

BATTLEPLAN TO DEFEND PRAYER "IN JESUS' NAME," CITY BY CITY

1. You notice liberty threatened when courts or legislatures censor "Jesus name" from public prayer or speech, requiring conformity to "non-sectarian" religious speech.
2. You call Chaplain Klingenschmitt at 719-360-5132 cell, or email your news articles to chaplaingate@yahoo.com asking for assistance.
3. Chaplain Klingenschmitt calls 4 or 5 pastors in your city to mobilize their people.
4. Chaplain Klingenschmitt works with good lawyers to argue for better law in courts.
5. People show up in big numbers to rally, or call their legislators to reverse the ban.
6. Legislators see great public support for liberty, and reverse the anti-Jesus ban.
7. Judges hear better arguments for liberty, and reverse the anti-Jesus ban.

THIS MODEL HAS ALREADY RESTORED LIBERTY FOR 'JESUS PRAYERS' IN OHIO, INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, OKLAHOMA, AND NOW OREGON.

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24 JULY 08 EMAIL FROM PASTOR WHO LED VICTORY AT CITY COUNCIL IN BAKER CITY OREGON, RESTORING PRAYER "IN JESUS' NAME"

Dear Chaplain Klingenschmitt,

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support. Your material was very useful in preparation and encouragement for this council meeting. Your moral and spiritual support was definitely felt, and gave me, personally, great confidence in speaking out. There was a great turn out and we were able to bring people together without any bad feelings or negative talk. God's Spirit was definitely there.

One of the evidences of God's presence was the fact that one of the council members, who has clearly supported the non-Christian viewpoint, was the one to move for striking out the phrase "non-sectarian" from the guidelines for those praying the invocation.

God was there with us, and the community turned out in force to voice their concern and viewpoint to the city council, and the council unanimously supported continuing with prayer for an invocation to their meetings.

Thanks again for you support, and I will certainly keep you in mind in the future for an invitation to our community. [...]

God Bless, and may the Lord continue to use you to help in those communities that are forcing "in the name of Jesus" out of the public forum.

In the name of Jesus,
Roger Scovil

Dear Pastor Scovil,

It was my pleasure to speak with you on the phone. Here's the article I just read, scheduling the 22 July meeting at Baker City Council to discuss "prayer in Jesus name."

<http://www.eastoregonian.info/main.asp?SectionID=13&SubSectionID=48&ArticleID=80106&TM=73494.83>

Here's a letter we used to successfully lobby the Pennsylvania Senate to protect prayer in Jesus name:

<http://www.prayinjesusname.org/frenzy12/ChapsToPennSenate.pdf>

Here are two articles about our victories in Ohio, Indiana, and Tulsa, fighting this issue:

<http://www.persuade.tv/Frenzy13/WND10Mar08Tulsa.pdf>

and

<http://www.persuade.tv/Frenzy12/WND2Nov07OhioPenn.pdf>

I'd love to participate in some way, to help you mobilize the churches in East Oregon. Please consult with your elders, and call me to further strategize, at 719-360-5132 cell.

I have many more ideas.

In Jesus name,

Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt

--The former Navy chaplain fired for praying in Jesus' name,

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THE RESULT: VICTORY!

Council decides prayers will continue

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Baker City Herald

The prospect of taking away the prayer that opens many Baker City Council meetings, it turns out, never had a prayer.

Speaker after speaker urged city councilors Tuesday to keep the prayer as part of city council meetings and not to refer the matter to voters. In the end, councilors voted unanimously to remove the word "non-sectarian" from the council's five "Invocation Guidelines" and determined by consensus not to send the issue to the November ballot.

Roger Scovil, pastor of the Baker City Christian Church, said that prayer is important in every aspect of human activity "and that certainly includes the human activity of government."

"Prayer is the sacred opportunity to call upon the creator of all things, the God of the Holy Bible," Scovil said. "God establishes all governments, and honors and blesses the governments that look to him for protection."

Noting that the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate both open their sessions with prayers, Scovil paraphrased Benjamin Franklin when, he said, a similar debate raged during the founding of the republic: "Do we imagine we no longer need God's assistance?"

"You invite people to pray according to their conscience, in the way we are instructed," he said. "A Muslim will pray in the name of Allah, a Buddhist according to the teachings of Buddha. I won't feel excluded if you invite people of other beliefs to pray at this meeting.

"In the name of freedom," Scovil said just before a loud ovation, "allow people to pray according to the teachings of their faith and their conscience."

Don Williams said he worried that instructing people how to pray would "make God generic, a meaningless and uninvited guest to this forum."

Even allowing sectarian prayers, he said, shows "a broad tolerance of what this country is about."

"You have been very tolerant of all prayers, and now you're being asked to be intolerant," Williams said.

He warned that if councilors give up the practice of opening meetings with prayer, churches would stop entering floats in parades and offering Easter sunrise services in public parks.

Bill Harvey, who lives in Haines but owns a Baker City construction business, called it "a joy" to pray for "wisdom, guidance, strength and help."

"I am human, and I can't make all the decisions on my own," he said. "I am sure tonight that many are praying for our city."

Gary Dielman, who sparked Tuesday's discussion when he criticized a prayer offered by Bob Vanderbilt to open the July 8 City Council meeting —Vanderbilt closed his prayer with the words "In Jesus' name, amen," — did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Dielman declined to comment until he'd heard a tape of Tuesday's meeting.

Councilor Terry Schumacher said he hoped Dielman would take the hint from the outpouring of public support for prayer at council meetings "and quit coming back and doing this."

But Councilor Beverly Calder said that dissent is "an American right" and "quite often represents other unspoken voices."

Councilor Andrew Bryan was one of the few who "saw the logic" of putting a charter change on the ballot to let voters decide whether to include prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance on City Council meeting agendas.

"If we want an invocation and the Pledge, we want to set it on the hardest rock we have," he said. "If people really want the invocation and Pledge, the best way to assure that is to put it in the charter."

"You can put it in the charter or paint it on a wall," countered Councilor Dennis Dorrah. "That still won't change Mr. Dielman or someone else coming in here and raising heck about it."

At least the issue drew a crowd to Tuesday night's meeting, Calder noted.

"You came because this matter is important to you," she told the full house. "It's nice to have full council chambers. I wish we could have something this meaty at every meeting."

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In Jesus name,

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