffers will become future state or congressional leaders.

As I prayed, I asked "the Lord to bless them in the greatest way and give them guidance and efficiency in their work, and that each would know how much God loves them and what the wonderful salvation He offers them."





Congresswoman Virginia Foxx with her new personalized Bible and personalized Bible for NC Rep. Greg Murphy

Every office was prayed over (in house) except the one that refused prayer having one member speak on their behalf stating, "things are tough, we are struggling, it is hard now, and we are far behind -- we don't need prayer!" I ask that you pray for this [intentionally not identified] NC Congressional office even more. And please understand that these young people are a product of our schools, colleges, homes and churches.

As I closed the door to that congressional office, I also pondered our nation's greatest need, not great politics but rather great revival!

Be reminded of where we are in America, "Economics and politics follow culture – and culture follows faith. [American] civilization is now in crisis because cultural Marxism germinated [in

our churches, public schools and colleges] for more than a century." On top of that reality, Pew Research, who tracked shifts in religious affiliation has reported that Christians make up 63% of US population in 2021 and that is down from 75% in 2011. Our country was founded in a strong belief in and dependency upon God, the Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot read the history of our nation without seeing the prolific amount of prayer and study of Biblical precepts that went into the "idea of America." Faith in God was championed, if for nothing else, than strong self-government. Yet disturbingly, much of this history is not being taught to our youth.

As I closed the door to that congressional office, I also pondered our nation's greatest need, not great politics but rather great revival! Democrats need Jesus, Republicans need Jesus, and Independents need Jesus. The Holy Spirit reminds us, "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." How important it is for us to pray for the salvation of all our nation's leaders by name! Our Pray1Tim2.org prayer tool allows you to do that.

Capitol Commission is an arm of the church, doing what the local church cannot do well, minister behind the scenes with your government leaders. Capitol Commission ministers in the name of Jesus with no political agenda to your elected leaders helping the responsive come to see Jesus as both Christ and Lord.

Now, more than ever, pray for us as we stand among your leaders, there is a war going on in our nation way beyond political. It is spiritual.

## A Praises & Prayer Requests

- A TX Legislator (D) attended for first time a Capitol Commission Bible study in March, he heard the gospel and God is working. Pray!
- A Colorado Senate Leader (D) regularly attending Bible Study is grappling with the claims of Jesus. Pray!
- We have successfully personally handed out Life Application Bibles in the statehouses of WI, TN, NM, NE, MO, KY, NC, NV.
- We have new state minister candidates in NV, MD, & KS.
- NM, KS, & SD have all completed their legislative sessions with exceptionally strong Bible study attendance.

## Gratefully,

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<sup>1</sup>Battle for the American Mind, Uprooting a Century of Miseducation, Dave Goodwin, Pete Hegseth, (Broadside Books, Harper Collins, New York New York, 2022) 65

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